

**Election Night Communion Service.** We are all invited to come together for communion at 7:00 p.m. on November 8<sup>th</sup>. The place is still to be determined. More details are coming soon!

**The Compassion Fund** balance is very low. Thank you for your prayerful consideration to giving to this fund so that we can help those in need.

Happy Birthday to:

Tuesday Melinda Wenger  
Thursday Barb Shilling



Happy Anniversary to:

Tuesday Chicco and Anna Nicoletti

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

**Coming Events:**

October 15 AHA – A Night for Married Couples at Crown Hill MC  
October 15, 17-18 Meat Canning at the Gerber Building in Kidron  
October 23 Men's and Women's Conferences at  
Martins and Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Churches  
October 30 Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Sunday (a Sunday set aside to give to our wider church mission groups)  
October 30 Partnership Plan Fundraiser Meal, 12 noon  
November 2 Fall Congregational Meeting, 7 pm  
November 8 Election Night Communion Service, 7 pm

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

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**October 9, 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**

Welcome  
*Jesus Paid It All*  
*There is A Redeemer*

**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.

**Community Submits**

To God...

*In the Rifted Rock I'm Resting* WB 526

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.

**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")  
*Heart With Loving Heart United* WB 420

To Teaching...  
Scripture Ephesians 4:7-16  
Message *Different and Together, Trusting and Growing*  
Pastor Bill Seymour

*White Flag*

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.***

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: Mark Bixler

Worship Band: Anita and Natalie Fisher, John, Christi & Noah Michaels  
Bill & Allison Seymour

### Today (October 9)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. *Songs and Salsa* at the Old Church  
in Sonnenberg Village (supporting Open Arms)

### Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Talent Show!* (Snack – Joyce)

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Video Series*  
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Meet "The Quitter" Whose Life Was Turned Around and Became Good* (Snack – Barb)

### Saturday

4:55 a.m. Relief Meat Canning at Gerber Building in Kidron  
6:00 p.m. AHA – A Night out for Married Couples  
at Crown Hill Mennonite Church

### Next Sunday (October 16)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching  
Message: *A List!!!*  
Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

### Last Sunday (October 2)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,812.00 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96  
CCS Partnership Plan: \$980.00 Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35  
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00 Land: \$100.00

**Greeters Today** Mel and Mim Wenger

**Next Sunday** Chicco and Anna Nicoletti Family

**Elder Greeter Today** Lidia Zehr **Next Sunday** Jen Bixler

**Worship Nursery Today** Tim & Melinda Wenger **Next Sunday** Judy King

**Coffee Hospitality Today** Stan & Marilyn Kamp **Next Sunday** Jeff Fisher

**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.

**The flowers this morning** are provided by Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Thank you and congratulations!

**Relief Meat Canning** dates are Saturday, October 15 and Monday and Tuesday, October 17 & 18. Mennonite Central Committee's Mobile Meat Canner will be in Kidron at the Gerber Building where we will be canning 30,000 pounds of turkey! We need your help, **especially this coming Saturday!**

**Songs and Salsa, October 9, 2016 at the Old Church at Sonnenberg Village.** Come, enjoy traditional music from the Andes Mountains with Melvin Lopez and Jon Geiser. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. with Dayspring Christian Fellowship's Music Team followed by Lopez y Geiser. Enjoy tortilla chips served with a variety of flavorful salsas and dips! A free will offering will be received to benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries. Sonnenberg Village is located at 13515 Hackett Road on the outskirts of Kidron, Ohio.

Pastor Santos & Esther Reyes in Costa Rica (friends of Lidia Zehr).

- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis.**
- **Randy and Susan Yoder's son, Christian** (Nancy Hostetler's cousin's son)
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children**
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. Pray for North American Mennonites of European descent to confess their complicity in the oppression of the original inhabitants of this continent. Pray also for MMN personnel who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language and their dignity.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Hesston (Kansas) College.** Tomorrow the Hesston College student body will come together to celebrate the many ethnicities and backgrounds in the annual Cultures Fair. Pray for a greater understanding and appreciation for diversity at Hesston College to emerge from this time together.

### Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions

#### Week ending with Sunday, October 16, 2016

Day One Read Ephesians 4.17-19

This passage, which seems harsh, sits in a letter about love and Christian unity and patience with each other. Read “Gentile” as “unbeliever” or “ungodly.” What does this passage say? How are you different?

Day Two Read Ephesians 4.17-24

Verses 17-19 are a little easier with vv. 20-24. In light of how the ungodly live, how are we different in Christ? Do you feel different?

Day Three Read Ephesians 4.17-28

Same passage as the last two days, but adding some verses. From verses 25-28, how is it that we are to live differently?

