

Copies of *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets for March, April and May are available by the mailboxes. Take one for yourself and one for a friend!

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Happy Birthday to:

Monday

Bill Seymour



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

### Coming Events:

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| March 16    | Open Arms Dinner at Kidron Mennonite Church, 6pm (15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Open Arms Hispanic Ministry) |
| March 23-24 | Missional Conference at Kidron Mennonite Church with Alan and Debra Hirsch – <i>Who Is My Neighbor?</i>        |
| March 24-25 | Ohio Annual Conference Assembly at CCS   |
| March 26    | Guest Speaker, Bishop Amos Muhagachi and Fellowship Meal   |
| April 5     | Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm  |
| April 9     | Palm Sunday  |
| April 11    | WINGS Passion Walk   |
| April 16    | Easter Sunday  |

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

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

February 26, 2017

"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

### Songs

*Because He Lives (Amen)*

*Revelation Song*

*Alive!*

*We light the peace lamp during this song to remember that Jesus is our peace and instructs us to live in peace.*

### Responsive Prayer and Song SJ 144 and SJ 47 (verse 1 only)

### Offering/Prayer

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

### Song

*God of the Bible* SJ 27

### Scripture

Philippians 2.5-8

### Message

Jim and Cindy Fath

### Song

*Strangers No More* WB 322

### Scripture

1 John 4.17-21

### Message

Jim and Cindy Fath

### Sharing and Prayer Announcements

### Love Step Prayer

*Lord, give me time and energy to pay attention when you put me in front of someone so I can 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



Reader: Jen Bixler  
Worship Band: Anita Fisher and Natalie Fisher, Bill Seymour

### Today (February 26)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
*Loving Others Sunday*  
Jim and Cindy Fath speaking  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School  
12:00 noon Carry-In Fellowship Meal  
2:30 p.m. Bible Quizzing

### Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Becoming Children of God (Gideon)*  
(Snack – Sandy M)

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group  
6:00 p.m. BreakAway – *Swimming at*  
*Massillon Recreation Center*

### Thursday

9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship and Service  
6:00 p.m. Meet and Eat at 'Smoke the Burger Joint'  
(206 Beall Avenue, Wooster)

### Next Sunday (March 5) 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching  
Dedication of Hygiene Kits & Comforters  
Message: *First Sundays in James, Part 2*  
*Righteousness*  
Scripture: James 1.19-27  
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

### Last Sunday (February 19)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,284.35      Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79  
CCS Partnership Plan: \$150.00      Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35  
Other: \$101.00

**Greeters Today** Mel and Mim Wenger, Marion and Jane Beyeler

**Next Sunday** Norm and Sandy Sohar, Fae Miller

**Elder Greeter Today** Marilyn Kamp

**Next Sunday** Lidia Zehr

**Worship Nursery Today** Virg & Kathy Troyer  
**Next Sunday** Danae King

**Coffee Hospitality Today** John and Barb Shilling  
**Next Sunday** Stan and Marilyn Kamp

**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.

**The flowers today** are provided by the family of Louise Bowers in celebration of her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday, Louise!

**Loving Others Sunday!** We welcome **Jim and Cindy Fath** as they share with us during the morning worship service and Sunday School hour. All are invited to stay following Sunday School for a carry-in fellowship meal!

**Thank you from Donaldo Lleshi** – I just wanted to send a huge thanks to everybody in the church who contributed in buying and delivering these snacks. It means a lot for me knowing that the people there are still thinking about me. Thanks again!

**Ohio Conference invites you to participate in our upcoming missional event** featuring Alan and Debra Hirsch on March 23-24 at Kidron Mennonite Church. Alan and Debra, renowned speakers on the topic of the missional church, will be leading this two-day conference focusing on the topic of "Who Is My Neighbor?" Young adults are especially encouraged to attend and will receive half off of the registration price. Please visit [ohiomennoniteconference.org](http://ohiomennoniteconference.org) for more information and to register.

