

**Martins Mennonite Church asked us to share** that a Ladies' Bible Study is starting up again at Heartland Point on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. They are working their way through "A Woman's Heart, God's Dwelling Place" by Beth Moore (currently on 3<sup>rd</sup> lesson). If any questions call 330- 855 -3971. All women are welcome!

Happy Birthday to:

Today Wilma Eash



Please remember these persons by sending a card, calling them or offering a special prayer of thanks for them.

**Coming Events:**

September 11	Grow Group Kick Off & Fellowship Meal
September 17	AHA Married Couples Date Night, 6 – 8 pm
September 25	Peace Sunday
October 23	Men's and Women's Conferences at Martins and Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Churches

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

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**August 28, 2016**

*"We are dedicated to loving God and loving people"*

**To the Glory of God and through the power of the Holy Spirit,** it is our mission to be a loving community of believers who intentionally further God's Kingdom by going out and loving all people, sharing the good News of Jesus Christ and making disciples.

**Community Forms**

*At the Cross*

**Theme Verse – Ephesians 1.13b-14**

...When you believed in Christ, you were marked in Him with a seal – the Holy Spirit – whom God promised long ago. 14 The Spirit is God's guarantee that God will give us the inheritance God promised and that God has purchased us to be His own people. God did this so we would praise and glorify him.

*Revelation Song*

Affirmation of Volunteers and Prayer

*Lord, I Need You*

Blessing of Children and Youth and Prayer

*Beautiful Things*

**Community Submits**

To God...

Community Prayer (from Ephesians 3.14-21)

God, You are creator of everything in heaven and on earth.

**You are in charge.**

We pray that out of Your glorious riches You will strengthen us with power through Your Holy Spirit.

**May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith.**

In Your strength, as we grow deeply in Your love, may we be able to grasp how wide & long, how high & deep the love of Christ is.

**Let us know this love that surpasses knowledge—that we may be filled to the measure of all Your fullness, O God.**

You are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine.

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**God, as Your power is at work within us, be glorified in us and in the whole church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.**

Offering/Prayer

(God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count")  
*Because He Lives (Amen)*

To Teaching...

Scripture Ephesians 2:1-10  
*Alive!*  
*Live Like That*

To Each Other

Sharing and Prayer/ Announcements

**Community Goes**

Love Step Prayer

***Lord, put someone in front of me so I will meet them with love where they are. Help me to learn from them and walk with them in a way that we can both grow closer to Christ.***

*White Flag*

Benediction

***Now, we go from here into the world, sealed in Christ through the Holy Spirit, to be God's love wherever we go.***

Reader: Marilyn Kamp

Worship Band: Anita, Doug & Natalie Fisher, John & Christi Michaels Family  
Caterina Nicoletti, Xan, Bill & Allison Seymour

**Today (August 28)**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Affirmation and Celebration/Kick-Off  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

**Tuesday**

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Start of School Celebration* (Snack – Jan K)

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. *Axis – Faith Night/Bible Study*  
6:30 p.m. *BreakAway – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Mud Bowl!* (Snack-Megan S)

**Thursday**

9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship and Service

**Next Sunday (September 4)**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching  
Message: *Alive! In Christ! Together!*  
Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-22  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

**Last Sunday (August 21)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,764.00 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96  
CCS Partnership Plan: \$130.00 Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35  
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00 Land: \$100.00

**Greeters Today** John and Barb Shilling, Danae King

**Next Sunday** John and Christi Michaels Family, John Kauffman

**Elder Greeter Today** Marilyn Kamp **Next Sunday** Marion Beyeler

**Worship Nursery Today** Jen and Mark Bixler

**Next Sunday** Danae King

**Coffee Hospitality Today** Jeff Fisher

**Next Sunday** Marion and Jane Beyeler

**Welcome to our worship service!** If you are a visitor or guest, please fill out one of the welcome cards found on the ends of each pew and place it in the offering plate. There is space on the back of these cards for anyone to share a prayer request or concern. You can hand it to Pastor Bill or an elder or put it in the box outside the church office.

**Encouragement cards** are available at the end of each pew. Please feel free to use these cards to write a note of encouragement to someone this week. You can leave your note on the pew and Jan will mail it for you or you can mail/deliver it yourself.

**Welcome (Back)!! International Introductions:**

- **Roc is a new Central Christian School student from Beijing, China. His Chinese name is Peng Lin.** Roc is a sophomore and is staying with Bill and Allison Seymour.
- **Bob is a returning CCS student from China. His Chinese name is Lin Chujun.** Bob is a junior and is staying with Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer again this year.
- **Daniel Huang is a returning CCS student from China.** Daniel is a senior and is also staying with Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer.

