



WELCOME TO MARTINDALE MENNONITE CHURCH

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CALL-IN SERVICE # 859-0027

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"The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite heart." Psalm 34:18

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Devotions: Jordan Sensenig

Sunday School: **Difficult Seasons**

Key verses: Rom. 5:3-5, James 1:2-4, Psalm 34:18

Discussion questions: 1. Why do difficult seasons often change people? 2. What role does faith play during hardship? 3. How can Christians support someone who is struggling? 4. What truths about God become especially important during difficult times?

Sunday School Count Last Sunday: 84

Sunday School Count A Year Ago Today: 106

OFFERINGS

Last Sunday's Offering: Bishop Love Gift – \$ 9,555.17

This Sunday's Offering: Martindale Operating Fund

Next Sunday's Offering: Martindale Ordained Love Gift

WORSHIP SERVICE

Message Bearer: Chad Burkholder

Pray for Next Sunday's Message Bearer: Jay Reiff

ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

Wed. - Men's Prayer Breakfast 6 AM at Udder Choice restaurant

Thurs. - Men's Swim Night @ Refreshing Mtn Camp from 7 - 8:45 pm

Sat. – everyone (even if you aren't camping for the weekend) is invited to a fellowship meal at Camp Swatara. It will be held in the Fellowship hall. Please bring a hot & cold dish to share. Supper will be held at 5 PM. There is a ball field available so if you would like to play, bring your own supplies along. If you have any questions, ask Arlene Shirk

VISITATION COUPLE

July 26 – Aug. 1: Jay & Amanda Reiff

CELEBRATE WITH THEM!

Birthdays: July 27th – Garrett Martin, Vera Musser, Korinne Oberholtzer
July 30th – Kenzie Weaver
Aug. 1st – Marissa Oberholtzer

Anniversaries: Daryl & Jen Weaver – 7/26/2003
Rick & Amy Zimmerman – 7/28/2018
Clair & Judy Stauffer – 7/31/1993
Dean & Dawn Martin – 8/3/1998

Plan ahead for these upcoming activities:

Aug. 4: Ladies prayer time at 9 AM

Aug. 9: first qualification message (Daryl Weaver)

Aug. 16: second qualification message (Andrew Burkholder) and nominations for Administrative Deacon

Aug. 16: Seniors Nite of Music in the pavilion

Aug. 18: Ladies prayer time

Sept. 27: Preparatory Service, Administrative Deacon ordination, 3:30 PM

Oct. 4: Communion Service

Oct. 23-25: Renewal meetings by Nathan Zook

Nov. 7: serve Sat lunch at City Gate

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July 29: Guy's Bible Study, 7:30 PM

Aug. 1: Martindale's Got Talent, 6 PM

Aug. 5: Girl's Bible study, 7 PM

Aug. 9: TBD

Aug. 12: Guy's Bible Study, 7:30 PM

Aug. 15 or 16: TBD

Aug. 19: Girl's Bible study, 7 PM

Aug. 22: games and campfire at Woodcrest Retreat, 6:30 PM

August 2nd S. S.: Joyful Seasons

Key verses: Eccl. 3:11-13, Phil. 4:4, Psalm 126:3

Discussion questions: 1. What kinds of things bring lasting joy? 2. Why is gratitude closely connected to joy? 3. How does joy differ from happiness? 4. What blessings are easiest to overlook?