Day Four Read Ephesians 4.17-32

How do we keep from grieving the Holy Spirit of God?

Day Five Read Ephesians 4.29-32

Why should we be kind and compassionate with each other?

**“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.*

## Sermon Notes for October 9, 2016

Ephesians 4.7-16

### Ephesians so far...

- God answers our uncertainties -- “I will be with you.”
- In Christ, we have the Holy Spirit in us for the duration, *God’s incomparably great power for us who believe.* Exodus 3.11-12, Matthew 28.20b, John 14.18, Ephesians 1.13-14, 19
- Left to our own devices, our actions result in death. We have a problem with God’s authority. We want to be in charge. Genesis 3, Romans 1, Ephesians 2.1-3
- God acts to solve our problem – to break our cycle of sin and give us something useful to do. Ephesians 2.8-10
- All people, regardless of background or action, are invited to have peace with God and full inclusion in God’s family. Ephesians 2.11-3.13.
- The church is God’s plan to show the world God’s love – reconciling former enemies under Christ, something the world cannot do.
- And therefore live a life worthy of being God’s child characterized by humility, gentleness, patience, unity, and forbearance.

### Ephesians 4.7-13

#### Being One Body

#### The Starting Point

\_\_\_\_\_, easily led astray.

Ephesians 4.14

#### The Goal

\_\_\_\_\_ and Together \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

Ephesians 1.22-23, 2.10, 2.14-22, 3.18-19, 4.13-16)

## The Path

1. \_\_\_\_\_ to Equip the Body  
Ephesians 4.11-13
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to Do  
Ephesians 2.10, 4.12
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to speak in love  
Ephesians 4.15

## Speaking the Truth in Love and Growing Together

### Grow Groups

- Groups of 3-5 people meeting together
- To practice the Yoke of Love
- Will focus on Scripture, listening and prayer
- Grow Group Cards available in back of Sanctuary and by the mailboxes
- Let Bill or Marilyn know if you are interested.

## Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of October 9, 2016

- **That God would be glorified and that lives would be transformed** in every aspect of Orrville Mennonite Church.
- **Elder Council, Pastor and Ministry Team leaders**
- **New Grow Groups**
- **Axis Youth Discipleship Groups** meeting on Sunday mornings.
- **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.
- **Elton Lehman and Family** – Elton's cancer diagnosis
- **Lance Almond**
- **Rory and Marcia Lewandowski's son-in-law, Carlos** – underwent surgery to further diagnose issues related to his pancreas
- **Rory's brother, Gill** – as he recovers from pancreas surgery
- **Rosetta Lehman** (former Axis youth) as she serves in Costa Rica
- **Amy Ludwig, Bill's niece**, who is struggling with severe depression – also her sister, Megan & parents, Laurie & Jim as they struggle with her in this time.
- **Kevin, a 25-year old young man in Canton**, who wants to be a police officer so that he can help people, in contrast, he says, to some others who are in it for the "wrong reasons." Please pray for God to make a way for Kevin.
- **Dale Hostetler** – prayers for healing of infection in his leg.
- **Naomi and Jess Engle and their family** – prayers for healing
- **Verna Kauffman** – at Brenn-Field Nursing Center (Wing B-15).
- **Grace Geiser** – at Brenn-Field Nursing Center.
- **Dorothy Miller** – prayers for Dorothy & her family as she gets used to new surroundings & learns to know new people at the Inn at Belden Village.
- **Faye Lautenschlager** – prayers for health and healing following a fall.
- **Ryan Schmidt** – prayers for his parents as they discern next steps for them in ministry.
- **LaVonne Amstutz** – prayers as she is in Sarasota caring for her mother.
- **Sandy Miller's parents, Anna and Al Miller** – Pray for patience for Anna as she continues with challenges associated with speech therapy lessons.
- **Pete and Lou's friend, Darrell** who lost his home in a fire.
- **Brady Miller and his family** – prayers for healing and recovery.
- **Declan Adler, infant son of Matt and Erlina** (friends of Christi and John)
- **Judy King's mother, Vera Culp** – pray for healing for a broken tibia.
- **Judy King's father-in-law, Eldon King** – pray for healing for a broken femur.
- **Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia** – severe rheumatoid arthritis
- **Joyce and Larry Gerber's niece, Kirsten** – undergoing cancer treatment
- **Young adult transitions** – **Xan Seymour, Doug Fisher and Donaldo Lleshi.**
- **Lucas Erb** – Please pray good healing following knee surgery.
- **SWAP Ministry** – **Pete and Lou Erb**
- **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.