

Five Church Family Fun Event: Movie Night – Crown Hill Mennonite Church is hosting a Family Movie Night on Sunday, December 18th from 5 – 8 pm. We will be featuring *The Grinch That Stole Christmas Cartoon*. Please join us for pizza, popcorn, cookies and cocoa as well as games and a short devotional. We are asking each family to bring 2 dozen cookies to share. Please RSVP to brandy@crownhillmennonite.com so we can plan accordingly. We hope to see you there!

Happy Birthday to:

Today	Lois Leidig
Saturday	Allison Seymour



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

Coming Events:

December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas Day Worship (no Sunday School)
January 1	BreakAway Fundraiser Meal (Pork & Sauerkraut)

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December 11, 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

Hymn *O Savior, Rend the Heavens* WB 175

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 *Fling Wide the Door, Unbar the Gate!* WB 186 (a cappella)

Lighting the Advent Candles

Hymn *The Angel Gabriel* WB 180

Scripture Reading Luke 1:46b-55

Offering/Prayer

(God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count")
Offertory *My Soul Proclaims with Wonder* WB 181

Message *Kingdom Character*

Pastor Bill Seymour

Scripture Matthew 11:2-11

Song *The Body*

Sharing and Prayer/Announcements



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: Nancy Hostetler, Allison Seymour, Lidia Zehr
Reader: Doug Zehr

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

Today (December 11) 3rd 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
- 12:00 p.m. Grow Group Fellowship Meal (Partnership Plan Fundraiser)

Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Christmas Party!*
- 6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Shopping Trip for People-to-People Christmas Gifts*

Saturday

- 6:00 p.m. AHA Married Couples Date Night
Program – Terry & Kay Shue

Next Sunday (December 18) 4th Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching
Message: *Immanuel because Jeshua*
Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25
Moment in Mission
- 10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship
- 11:05 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday (December 4)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,736.95 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96
CCS Partnership Plan: \$110.00 Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Compassion Fund: \$48.40

Greeters Today Stan and Marilyn Kamp, Wilma Eash

Next Sunday Nancy Hostetler, Judy King

Elder Greeter Today Lidia Zehr

Next Sunday Jen Bixler

Worship Nursery Today Jen and Mark Bixler

Next Sunday Danae King

Coffee Hospitality Today Marion and Jane Beyeler

Next Sunday Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer

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 today following the Sunday School hour. Plan to stay to enjoy good food (hot turkey sandwiches, mashed potatoes, relishes, dessert) and fellowship. The food part will be a fundraiser for the Partnership Plan. The fellowship part will include sharing about grow groups. We would like anyone willing to share about their experience in the grow groups.

1. How many times has your group met?
2. Comment on how you have kept to the plan of Scripture, Listening and Prayer.
3. Say something about the life you have received from meeting with your group.
4. 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.

Messiah performance this afternoon, 2:30 p.m. at Oak Grove Mennonite Church. Ryan Schmidt is participating in this performance!

Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church invites you to a Christmas Carols Sing-a-Long this afternoon at 1 p.m. Please bring cookies to share after the Sing-a-Long.

Christmas Party Date Night on Saturday, December 17th, 6 – 8 p.m. at Crown Hill Mennonite Church. Terry and Kay Shue will be the speakers. Meal donation suggestion is \$17 per couple. Child care for younger children will be provided. A sign-up list is on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please also include number of children who are coming.

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.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of December 11, 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.
- **Praise that Pastor Bill's** recent heart catheterization showed that his heart looks good with no significant blockage.
- **Praise that Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia's leg** was healed by God and that the anticipated surgery was not necessary!
- **Ryan Schmidt** – as he studies for finals and has extra work responsibility at this time of year.
- **Christi Michaels' uncle** as he recovers from surgery.
- **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 also continue to deal with the after effects from the recent hurricane. Pray that God would help meet their spiritual, physical & material needs.
- **Verna Kauffman and her family members** at Brenn-Field Nursing Center
- **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)
- **Christi & John Michaels** – family adjustments to positive job changes for both John and Christi.
- **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 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.**
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children**
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Mennonite churches in Bolivia have Vacation Bible School this month. Margrit Kipfer Barrón, serving with MMN, helps prepare the curriculum and train teachers. Pray that the Spirit of God will move in a powerful way among the children who attend and their families.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA.** Please pray for students at EMS as they prepare for exams and Advent and Christmas worship services in this busy season.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, December 18, 2016

Day One Read Isaiah 7.10-16

Why is God's response to unfaithfulness here the promise of a Messiah?

Day Two Read Psalm 80.1-7

For what do you need to be restored? Will you ask God for this or try to do it yourself?

Day Three Read Romans 1.1-7

What is the gospel, according to this passage (understand this is not a complete picture)?

Day Four Read Hebrews 10.5-10

What does God want?

Day Five Read Matthew 1.18-25

"Jesus," which is "Joshua" in Hebrew, means "God saves." "Immanuel" means "God with us." How does the Messiah fill these roles?

"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.*

Mennonite Church USA Announcement

- **Coming this summer: MennoTalks!** A new feature for the Mennonite Church USA Convention 2017, the talks will feature 20 slides for 20 seconds each in a fast-paced presentation on topics such as "Celebrating Women," "Race, Religion and Justice" and "Global and Local Peacemaking." Come to Orlando, July 4-7, to experience this and much more. For additional information visit <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennotalks/>