

His father saw him and...ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

Luke 15:20



Welcome to
Lauvers Mennonite Church

*“Our mission is to seek the lost and nourish the found
through the work of Jesus Christ.”*

Pastor: Curtiss Kanagy 207.431.8825

March 8, 2020

WELCOME to our visitors today! Please join us in worshipping the
Lord and in experiencing His love, grace, truth and presence.
God bless you in this service and in the coming days!

Greeter: Tim Fultz

Sunday School: *Lost*, Luke 15:11-14, 17-24

Worship Service

Nursery: Alicia/Lisa

Prelude: Andrea Clark

Worship Leader: Chris Graybill

Worship in Song: Eric's group

Offering:

Message: Pastor Curtiss “The Branch and Branches”

Zechariah 3:6-10

Last Sunday

Attendance: 89

Offering: \$2,615.00

Next Sunday

Greeters: Caleb Gehman Family

Message: Pastor Curtiss

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

March 15 – Pastor Curtiss

March 22 – Pastor Curtiss

March 29 – Pastor Curtiss

Announcements

1. The **Tuesday afternoon Women's Prayer Gathering** will be on March 10, from 1:30-3:00 at Kim's.
2. **Ladies**, mark your calendars for April Flowers, our first women's event of the year! **Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. to 12 noon** in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and a flower arranging demonstration by special guest, Michelle Gehman. Be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the near future, so that our guest knows how many flowers to bring.
3. **Worship Teams**, please mark your calendar for a time of checking in, prayer and encouragement on **Sunday evening, March 22, at 7 p.m.** Pastor Curtiss will be introducing a group study called "Pure Praise" that places emphasis on: experiencing the true meaning of worship; understanding the best motivation for worship and exploring various methods of worship.
4. Mark your calendar for our **Church Time-line Event, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.** at the church. The purpose of this event is to collectively create a time line of Lauvers Church. Pastor Curtiss will lead us through remembering our history, the good the bad and the hoped for.
5. **Youth events:** Saturday, March 14, Scavenger Hunt; Saturday, March 28, Volleyball.

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"I was so excited to see Dad kill those big snakes that I came up close to watch. Oh! Oh! - Just as he had warned, the dirt gave way and I slid head first into that deep well with that big bunch of snakes and frogs. It was horrible. I could swim so I wasn't afraid of drowning - but those snakes were around me and those crazy big frogs. I screamed my lungs out, "Dad get me out of here! The frogs and snakes are all around my neck!" What is this, you may be asking? Fiction story, nightmare? No, it is just one of the fascinating true stories Eduard Klassen tells in his book, The Harpist and this particular story told in the chapter

titled “My Carefree Childhood” no less! You may remember Eduard Klassen visiting our church and sharing his harp music with us. You can also check out this book and many others in our church library!

Before we know it, warm weather will be here and the busy days of summer. Why not take advantage of the last few days of winter and early spring’s chill and visit the library? There are so many good books there, both old and new. There are books for all ages and both genders: children, teens, women, and yes, even men! Just to pique your interest, in next Sunday’s bulletin we’ll have a bit of information about a few of the new arrivals.

Upcoming Events

- ~March 10 – Women’s Prayer Gathering at Kim’s, 1:30-3 PM
- ~March 14 – Youth Scavenger Hunt
- ~March 21 – Men’s prayer breakfast at Port Royal, speaker, Al Ream, 7 AM
- ~March 22 – Worship Group evening, 7 PM
- ~March 28 – Men’s prayer breakfast at Port Royal, speaker, Jeffrey Henry, 7 AM
- ~March 28 – Youth Volleyball
- ~March 29 – Church Time-Line Event, 6:30 PM
- ~April 10 – Interactive Good Friday service
- ~April 12 – Sunrise service, 8 AM; Breakfast, 9 AM; Easter service, 10 AM
- ~April 18 – April Flowers, for ladies, 10 AM – 12 noon



Merv Graybill on March 12

Our Church Council

Elders:

Eric Brubaker 717-363-7014
Nevin Glick 717-320-2612
Elvin Ranck 717-363-1077

Deacons:

Marlin Burkholder 717-991-2401
Neil Glick 717-513-2717
David Martin 717-363-7081



Power House of Prayer

And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God's own will.
Romans 8:27 (NLT)

Praise God for:

- *The Holy Spirit that intercedes for us in prayer.
- *Those who care for the elderly in homes and nursing homes.
- *Flocks of wild geese indicating spring is coming!
- *Those soon going on mission trips from Lauvers.
- *God's sovereignty over all the world.

Pray for:

- *Healing for Carl Reinford's fingers and direction for him and Gloria for future decisions.
- *Robert Swartz's upcoming sale on March 21.
- *Emma starting outpatient and inpatient chemo treatments this week.
- *Lydia and Sydney leaving for Haiti, March 14-21.
- *JMS Jamaica trip, March 10-17, and those going from Lauvers, Nevin and Lauren Glick and Lisa Graybill.
- *Susanna adjusting to her work in Uganda.
- *Elvin and Charlotte in Africa for two weeks.
- *Ongoing health needs of Lloyd and Orpha and those caring for them.
- *Kyle Burkholder training to be a missionary pilot this summer.

Is there anyone you could intercede in prayer for today?

Michelle Brubaker is serving in the prayer room today.

Please give any praises or prayer concerns to Marilyn Swartz by calling (717) 463-3466 or email dmswartz77@gmail.com by Thursday evening.