

Today

Have you ever heard the voice of God telling you something so compelling about your future that you would leave everything behind? Maybe that is too detailed a question for you to answer. How about this: Have you ever heard the voice of God?

Our future, however that is defined by units of time, is mostly unknown. There are these dates on a calendar that remain largely unclaimed by activity. That future, that vast unknown, can be a very frightening proposal.

Today, in a message titled, "Into the Vast Unknown", Pastor David will share practical ways how to meet each new challenge.

6:00 p.m. Bible Study, Chapel

This week

January 19-24

TUESDAY

8:00 a.m. Koffee & Konversation, Hellertown Diner

WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. Good News Club and Youth Group, Lower Level

6:30 p.m. Basics of Faith, Chapel

THURSDAY

7:30 p.m. Worship Team Practice, Sanctuary

This Week's ESV Study Bible Reading Plan

January 18 Ps. 17, Gen. 18:1-15, 1 Chr. 18-20, Luke 11:1-36

January 19 Ps. 18, Gen. 18:16-33, 1 Chr. 21:1-17, Luke 11:37-12:12

January 20 Ps. 19, Gen. 19, 1 Chr. 21:18-22:19, Luke 12:13-48

January 21 Psalm 20, Gen. 20, 1 Chr. 23-24, Luke 12:49-13:9

January 22 Ps. 21, Gen. 21:1-21, 1 Chr. 25, Luke 13:10-35

January 23 Psalm 22, Genesis 21:22-34, 1 Chr. 26, Luke 14

January 24 Psalm 23, Genesis 22, 1 Chronicles 27, Luke 15

Announcements

We have a **Staffed Nursery** to care for your children through age three. In addition, there is a **Cry Room** at the rear of the sanctuary to attend to the needs of infants.

We have **Hearing Assist Units** available for those who may have difficulty hearing the service. Please speak to the person in the sound room to receive your unit for the morning.

You are Encouraged to submit prayer requests and praises via the communication card by placing it in the offering basket at the appropriate time. Also, please use the card to update personal information for the church office, as well as requesting further information about congregational life.

We have **Sunday School** for all ages. Please refer to the back of your bulletin to see where each class will be meeting. This quarter, we will be having three adult Sunday School classes. The Uniform Lesson will meet in the Chapel; a class for women studying the book of Mark will meet in the Lower Level room off the kitchen in the Fellowship Hall; and a class for men will meet in the Sanctuary for a video series.

Our **January Lunch Bunch** will be on Thursday, January 29, at 12 noon (Change due to those concluding their fast the day before, our normal Lunch Bunch day.). We will be going to Cactus Blue on Schoenersville Road in Bethlehem. If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheet provided.

Our next **Ladies Event** is on Thursday evening, February 12, at 7:00 p.m. We will be fellowshiping around a **Chocolate Fountain! Admission** to this event is 1 adult-size toothbrush; 1 bar bath soap; 1 good-quality fingernail clippers; and 1 dark-colored hand towel (NEW items in original packaging)! We will be putting together **Hygiene Kits**, which Mennonite Central Committee distributes. MCC distributed 45,167 hygiene kits last year to various countries. For a video clip telling more about this mission, go to www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Luz9aj_caA. We will put the kits together that evening. (If you would like to purchase items for these kits, but do not wish to attend on Thursday evening, you are welcome to bring those items in and place them on the platform in the Chapel.) We will also be putting together little Valentine goodie bags that night for the Sunday School teachers to hand out that Sunday to the children from the youngest to Grade 4.

Ministry Opportunities & Events

The **Fellowship Commission** is responsible to have someone **supply a meal for those in the congregation** who may recently have come home from the hospital or may have other health issues that prevent them from easily preparing a meal for their family. Annually, they like to update their list of individuals who have indicated that they are willing to supply a meal in the event one is needed. If you would like to serve in this way, please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Our **SCMC Marriage Retreat** held at Spruce Lake Retreat Center will be held on March 6-8, 2015. The speakers will be Clayton and Marlene Glickert from Syracuse, New York. The cost per couple is \$325.

Consider attending **Mennonite World Conference** this summer, July 21-26, in Harrisburg. Musicians and choirs are coming from many parts of the world to be part of "PA 2015". **"It's the closest to heaven I've ever been,"** is an often-heard comment from many who have attended past Mennonite World Conference global Assemblies. If you have not yet registered to attend this event on your own continent--a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity for many--please consider doing so today. For full information and registration details, go to www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015. **This is the first Assembly in North America in 25 years.** Given the current pattern of holding Assemblies every six years in either the global South or North, it could be close to 30 years before this event is once again held in North America.

Serving Others

	<u>TODAY</u>	<u>NEXT WEEK: (Jan. 25)</u>
Nursery	Lydia Mohler Jen Matcke Nick Mace	Lisa Walters Darlene Hein T'yanna Ruiz
Greeters	Tim & Amy Frace	Mark & Alma Geosits
Worship Ldr.	Sandy Faust	Dan Reed
Ushers	Neal Kempf Harold Lehman Tim Walters Chip Shimko Bob Kemmerer	Rob Ibach Greg Feenstra Nick Mace Aaron Kochsmeier Bobby Kempf
Children's Message	Susie Kempf	Rachel Feenstra

Attendance and Giving

OFFERING ON JANUARY 11: \$5,627.43

ATTENDANCE ON JANUARY 11: 171

Birthdays and Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Darren Weiss – January 18
Roger Malitzki – January 18
Deanna Olsen – January 20
Jordan Smith – January 23

Information

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Sunday School Information

2-YEAR OLDS

Led by Danette Walters
Helper, Tiffany Faust
Upstairs Nursery

3- AND 4-YEAR OLDS

Led by Naphtali Walters
Helper, Toni Cressman
Room B6

KINDERGARTEN & GRADE 1

Led by Katrina Schmidt
Helper, Bev Kochsmeier
Room LL1

GRADES 2-4

Led by Rose Szabo
Helper, Val Newcomer
Room LL2

GRADES 5-8

Led by Nancy Walters
Room LL4

SENIOR YOUTH

Led by Sandy Faust
and Jen Matchke
Youth Room

ADULT CLASS

David Cook Uniform Lesson
Led by Joel Mohler & Dave Kempf
Chapel

ADULT CLASS – Women

The Gospel of Mark
Led by Lydia Mohler
Room LL3

ADULT CLASS - Men

“Stepping Up” Video Series,
by Denis Rainey
Sanctuary



“Into the Vast Unknown”

Genesis 12:1-4
Pastor David K. Kochsmeier



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