

Happy Birthday to:

Saturday

Ken Wenger



Happy Anniversary to:

Tuesday

Mel and Mim Wenger

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

**Coming Events:**

- January 1 Communion  
BreakAway Fundraiser Meal (Pork & Sauerkraut)
- January 5 Meet & Eat at Buehlers, 6 pm
- January 13-15 Junior Youth Retreat at Camp Luz  
(BreakAway attending)
- January 19 Community/Discipleship Meeting, 7 pm
- January 21 Congregational Retreat 8am – 1 pm

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

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**December 18, 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** *Love Came Down At Christmas* WB 208

**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.

**Song** *Amen*

**Lighting the Advent Candles**

**Hymn** *Joy to the World* WB 318

**Moment in Mission**

**Scripture Reading** Romans 1:1-7

**Offering/Prayer**

(God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count")

Offertory *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* WB 176

**Message** *Jeshua because Immanuel*

Pastor Bill Seymour

**Scripture** Matthew 1:18-25

**Song** *The Body*

**Sharing and Prayer/Announcements**



**Love Step Prayer Remix** – Lord, put me in front of someone so I will meet them with love where they are. Help us to learn from each other and walk together in a way that we can both grow closer to Christ.

### **Benediction/Postlude**

Advent Candle Lighting Readers: Danae King, Natalie Fisher, Kara Shilling  
Reader: Rory Lewandowski

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

### **Today (December 18) 4<sup>th</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

### **Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. *Axis – Christmas Party*

### **Saturday Christmas Eve**

6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### **Next Sunday (December 25) Christmas Day**

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee

9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

Meditation and Directed Prayer

10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship

### **Last Sunday (December 11)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,253.00

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96

CCS Partnership Plan: \$663.97

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

**Greeters Today** Nancy Hostetler, Judy King

**Next Sunday** Lowell and Louise Bowers, Allison Seymour

**Elder Greeter Today** Jen Bixler **Next Sunday** Marilyn Kamp

**Worship Nursery Today** Danae King **Next Sunday** Rollie & Jan Kauffman

**Coffee Hospitality Today** Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer

**Next Sunday** Allison Seymour

**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.

**Josiah Bixler will be playing his book 1 recital** on Sunday, December 18 at 1:30 p.m. at Central Christian School in the Music Wing. All are invited to come!

**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.

**We welcome all to join us at Orrville Mennonite Church** on Saturday evening, December 24th at **6:00 p.m.** for our **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service**. A string ensemble will begin playing at **5:40 p.m.** The service will include scripture readings, carol singing and instrumental music and will conclude with candle lighting outdoors weather permitting (keep your coats with you during the service). Come, help us proclaim God's marvelous works and His amazing love in sending us our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

### Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of December 18, 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.
- **Update! The Holly and Joel Mast Family** are praising God that Weston came home from the Aultman NICU unit this week on Tuesday evening. He is doing well. Your continued prayers for his growth and development would be appreciated.
- **Verna Kauffman** is under hospice care at Brenn-Field Nursing Center.
- **Christi Michaels' uncle** as he recovers from surgery.
- **SWAP Ministry – Pete and Lou Erb**
- **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.
- **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.
- **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** – Tom and Disa Rutschman, serving with MMN, have shared Jesus as the Light of the World through many long

winters on the Arctic Circle in Sweden. Pray that this year they may again create sparks of life through teaching in schools and the leadership they provide at Jokkmokk Free Church.

- **Mennonite Education Agency – Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA).** Pray for the tutors and students of the 38 Anabaptist Biblical Institute-IBA study centers who meet weekly for their study sessions. May God grant the tutors wisdom, patience and lots of energy in their ministry of teaching. And pray that the students become essential instruments in the Hispanic churches as we build the Kingdom of God.

### Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, December 25, 2016

Day One Read Isaiah 9.2-7  
What will happen because of this child?

Day Two Read Psalm 96  
Why do you sing to the Lord today?

Day Three Read Titus 2.11-4  
Grace and salvation train us to what?

Day Four Read Luke 2.1-7  
Sing a song about Jesus' birth.

Day Five Read Luke 2.15-20  
Imagine yourself a shepherd on that day. What do you experience as you see and hear the angels? And then, the Messiah?

#### **“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.*