

Happy Birthday to:

Friday

Nathan Kalapodis



Coming Events:

January 5
January 13-15

Meet & Eat at Buehlers, 6 pm
Junior Youth Retreat at Camp Luz
(BreakAway attending)

January 19
January 21

Community/Discipleship Meeting, 7 pm
Congregational Retreat 8am – 1 pm



Orrville Mennonite Church

1305 West Market Street – Phone (330) 682-5801 – Orrville, Ohio 44667

Christmas Day

December 25, 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

Hymns

O, How Joyfully WB 209

Love Came Down at Christmas WB 208

Lighting of the Candles

Leader: We light these outside candles to remember how God works in us as we wait for the Lord.

As we light the center candle, the Christ candle, the Peace candle, we remember.

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: Jesus is our peace.

Hymns

To us a Child of hope is Born WB 189

O Come, All Ye Faithful WB 212

Scripture Reading

1 John 1.1-2.2

Hymn

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice WB 210

Scripture Reading

Luke 2.1-7

Offering/Prayer

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

Offertory *Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming* WB 211



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Meditation
Directed Prayer

Hymn *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* WB 201

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: Norm Sohar, Rollie Kauffman
Marion Beyeler

Scripture Reader: Clete Conrad

Reader: Marion Beyeler Song Leader: Jane Beyeler

Accompanist & Instrumentalists: Anita Fisher, Allison Seymour, Bill Seymour

Today (December 25) Christmas Day

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee

9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour sharing meditation

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

Monday Office Closed

Friday – Saturday Axis Youth Group New Year's Pre-Eve Party

Next Sunday (January 1)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee

9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

Meditation & Sharing (Love Step Prayer)

Communion

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

11:15 p.m. BreakAway Pork & Sauerkraut Fundraiser Meal

Last Sunday (December 18)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$5,457.35

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,452.96

CCS Partnership Plan: \$160.00

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00

Land: \$100.00

Greeters Today Lowell and Louise Bowers, Allison Seymour

Next Sunday John and Barb Shilling, Judy King

Elder Greeter Today Marion Beyeler

Next Sunday Marilyn Kamp

Worship Nursery Today Rollie and Jan Kauffman

Coffee Hospitality Today Allison Seymour

Next Sunday Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

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.

We express sincere sympathies to Bernita Wade and John Kauffman and their extended family in the passing of their sister and aunt, Verna Kauffman on Saturday, December 17th. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Verna's memory.

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.

Next Sunday, January 1st, we will be sharing Communion together as a church body during the worship service. We will not be having Sunday School.

Following the worship service everyone is invited to stay for a BreakAway Pork & Sauerkraut Fundraiser Meal. Funds received will help youth be able to attend Junior Youth Retreat at Camp Luz the weekend of January 13-15.

Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church is invited to join us for the fundraiser meal as well. Several of their youth are attending BreakAway on Wednesday evenings!

From Mennonite Church USA – In this season of Christmas, Mennonite Church USA invites you to remember all those around the world working on behalf of the church for peace and justice to make the light and love of Jesus Christ real for all those seeking hope.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of December 25, 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.
- **Naomi and Jess Engle and their family** – Naomi suffered a setback and is hospitalized at University of Toledo Medical Center. She is currently unresponsive. Please pray for Naomi, Jess and their family.
- **Verna Kauffman** passed away on December 17th. Please remember sister, Bernita Wade and brother, John Kauffman and extended family members in your prayers as they grieve her passing and celebrate her homegoing.
- **John Shilling** as he recovers from hernia surgery.
- **Holly and Joel Mast** – continued prayers for Baby Weston's growth and development.
- **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.
- **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** – On this Christmas Day, pray for Nazareth Village near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. MMN partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.
- **Mennonite Education Agency** – Merry Christmas from all the schools of Mennonite Education Agency. We invite you to join us today in praying for the continued coming of the light of Jesus Christ into our world.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, January 1, 2017

Day One Read Isaiah 63.7-9
What has God done for you in the last year?

Day Two Read Psalm 148
Why do you sing to the Lord today?

Day Three Read Titus 3.4-7
What good is God's goodness?

Day Four Read Hebrews 2.10-18
When is Jesus not afraid to call us brothers and sisters?

Day Five Read Matthew 2.13-23
How is God working here?

“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.