**Quinceañera Celebration – 15 years of Open Arms Hispanic Ministry!** You are cordially invited to attend our fifteenth anniversary dinner on Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. at the Kidron Mennonite Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered by a local Mexican Restaurant. Also plan to enjoy a Mariachi Band and Quinceañera Program with Ministry Highlights. A free-will offering will benefit Open Arms. Please RSVP by March 9, 2017. Contact Karen Steiner at 330.682.2892 or [Steinco5@aol.com](mailto:Steinco5@aol.com)

## Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions

Week ending with Sunday, March 5, 2017

Day One Read James 1.1-27

What is the main point in this chapter?

Day Two Read Ephesians 4.22-27

What change is required of us?

Day Three Read Micah 6.6-8

What sacrifice does God want?

Day Four Read Isaiah 1.10-31

This is not spoken to Sodom and Gomorrah but to Jerusalem, whose sin was bad enough to be compared to those prototypical “bad” cities. What is the complaint here against the people? What is the solution?

Day Five Read James 1.19-27

What is true religion? Why?

### “Love Step Prayer”

Pray this daily and as you go through your day, look for how God might be answering...

*Lord, give me time and energy to pay attention when you put me in front of someone so I can 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.*

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**MCC Hygiene Kits:** We have a **fresh supply of kit bags** available on the table in the fellowship hall for you to take and fill with the necessary items (Toothbrush, Bath Soap, Finger Nail Clipper, Hand Towel). Help Mennonite Central Committee meet the needs of refugees affected by the conflicts in Syria and the surrounding region. MCC Connections continues a special push to process and ship as many hygiene kits as possible this spring. You may also help by donating funds to MCC Connections to purchase materials in bulk. Your donations make the difference for those whose lives have been so badly disrupted by these situations.

## Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of February 26, 2017

- **That God would be glorified and that lives would be transformed** in every aspect of Orrville Mennonite Church.
- **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.
- **Elder Council, Pastor and Ministry Team leaders, Grow Groups**
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis.**
- **Axis Youth Discipleship Groups** meeting on Sunday mornings.
- **SWAP Ministry – Pete and Lou Erb**
- **Grace Geiser** – at Brenn-Field Nursing Center
- **Dorothy Miller** – at the Inn at Belden Village
- **Cathy Gable** – at Orrville Pointe
- **Mel and Lois Leidig** – please remember them in your prayers for ongoing health concerns related to their eyesight and lung function.
- **Bill and Allison’s niece, Amy**, who struggles with debilitating depression.
- **Lance Almond**
- **Mike Snyder, Liz’s father** has ongoing breathing and lung issues. Please keep Mike and the family in your prayers.
- **Jen Bixler’s father and mother, Arden and Ruth Troyer** as Arden recovers from gall bladder surgery.
- **Christi Michaels’ uncle, Rick** as he continues chemotherapy treatment. Please keep him and his wife, Gail in your prayers.
- **Family of Karen Gordon** who passed away January 29<sup>th</sup>. Karen holds a special place in Jeff Fisher’s heart. Pray for comfort for her loved ones.
- **Joyce and Larry Gerber’s niece, Kirsten** – continues intensive cancer treatment. Thank you for your continued prayers.
- **Pastor Santos & Ester Reyes**, their daughter, Estercita & baby – Pray that God would provide ways to meet their spiritual, physical & material needs.
- **Lidia Zehr’s sister, Alicia** – severe rheumatoid arthritis.
- **Young adult transitions** – Xan Seymour, Doug Fisher and Donaldo 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.
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children, Seif and Yasmine**
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Praise God for the teaching ministries of Martine Audéoud and Gary Wittig, serving through MMN. This year, Gary taught in a school in Liberia that re-opened after the Ebola epidemic. Pray that he will find a teaching ministry in Ivory Coast, so the family can be together again.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio.** Please pray for the Bluffton Choral Society and University Chorale as they perform Antonio Vivaldi’s “Gloria” during the Masterworks Concert at 2:30 pm today in Bluffton’s Yoder Recital Hall. Give special prayer to the high school students who are competing for large music scholarships during the Performing Scholars Competition portion of this event.
- **Mennonite Church USA** – Pause and prepare your hearts as the season of Lent begins this week. Join with others in the church around the world in creating fertile places for the seed of God’s message to take root.