**Central Christian School Scrip Program.** See Jen Bixler following the Sunday School hour in the fellowship hall if you would like to purchase scrip cards. A percentage of the purchase price goes to the CCS Partnership Plan!

### Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of August 28, 2016

- **That God would be glorified and that lives would be transformed** in every aspect of Orrville Mennonite Church.
- **Elder Council, Pastors and Ministry Team leaders**
- **Areas of unrest and instability in our world today** – Prayer for those caught up in the world's violence and for ways we can respond.
- **Young adult transitions** – **Xan Seymour** is participating in an international exchange program (Youth For Understanding) and is spending a year in Italy. **Doug Fisher** will be a freshman at Mt. Vernon Nazarene University and **Donaldo Lleshi** will be a freshman at Eastern Mennonite University. Please keep these young men and their families in your prayers as they make these transitions.
- **LaVonne and Sherm Amstutz** – pray for safe travels and peace of mind for LaVonne as her mother is experiencing some health concerns.
- **The Thompson Family** – pray for OJ who had a stroke at age 94 and for peace and wisdom for the family as they walk this journey with him.
- **Ryan Schmidt's parents** as they make a move to Kansas from Ohio and **Ryan** as he adjusts to them being farther away.
- **Brady Miller and his family** – prayers for healing and recovery.
- **Pete and Lou's friend, Darrell** who lost his home in a fire.
- **Neal and Janie Blough** – as Neal recovers from eye surgery.
- **Verna Kauffman** – at Brenn-Field Nursing Center
- **Allison Seymour's mother, Sharon Walter** – Pray for Sharon's health concerns and for Allison's father, Gary, as he helps care for her needs.
- **Lucas Erb** – Please pray good healing following knee surgery.
- **Bernita Wade** – as she adjusts to her cochlear implant.
- **SWAP Ministry – Pete and Lou Erb**
- **Dale Hostetler** – Pray for continued healing of his leg.
- **Pastor Santos & Esther Reyes in Costa Rica** (friends of Lidia Zehr). Continue to pray for guidance for dealing with health issues.
- **Sandy Miller's mother and father, Anna and Al Miller** – Please continue to keep them in your prayers as Anna recovers from her stroke.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis.**
- **Randy and Susan Yoder's son, Christian** (Nancy Hostetler's cousin's son)
- **Sandra Seymour's sister, Nancy Rogers & family** facing family crises.
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children**
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – The Argentina Mennonite Church, a MMN partner, operates Life School and Little Sees Preschool in Neuquén. Pray for Andrea Pineda, the new director of the high school, and others who contribute to the school administration, as they seek to improve the financial status of their institutions.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.** Pray for the incoming class at AMBS as they prepare to transition to seminary study. May they sense God's peace and presence as they make space in their lives for new academic challenges, transformative experiences and relationships that will play a part in shaping their calling.

### **Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, September 4, 2016**

Day One Read Ephesians 2.11-22

How have we been brought near to God?

Day Two Read Romans 10.5-15

Between whom is there “no difference?” What does this mean?

Day Three Read Joshua 1.7-9

What is the promise?

Day Four Read Psalm 139

Ask God to search your heart today.

Day Five Read Ephesians 2.11-22

As we are brought near to God in Christ, what is destroyed?

#### **“Love Step Prayer”**

Pray this daily and as you go through your day, look for how God might be answering...

*Lord, put someone in front of me so I will meet them with love where they are. Help me to learn from them and walk with them in a way that we can both grow closer to Christ. Amen.*

**Please check your mailbox for** an Ohio Conference newsletter, and Mennonite Mission Network's new *Beyond* publication. This one-page publication replaces the 16-page magazine, *Beyond Ourselves*, and will be published every 6-8 weeks.

**New MCC Peace Education Coordinator:** Jes Stoltzfus Buller was recently named the Peace Education Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee U.S. For the past almost eight years, Jes has lived in Colombia, South America, where she worked with MCC's Anabaptist partner organization on the Caribbean Coast, Sembrandopaz (Sowing Peace). Her work included community development, nonviolent training and regional peacebuilding. Jes is currently living in Goshen, IN, and working out of the MCC Great Lakes office. In the next year, she will be traveling around the country and is very interested in visiting churches and groups to share about her work and experiences in Colombia, and/or to listen to your congregation's thoughts on what MCC's peace program might focus on in this current context of division and violence. For more information about setting up a visit, please contact MCC Great Lakes at 574-534-4133, or email Jes directly at [jessicabuller@mcc.org](mailto:jessicabuller@mcc.org).