

22 But there's more: Some women from our group have left us stunned. They went to the tomb early this morning 23 and didn't find his body. They came to us saying that they had even seen a vision of angels who told them he is alive. 24 Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women said. They didn't see him."

25 Then Jesus said to them, "You foolish people! Your dull minds keep you from believing all that the prophets talked about. 26 Wasn't it necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27 Then he interpreted for them the things written about himself in all the scriptures, starting with Moses and going through all the Prophets.

28 When they came to Emmaus, he acted as if he was going on ahead. 29 But they urged him, saying, "Stay with us. It's nearly evening, and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. 30 After he took his seat at the table with them, he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. 32 They said to each other, "Weren't our hearts on fire when he spoke to us along the road and when he explained the scriptures for us?"

33 They got up right then and returned to Jerusalem. They found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34 They were saying to each other, "The Lord really has risen! He appeared to Simon!" 35 Then the two disciples described what had happened along the road and how Jesus was made known to them as he broke the bread.

Message

We Had Hoped

Danae King

Singing

Thine Be the Glory

WB 269

Love Step Prayer (standing if able)

Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others. Help us to see that as we do these things together, we are growing closer to Christ.

Benediction

Sharing (prayer requests) and Caring Announcements

Songs and Scriptures with an “*” are some of Larry Gerber’s favorites. We celebrate his birthday today, which was Friday.

Greeter, LaVonne Amstutz

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA Operator, Dan Jantzi

Nursery Care (Worship), Rose Short

Nursery Care, (Sunday School), Kathy and Virg Troyer

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Reader, Megan Sohar

Sharing and Prayer, Marion Beyeler

Announcements

Monday Meals. We served 219 meals last week. Tomorrow, Monday, May 8, we will be serving chicken fajitas. We could use 4-6 people in the afternoon to prepare the sour cream, cheese, salsa, and tortillas.

Axis Youth Group. We are going to serve with SWAP this summer – still at the Kimball location, where Peg and Lee Martin are Site Coordinators. We are currently evaluating our budget and will plan another fundraiser or two between now and then. We will be leaving on Monday, July 3 and will return for Sunday morning worship on July 9, which we are hoping is a 6 Church picnic day, hosted by Salem Wooster. Thank you for prayers for health, safety, and transformation.

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering. This Sunday, April 30, the offerings received will be given to our congregation's wider mission partners as each giver designates. This is the **second of five Sunday offerings** this year (2023) that have been dedicated to empowering others to do mission on our behalf. As of the beginning of January 2023 we gave approximately \$3,985.00 to the wider missions of the Mennonite Church (MMN, MCC, Ohio Conference, Open Arms, etc.) and the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund through our offerings. In addition, we gave \$50.00 to Central Christian School's Fair Balance Tuition Fund.

Thank you for making the 2023 Ohio MCC Comforter Bash a great success! We surpassed our goal and knotted a total of 220 comforters thanks to the help of 240 volunteers on Friday and 135 volunteers on Saturday. MCC is grateful for your part in providing warmth and hope to people around the world. Save the date for next year's event on March 8-9, 2024, at a new location at Fairlawn Mennonite Church in Apple Creek.

Offering Report for April 23, 2023

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,178.00

Compassion Fund: \$250.00

Axis Fundraiser Meal: \$1,270.00

Axis Youth Group: \$70.00

Dollar Project (Zuerchers): \$332.00

Schedule At a Glance for April 30 – May 7, 2023

Sunday, April 30

Worship, **9:30 am**

Danae King preaching

Moment in Mission – Pablo Delgado and Kathy Troyer

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Monday, May 1

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, May 2

Memorial Service for Elizabeth Owolabi at OMC, 5 pm

Wednesday, May 3

Elder Council, 3:45 pm via Zoom

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Thursday, May 4

Women's Fellowship and Service, 9:30 am

Saturday, May 6

Elder Retreat at Lou Erb's

Sunday, May 7

Worship, **9:30 am**

Sunday School, **10:45 am**

Coming Events:

July 3 – 9 Axis Youth Group serving with SWAP, Kimball, KY

July 9 6-Church Worship/Picnic to hear from Axis Youth

July 7,8 Ohio MCC Relief Sale in Mt. Hope (new location!)

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