



# Earth Day

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Be a good steward of God's creation

Welcome to  
**Lauvers Mennonite Church**

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

**April 22, 2018**

**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!

Greeters:

Sunday School: *Be Ready to Stand*, Esther 2:5-10, 15-17

Worship Service

Nursery: Charlotte/Lisa

Worship Leader: Jeff Hoover

Worship in Song: Cody's group

Offering

Message: Elvin Ranck, 'Mercy or Anger?'

Last Sunday

Attendance: 106

Offering: \$3,118.00

Next Sunday

Greeters: Scott Hackenberger Family

Message: JMS students' Jamaica presentation

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

May 6 – Elvin Ranck

May 13 – Gerald Peachey, Belleville

## Announcements

1. **Pray for our elders** as they meet tomorrow evening.
2. **Ladies**, it's time for our **Spring Fling** event! On Wednesday, April 25, at 6:30 p.m., join us for a spring craft led by Marilyn Martin, and fellowship in the church fellowship hall.
3. **LMC will be in need of a cleaning person** beginning in May. This is a compensated position for a person who can commit to doing the weekly cleaning of the church. If you are interested in the position, please contact Neil Glick for more details.
4. Our congregation is encouraged to participate in the **15-hour prayer vigil for our nation on the National Day of Prayer**, May 3, from 5 a.m. until 10 p.m. Please sign up for a 30-minute time slot and intercede for our nation. There are prayer guides to use as you pray. You can use to pray at home or in our prayer room at church. If you have any questions, ask Marilyn Swartz.
5. Upcoming **National Day of Prayer** events in Juniata County: Locations – **Juniata County Courthouse** from 12-1 p.m. (contact Bob Landis at 717-363-3189); **Lost Creek Park**, McAlisterville at the flag pole from 12:10-12:40 p.m. (contact Ron Landis at 717-535-5035); **Basom Park**, Richfield at the flag pole from 7-8 p.m. (contact Nick Smith at 570-829-3379).
6. **Youth**: April 28 – yard work; May 13 – Bible study at Neil and Gretchen's house; May 26 – road rally.
7. **May 4 & 5** – JMS Spring Drama invitation. Please join us for the spring play, *Alice in Wonderland* at the Richfield Life Ministries Church. Curtain is 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Advance tickets may be purchased by contacting Jim Rosner ([jrosner@tiu11.org](mailto:jrosner@tiu11.org)). This play is a lighthearted classic, but is rated PG, so it may not be the place to bring your youngest children. Poster on bulletin board.
8. Announcing a **Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry Banquet** at the Belleville Mennonite School on Monday, May 7, at 6:30 p.m. For ticket & other info, see the poster on the bulletin board.

Happy Birthday to: Michelle Brubaker today  
Nathanael Clark on April 28

## Upcoming Events

- ~April 25 – Ladies Spring Fling, 6:30 PM
- ~April 28 – Youth, yard work
- ~May 3 – National Day of Prayer
- ~May 4 & 5 – JMS Spring Drama, poster on bulletin board
- ~May 7 – Gospel Echoes Team Prison Ministry Banquet at  
Belleville Mennonite School, 6:30 PM
- ~May 9 – Congregational Meeting, 7 PM
- ~May 13 – Youth Bible study at Neil & Gretchen's
- ~May 26 – Youth road rally
- ~June 3 – Fellowship Meal

### Faith and Health

Dr. Herbert Benson of Harvard Medical School made a study of the effect praying can have upon those who pray. He discovered that those who pray 10 to 20 minutes daily can lower their blood pressure, heart rate, breathing and metabolic rates. Prayer can work wonders.

**Time is free, but it is priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it, you can never get it back.**  
-Harvey Mackay

### A Fact That Compels Attention

Do you realize that in 1933, during the Great Depression, Protestants gave an average of 3.2 percent of their income to their churches? In 1996, despite the fact that Americans were 400 percent richer than during the Great Depression, Protestants were giving only 2.6 percent of their incomes to their churches. That's after taking taxes and inflation into account. What are you giving today?

### Our Church Council

**Elders:**

Eric Brubaker - 717-363-7014  
Mike Clark - 717-348-3347  
Nevin Glick - 717-320-2612  
Elvin Ranck - 717-363-1077

**Deacons:**

Neil Glick - 717-513-2717  
David Martin - 717-363-7081  
Delbert Swartz - 717-363-6844



## Power House of Prayer

*And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you may also be where I am.*

*John 14:3(NIV)*

### **Praise God for:**

- \*God's promise to take us to be with Him in heaven.
- \*Safety and protection for Mike Clark while in the woods with his father-in-law last week.
- \* Delbert's unique encounter with a small plane while spraying last Saturday.

### **Pray for:**

- \*Jake Rohrer family grieving the unexpected loss of his father.
- \*God's moving with a vote to keep Fayette Township "dry."
- \*Brian and Lori Apple family grieving the loss of Lori's dad, Wayne Dressler.
- \*Shawn Ranck serving in Asia.
- \*Lloyd and Orpha with their health issues.
- \*New administration at JMS.
- \*Full-time pastor for Lauvers.

**At death, God's people don't say "good-by," but "we'll see you later."**

**Heidi Glick is serving in the prayer room this morning.**

Please give any praises or prayer requests to Marilyn Swartz by calling 463-3466 or via email at [dmswartz77@gmail.com](mailto:dmswartz77@gmail.com) by Thursday evening.