

Happy Birthday to:

Wednesday

Donaldo Lleshi



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

**Coming Events:**

December 17	AHA – A Night Out for Married Couples, 6 pm (Terry & Kay Shue speaking)
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas Day Worship (no Sunday School)
January 1	BreakAway Fundraiser Meal (Pork & Sauerkraut)



*Orrville Mennonite Church*

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**December 4, 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.

**Welcome**

**Prelude**    *See We Now of Christmas* (Arr. David Paxton)

**Hymn**        *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*    WB 178

**Lighting of the Peace Lamp**

**People:** ... Jesus said..., *"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

**Leader:** Jesus also said, *"You are the light of the world...let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father."*

**People:** We light this lamp to remember.

**Hymn**        *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*    WB 70

**Lighting the Advent Candle**

**Hymn**        *To Us A Child of Hope is Born*    WB 189

**Offering/Prayer**

(God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count")  
**Offertory**    *The Coventry Carol* (Arr. Robert J. Hughes)    Judy Ferguson

**Hymn**        *Lord, I Am Fondly, Earnestly*    WB 514

**Message**    *Repent!*

Pastor Bill Seymour

**Scripture**    Matthew 3:1-12

**Hymn**        *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*    WB 183

**Sharing and Prayer/Announcements**

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**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 Postlude**

Advent Candle Lighting Readers: Ryan Schmidt, Doug Zehr  
Reader: Marilyn Kamp Song Leader: Jane Beyeler  
Organist: Judy Ferguson

### **Today (December 4) 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

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 – *Christmas Meal & Celebration!*

### **Wednesday**

1:00 p.m. Elder Council  
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Cookie Decorating*

### **Next Sunday (December 11) 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent**

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9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School  
12:00 p.m. Grow Group Fellowship Meal (Partnership Plan Fundraiser)

### **Last Sunday (November 27)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,400.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96
CCS Partnership Plan: \$185.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	Land: \$100.00
Compassion Fund: \$150.00	

**Greeters Today** Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer, Carol Davis

**Next Sunday** Stan and Marilyn Kamp, Wilma Eash

**Elder Greeter Today** Marion Beyeler **Next Sunday** Lidia Zehr

**Worship Nursery Today** Marion and Jane Beyeler

**Next Sunday** Jen and Mark Bixler

**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.

- **Grow Group Fellowship Meal and Partnership Plan Fundraiser** is coming up next Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Plan to stay to enjoy good food and fellowship together. The food will be a fundraiser for the Partnership Plan.
- The fellowship will include sharing about grow groups. We would like anyone willing to share about their experience in the grow groups.
- How many times has your group met?
- Comment on how you have kept to the plan of Scripture, Listening and Prayer.
- Say something about the life you have received from meeting with your group.
- What suggestions might you have for other groups or to improve the process?
- We look forward to hearing stories. Not everyone is in a grow group, but we hope the sharing will be helpful for the encouragement of our entire church community.

**Central Christian Partnership Plan Faith Promise Giving update.** As of November 27<sup>th</sup> we have received faith promise pledges totaling at least \$13,000.00 pledged by July 31, 2017. We are encouraged by this faithful response which will help reduce the deficit considerably. Thank you!

**December *Messiah* performances.** Ryan Schmidt is participating in both of these performances!

- December 4 – Orrville Community Chorus *Messiah* at Central Christian School, 7 p.m.
- December 11 – Oak Grove *Messiah* at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 2:30 p.m.

**Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church invites you to a Christmas Carols Sing-a-Long** on Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. You are welcome to bring a dish & join us for a noon carry-in meal followed by the Sing-a-Long at 1 p.m. Please bring cookies to share after the Sing-a-Long.

**Boxed sets of offering envelopes** are available by the mailboxes. Our Finance and Facilities Ministry would like each person/family to **sign up for and take a new box to start out the year 2017** and recycle or discard any unused envelopes from your current set of envelopes for 2016.

## Mennonite Church USA Announcements

- **Join the #MennoLove fun!** Participate in the “Love is a Verb” storytelling project by submitting a Love Your Selfie! Send us a photo of yourself practicing self-care and a brief explanation, and we will share it across the church online. Send emails to [alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:alyssabs@mennoniteusa.org)
- **A revised version of the Israel-Palestine resolution** first brought to delegates at the Mennonite Church USA assembly in 2016 is now available for review. Visit [www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/seeking-peace-israel-palestine) to view the document and provide feedback by December 20<sup>th</sup>.

### Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of December 4, 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.
- **Pastor Santos and Ester and their daughter, Estercita and her baby** as the family grieves the passing of Ester's mother. Pastor Santos is without income and is in poor health. Estercita's husband also passed away recently and they are dealing with the after effects from the recent hurricane.
- **Verna Kauffman and her family members** – Verna is back at Brenn-Field Nursing Center in skilled care.
- **Weston Andrew, infant son of Holly and Joel Mast.** Prayer on their behalf would be appreciated as he continues at Aultman Hospital's neonatal unit.
- **Christian Yoder** (Nancy Hostetler's cousin's son) – living with cystic fibrosis. He is currently hospitalized at Cleveland Clinic.
- **Brady Miller and his family** – continued prayers for healing and recovery. He is currently hospitalized at Akron Children's Hospital.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 Donaldo 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.**
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children**
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – MMN requests pray for the Colorado Spring Service Adventure unit as participants work alongside Beth-El Mennonite Church to live out Anabaptist perspective in a community with a large military population. Pray for David Borbely, Nora Charles, Marle Moellenbruck and Kate Unruh and leaders, Daniel and Mel Smeltzer Miller.
- **Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas.** Pray with the Bethel College community for the peace and light of Christ to come into the world as faculty, staff, students and friends participate in the 31st annual Lighting of the Green on campus this evening.

### Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, December 11, 2016

Day One Read Isaiah 35.1-10

Who are “the ransomed of the Lord?” What does it mean to be ransomed?

Day Two Read Psalm 146.5-10

What makes you happy? How does that compare to those who are happy in this Psalm?

Day Three Read Luke 1.46b-55

This is a song Mary sang some weeks after hearing she would be the mother of the Messiah. If you were to sing a song about God's activity in your life, what would it say?

Day Four Read James 5.7-10

How are you with patience?

Day Five Read Matthew 11.2-11

What was Jesus' answer to John's people? What do people see when they look at your Christian life?

### **“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.*