

Happy Birthday to:

Today

Tim Wenger

Happy Birthday!



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

Coming Events:

- April 5 Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm
 - April 9 Palm Sunday – five churches worshipping together at Crown Hill Mennonite, 10 am – fellowship; 10:30 am – worship
 - April 10-12 Open Space for Prayer at Salem Mennonite, 4 – 8 pm
 - April 11 WINGS Passion Walk, 6 pm
 - April 13 Maundy Thursday Service at Orrville Mennonite with Footwashing, Soup, Communion, 6 pm
 - April 14 Good Friday Service at Martins Mennonite, 7 pm
 - April 16 Easter Morning *Son Rise* Service at Chestnut Ridge, 6:30 am
- At OMC
Breakfast, 8:30 am
Worship Service, 9:45 am (no Sunday School)

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March 19, 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

Prelude *Lenten Prayer* (Brian Glyncannon)

Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy* WB 75 (a cappella)

Unison Reading **James 1.19-21, NLT adapted**

We understand this as brothers and sisters in Christ. We must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires. So we will get rid of all the filth and evil in our lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in our hearts, for it has the power to save our souls.

Hymns *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* WB 565
How Firm A Foundation WB 567

Responsive Prayer SJ 146

Song SJ 47 (a cappella)

Offering/Prayer

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

Offertory *Calvary Covers It All* (old hymn tune) Judy Ferguson

Scripture Matthew 7:13-23

Message *False!* Pastor Bill Seymour

Hymn *Holy Spirit, Truth Divine* WB 508

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

Postlude

Reader: Nancy Hostetler
Song Leader: Jane Beyeler
Organist: Judy Ferguson

Today (March 19) 3rd Sunday in Lent

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 – *Game Night* (Snack – Carol)
7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Meeting at OMC

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Youth Worship/Fellowship Night*
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Joining Axis for Worship/Fellowship*
(Snack – Barb)

Thursday – Friday Missional Conference with Alan & Debra Hirsch at Kidron Mennonite Church

Friday – Saturday Ohio Mennonite Annual Conference Assembly (*Who Is My Neighbor*) at Central Christian School

Next Sunday (March 26) 4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Bishop Amos Joseph Muhagachi speaking
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship
11:05 a.m. Sunday School (adult classes meet together)
12:00 p.m. Carry-In Fellowship Meal

Last Sunday (March 12)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,955.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
CCS Partnership Plan: \$300.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	Land: \$100.00

Greeters Today Martha Miller, Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Next Sunday Diane Hostetler, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Elder Greeter Today Marion Beyeler **Next Sunday** Jen Bixler

Worship Nursery Today Judy King **Next Sunday** Jan Kauffman

Coffee Hospitality Today 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.

Thank you to our church family for your prayers and words of encouragement and your cards in the passing of my Mother and thank you, too, for the gift to the I.W. Royer scholarship fund in memory of Mother.

~ LaVonne and Sherm Amstutz

Ohio Conference invites you to join us on Friday evening, March 24, at Central Christian School for the ACA evening worship service. The speakers will be Alan and Debra Hirsch, well-known leaders in the Missional Church movement. Alan and Debra will be leading the “Who Is My Neighbor?” missional training event immediately prior to ACA. The worship service wraps up the missional conference and kicks off Annual Conference Assembly. You are welcome to attend this event, which begins at 7 p.m., at no charge. There is no need to register to attend the worship service only. Just come and worship with us!

You are welcome to attend the Mennonite Men or Ohio Mennonite

Women’s breakfasts at ACA on Saturday morning at 7 a.m. at the Dutch Kitchen in Dalton. Lyle Troyer will be speaking to the men on the topic “Under Construction,” and Dottie Hathaway’s topic for the women will be “There’s a Hole in My Bucket.” If you wish to attend one of these breakfasts, please call Judy King at [330-857-5421](tel:330-857-5421) no later than Monday, March 20, and be prepared to pay (\$11) at the door.

Next Sunday, March 26th we are privileged to host Bishop Amos Joseph Muhagachi, a student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. He is a recipient of the I.W. Royer Scholarship for 2016-2017 and is a Student Ambassador for the seminary. He will share the message during the worship service and we will also hear more from him during the Sunday School hour. A carry-in fellowship meal is planned as well. Please plan to bring your choice of main dish, salad, side, dessert to share and your own table service.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, March 26, 2017

Day One Read Psalm 23
How is Jesus Shepherd?

Day Two Read John 10.1-5
What does it mean that Jesus' sheep will never follow a stranger?

Day Three Read John 10.6-18
What do you think? What other sheep is Jesus referring to here?

Day Four Read Matthew 25.31-46
What is this a picture of?

Day Five Read James 1.19-27
How is your listening today?

"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.

Volunteer Opportunity – Many times, when persons need transportation to appointments, they have family or neighbors who are ready to provide it. For those with medical related appointments in Wooster, there is a transportation system in place. The elders have noted, though, that there are times when someone needs transportation to an appointment. The elders also are aware of persons willing to provide transportation. As Jan prepares a mailbox directory, we would like to have her include names and phone numbers of persons who could be listed to provide transportation. If you are available and happy to serve in this way, we would like her to include you on the list. Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity and communicating that to Jan.

Sermon Notes for March 19, 2017
Matthew 7.13-23

False!

Matthew 7.13-14

A bit of a squeeze

Bible Work at Home:

Put these passages together
Deuteronomy 30.11-20
Luke 14.25-34
Matthew 7.7-8, 13-14

Matthew 7.15-20

Can we trust everyone who comes, claiming to know something about God and indeed, claiming to know God and teach God's truth?

What is false prophet?

Bible Work at Home:

Look at these passages together to gain an understanding of the fruit of a Child of God
Micah 6.8
Isaiah 1.10-13
James 1.27
Galatians 5.22
Luke 10.15-27
Ephesians 2.8-10

Essentials elsewhere in the Bible:

We will do well to avoid those claiming to know God and teach God's truth who do not hold to these truths.

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| 1. 1 John 4.2-3 | Jesus is God / God's Son |
| 2. Matthew 7.15-20 | Bear fruit (see Galatians 5.22) |
| 3. Exodus 20.3 | Only One God |
| 4. 1 Cor 15.1-5 | The "Gospel" is... |
- Christ died for our sins
He was buried
He was raised on the third day
He appeared after he was raised from the dead

Matthew 7.21-23

Bible Work at home

Compare these two passages

- 1 Corinthians 13
Matthew 7

Matthew 7 Summary

1. Help each other to be faithful -- carefully and lovingly.
2. It is the narrow way, the road less travelled and will feel like swimming upstream at times, but it is the right way, the better way, the way of life. The way of Jesus.
3. Be careful of teachers and prophets who do not bear the fruit of being children of God.
4. Take this narrow way and you will build a solid foundation on the rock of Jesus.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of March 19, 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**
- **Ralph Rheinheimer** – prayers as he recovers from hip replacement surgery. He is scheduled to come home tomorrow.
- **Carol Rheinheimer's brother's grandchild** is hospitalized with a severe case of viral pneumonia. Please pray for healing for this little one.
- **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** - 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.
- **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** – Brian and Noelia Fox work with Anabaptist youth in Burgos, Spain. Pray for them as they discern God's call on their lives and reach out into the community. Also, pray for them as they direct an English-language academy and parent their three daughters.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana.** Pray for high school students who are considering testing their gifts for ministry and developing their leadership skills this summer at AMBS through “!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth.” May their pastors, teachers and other trusted adults provide encouragement and affirmation.