

Scripture

Matthew 18.15-20

15 "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and correct them when you are alone together. If they listen to you, then you've won over your brother or sister. 16 But if they won't listen, take with you one or two others so that every word may be established by the mouth of two or three witnesses. 17 But if they still won't pay attention, report it to the church. If they won't pay attention even to the church, treat them as you would a Gentile and tax collector. 18 I assure you that whatever you fasten on earth will be fastened in heaven. And whatever you loosen on earth will be loosened in heaven. 19 Again I assure you that if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, then my Father who is in heaven will do it for you. 20 For where two or three are gathered in my name, I'm there with them."

Sermon*Fastening and Loosening???***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.

Song*Heart With Loving Heart United*

WB 420

Benediction**Sharing, Caring, and Prayer****Announcements**

Greeters, LaVonne Amstutz

Usher, Sherm Amstutz

PA System Operator, Norm Sohar

Worship Nursery, tbd

Sunday School Nursery, Marilyn Kamp

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Bev Squirrell

Sharing and Prayer, Marion and Jane Beyeler

Sermon Notes
Matthew 18.15-20

Being Lost and Found
(Matthew 18.1-14)

Being Brothers and Sisters

Fastening and Loosening

Whatever We Want??????????

God Among Us

Schedule At-A-Glance for September 10 – 17, 2023

Sunday, September 10

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Affirmation of Ministry Team appointments

Sunday School, **10:30 am**

Monday, September 11

Monday Meal, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, September 12

REFIT, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, September 13

Women's Bible Study, 6:30-8:00 pm

Axis Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Sunday, September 17

Worship Service, **9:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Dedication of MCC School Kits

Sunday School, **10:30 am**

Pizza Party, **12 noon**

Coming Events:

September 17 – Pizza Party Celebration lunch for all at noon.

September 24 – Fall Festival Fundraiser at Camp Luz, 3 pm

September 28 – Ohio Conference Fall Cluster Meeting for delegates at Wooster, MC

October 1 – World Communion Sunday, combined worship with Crown Hill & Akron Swahili Mennonite Church, Fundraiser Lunch with proceeds going to Monday Meals

October 8 – Open Arms Songs and Salsa at Salem (Kidron) MC

October 15 – Peace Sunday, Special Speaker: Eric Kurtz, MCC Great Lakes Executive Director

Offering Report for Sunday, September 3, 2023

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,504.00

Compassion Fund: \$200.00

Pastor/Spouse Retreat: \$250.00

Announcements

Monday Meals. Oak Grove Mennonite will prepare and serve the meal this Monday, September 11.

Ministry Appointments for 2023-2024. Please check your email and/or your church mailbox for the list of ministry appointments for 2023-2024. Today, we will have a time of affirmation and thanks for those who continue to serve and for those who are accepting new assignments.

A huge thank you for supporting our most recent dollar project – **SCHOOL KITS.** Mission & Service Ministry Team here at Orrville Mennonite are grateful for your taking on the challenge to provide 50 kits. We almost tripled the challenge giving. We also speak gratitude on behalf of the children who will receive these precious school kits. Next Sunday, September 17, the kits will be dedicated and then taken to Mennonite Resource Center in Kidron to be sent on to Akron, Pennsylvania to be distributed in countries around the world. **All are invited to a pizza party** including salad and mixed fruit following Sunday School on September 17th.

Fall Sermon Series. Starting September 17, and finishing just before Advent, we will walk through the book of Hebrews during Sunday morning worship. This New Testament letter has a lot to say about Jesus and how Jesus fits in the established theology of the Old Testament and the whole of Scripture. It also has a lot to say about suffering and faith. We'll begin September 17 with a few key verses in Hebrews and then on the 24th, we'll look more closely at Hebrews 1.1-3 and the opening section of the letter.

Ministry Spending Plan update. God has a mission, and we are all a part of it through Orrville Mennonite Church. We give tithes and offerings as an act of worship and in response to God's overflowing generosity to us. Our tithes and offerings support the programs of the church through general giving and our congregation's ministries such as the Compassion Fund, Monday Meals, and Dollar Projects. The one area in particular where giving is falling (or "has fallen") behind our ongoing needs is the general offering (non-designated giving) that supports our church operational expenses. Please remember that even when you are traveling or not able to be present for our worship times, these programs and ministries require continued support. Please remember God's mission and your part of that during the summer months!

Camp Luz Fall Festival Fundraiser!

You're invited! Join us Sunday, September 24th, for Camp Luz's Annual Fall Festival Fundraiser.

- Free activities for the entire family! Hayrides, boating, campfires, crafts, fellowship!
- Opportunities to give. Silent Auction, live auction, dinner by donation.
- Marcus and Marketo, husband-wife duo from South Bend, Indiana, will perform during dinner. Check out their website to learn more about their story. [HOME | Marcus & Marketo \(marcusandmarketo.com\)](https://www.marcusandmarketo.com)

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