

**Partnership Plan Faith Promise Opportunity.** As discussed at the Fall Congregational Business Meeting on Wednesday, November 2nd, we are encouraging our members and attenders to prayerfully consider making a faith promise to our Central Christian School Partnership Plan. There will be boxes by the mailboxes for the next several Sundays for your completed forms. Thank you for considering this need.

**The Cantate Singers** directed by Laurel M. Labbe and accompanied by Ken Shafer, will be in concert on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Avenue, Wooster. The theme is *Hope, Peace and Reconciliation*. Ryan Schmidt and Jane Beyeler are members of this group.

Happy Birthday to:

Tuesday Jared Shilling  
Bob Lin



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

**Coming Events:**

November 27 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent  
December 6 WINGS Christmas Banquet, 6 pm  
December 11 Grow Group Fellowship Meal  
December 17 AHA – A Night Out for Married Couples  
(Terry & Kay Shue speaking)

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

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**November 13, 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  
Prelude *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* (arr. Lani Smith)  
Lighting the Peace Lamp  
*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* MH 325  
*Lead On, O King Eternal* MH 443

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.

*God of Grace and God of Glory* MH 434

**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.

**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

Offertory *Trumpet Tune* (Michael A. Johnson) Judy Ferguson  
(God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count")

To Teaching...

Scripture Ephesians 6:10-18  
Message *This is War!*

Pastor Bill Seymour

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.**

*Be Thou My Vision* MH 300

To Each Other...

Sharing and Prayer/ Announcements



Benediction

Reader: Barb Shilling

Song Leader: Carol Rheinheimer

Organist: Judy Ferguson

**Today** (November 13)

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

**Tuesday**

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *All About Turkey!*

**Wednesday**

6:00 p.m. Open Arms Benefit Meal at Crown Hill MC  
6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Video Series*  
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – Bible Study:  
*Did you know that God uses people who are jerks?!*

**Thursday**

7:00 p.m. Community/Discipleship Ministry Planning Meeting

**Saturday**

6:00 p.m. AHA – A Night Out for Married Couples  
at Crown Hill Mennonite Church  
7:30 p.m. Sonnenberg Station Concert at Crown Hill MC

**Next Sunday** (November 20)

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

**Last Sunday** (November 6)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,666.60 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96  
CCS Partnership Plan: \$50.00 Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35  
Compassion Fund: \$100.00  
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00 Land: \$100.00

**Greeters Today** Rory and Marcia Lewandowski, Ryan Schmidt

**Next Sunday** Willie and Sandy Miller, Fae Miller

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

**Worship Nursery Today** Sandy Sohar **Next Sunday** Jeff Fisher

**Coffee Hospitality Today** Sherm Amstutz

**Next Sunday** John and Barb Shilling

**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.

**Open Arms Hispanic Ministry** is having a benefit meal at Crown Hill Mennonite Church this Wednesday evening, November 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 pm. All are invited to attend! Please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

**AHA – A Night Out for Married Couples** is coming up, this Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at Crown Hill Mennonite Church with the meal beginning at 6 p.m. The meal will be followed by a *Sonnenberg Station* concert at 7:30 which is open to the public. Please sign up on the sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary if you plan to attend the meal.

**The next Community Discipleship Ministry Planning Meeting** is coming up this coming Thursday evening, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall to work on planning a good balance of events affecting community and discipleship efforts! An agenda was sent out to everyone and it was put in mailboxes of those who do not use email. Anyone wishing to have input regarding congregational activities is welcome to attend.

## Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of November 13, 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**
- **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.
- **Family of Rhett Acker** who was killed in a tragic farm accident.
- **Naomi and Jess Engle and their family** – as Naomi continues treatment (radiation and chemotherapy) through November and early December.
- **Christi & John Michaels** – family adjustments to positive job changes for both John and Christi.
- **Christi Michaels' aunt and uncle** as they cope with health-related issues for themselves and loved ones.
- **Brady Miller and his family** – prayers for healing and recovery.
- **Pastor Santos & Esther Reyes in Costa Rica** (friends of Lidia Zehr) as they face economic and other hardships.
- **Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia** – severe rheumatoid arthritis
- **Lance Almond**
- **Amy Ludwig, Bill's niece**, who is struggling with severe depression – also sister, Megan & parents, Laurie & Jim as they struggle with her in this time.
- **Kevin, a 25-year old man in Canton**, who wants to be a police officer so that he can help people. Please pray for God to make a way for him.
- **Dale Hostetler** – prayers for healing of infection in his leg.
- **Verna Kauffman & Grace Geiser** – at Brenn-Field Nursing Center
- **Dorothy Miller** – at the Inn at Belden Village
- **Sandy Miller's parents, Anna and Al Miller** – Pray for patience for Anna as she continues with challenges associated with speech therapy lessons.
- **Joyce and Larry Gerber's niece, Kirsten** – undergoing cancer treatment
- **Young adult transitions** – Xan Seymour, Doug Fisher and Donald Lleshi.
- **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.
- **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** – Colombia is negotiating a complicated peace process, both on the official level & among people who have a long history of division & violence. MMN requests prayer for wisdom & courage for Colombia Mennonite Church members as they model the way of peace.
- **Mennonite Education Agency** – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. Pray for Annette LeZotte of Bethel College's Kauffman Museum as she speaks this afternoon about another museum, the Museum of Modern Art's work to develop programs for those with Alzheimer's disease.

## **Sermon Notes for November 13, 2016**

Ephesians 6.10-18

### **What are the goals?**

1. Become mature and together Servants of Christ.  
Ephesians 1.22-23, 2.10, 2.14-22, 3.18-19, 4.13-16
2. Show the world that Jesus offers salvation and peace and that God is amazing.  
Ephesians 3.9-10

### **The Path – The Way of Love** (Ephesians 5.2)

1. Recognize that we are dead in sin without Jesus and alive with Jesus and then –  
Believe in Jesus  
Ephesians 2.1-9
2. Let apostles, teachers, shepherds, evangelists, and prophets lead and teach us.  
Ephesians 4.11-13
3. Serve -- perform acts of love for people near and far  
Ephesians 2.10, 4.12
4. Get close enough in relationship with people that you can speak into their lives and they in yours so that you both grow closer to Christ. This is the point of the *Love Step Prayer* and of our Grow Groups.  
Ephesians 4.15
5. There are things we must do. Be loving, patient, kind, compassionate, forgiving and gentle with each other as we grow together in Christ for a start.  
Ephesians 4.1-6, 32
6. There are things we must not do -- lust, impurity, greed, violence for a start. As Christ-followers we are different people, filled with God's Spirit, marked and sealed by the Spirit, and we must act like it.  
Ephesians 1.14-15, 4.17-31, 5.3-14, 18-19
7. Sin angers God, so stop it.  
Ephesians 5.5-6
8. Think and act not from impulse, but from an attitude of worship, thanksgiving and the Holy Spirit who lives in you. Think and act from the attitude that you are submitted to God.  
Ephesians 5.15-20
9. Out of our trust in, reverence for, and submission to God, we are not to live out of power, but out of giving power to one another.  
Ephesians 5.21-6.9
10. Truth, right actions, ready feet, faith, salvation, God's Word, prayer – the armor of God – to protect us against our own temptation and against caving in when others belittle us for love God and loving people – when others attack us for being God's manifest wisdom in the world.  
Ephesians 3.9-10, 6.10-18

Armor

**Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions**  
**Week ending with Sunday, November 20, 2016**

Day One Read Jeremiah 23.1-6  
What kind of shepherd will you be today?

Day Two Read Luke 1.68-79  
What will God do?

Day Three Read Psalm 46  
How can you be still today?

Day Four Read Colossians 1.11-20  
What is the result of Jesus being the image of the invisible God?

Day Five Read Luke 23.33-43  
Why did Jesus say what he said to the criminal?

Umbrellas

**“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.*

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Romans 12.1-2

Matthew 5.3-16

James 4.17

**Central Christian School Announcements**

- **Community Service Day (CSD)** - Thank you for the strong affirmation of the ministry at Central Christian School. As we continue to serve the churches by supporting their Biblical teachings, it is most heartening to receive the CSD donations of over \$215,000.
- **Christmas Madrigal and Feast**, presented by Central Christian School Varsity Singers, Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Vocal and instrumental works will be presented in old English tradition. Drama, costumes, fanfares and delicious food will be enjoyed by all who attend. Reservations are required.
- **Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *Christmas Hang-Ups*, on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.
- **Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.
- **Alumni Night**, December 23<sup>rd</sup>: Smoked Pork Dinner for all, 5 – 7:00 p.m. by donation in cafeteria. Varsity girls' basketball at 6 p.m. and Varsity boys' basketball at 7:30 p.m. vs. Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.