

The Messenger

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Carlock Mennonite Church
Worship 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00

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Doane Brubaker - Pastor

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Susan Waller -Treasurer

Sharon Brubaker - Musician

Emma Brandt - Musician

Annie Schwoerer - Sunday School Supt

Kathy Schwoerer – Bulletin/Messenger co-editor

For March 2023

Hospitality Committee

Lori Amberg

Barb Karr

Janet Logan

Food Pantry Item

Potato Products

Sunday School Nursery

March 5 – Carol Hoffman

March 12 – Emma Brandt

March 19 – Barb Karr

March 26 – Sophie Schwoerer

Sunday School Teachers

Kindergarten – Melinda Hartter

Elementary – Kayla Myers

Jr. High – Doane Brubaker

MARCH CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 1

Sunday, March 5

Tuesday, March 7

Thursday, March 9

Sunday, March 12

Saturday, March 18

Sunday, March 19

Tuesday, March 21

Sunday, March 26

Church Board, 7:00

Morning Worship, Hospitality Time,

First Sunday Game/Fellowship Time, 5:30

Choir, 7:00

MW, 6:30

Morning Worship

Mennonite Relief Sale

Morning Worship

Choir, 7:00

Morning Worship

Board News

- Carrie Schwoerer and Emma Brandt will plan a VBS program to be held at our church. Dates set are June 19-23.
- A Relief Sale will be held in March, but only 1 day on Saturday, March 18.
- Attic repair/sealing should only need some minor work.
- Possible lot grading to be done near the parsonage this summer.
- Pastor Doane began a catechism class on February 19th, to go through April or May.
- Monthly church family nights are being organized.
- FEC Conference is July 27 & 28 in Ft Wayne, anyone interested is welcome to attend.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

7	Holly Moran
11	Jill Mohr
14	Greg Mohr
15	Stan Otto
19	Michael Orndorff
19	Greg Otto
22	Janice Reimer
29	Lori & Duane Amberg (A)

Library Corner

Upstairs... middle – books of prayers
top left – books of history. Information about our church building, our congregation, and neighboring churches.

Downstairs... right side, top and middle shelves – materials to assist in Bible study. Colorful maps/photos, and more. May be useful in family devotions and Sunday school classes.

From Pastor Doane...

While Ken and I talked after church yesterday, his granddaughter Kaylee slept in his arms. She was the picture of contented peace.

Do you find the sight of a child at rest like that somehow touches something deep inside? I wonder; though I have no conscious memory of it, is there some corner of my soul recalling what that was like?

We know not everyone has been so blessed, but most of us were held like that by our mother and father, grandparents, aunts and uncles, other people at church. I know I was, and I wonder how it felt. I don't remember.

I confess, now the thought of someone 20 times bigger than me, cradling me in their arms feels a little awkward. How about you?

And yet, in a sense, if I let myself think on it awhile, I do know what it's like to be cradled that way; by the Lord who is infinitely bigger than me.

He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart. (Isaiah 40:11)

Held by him, I'm often contented and peaceful. Not always. As a small child can do, I at times keep squalling and resist. That doesn't change his affection or protection.

Get this; *"Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him, for he shields him all day long, and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders"* (Deuteronomy 33:12).

Think on these two significant things about being "between his shoulders."

First, that is also the location of his heart. You are resting where you can feel, perhaps hear, the pulsing of his life and love.

Second, those shoulders are broad and strong. This is the Lord who, upon finding a sheep who's strayed, *"lifts it on his shoulders, rejoicing"* (Luke 15:5). And he is the one of whom it is foretold, *"the government will rest on His shoulders.* And his name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." (Isaiah 9:6).

If, when I was a baby resting in the arms of adults and having no fear or unmet needs, then how much more can I enjoy contentment and confidence at the hands of the Almighty?

Take his word for it.

Pastor Doane