

The Cantate Singers Spring Concert is Sunday, April 9th at 4 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church in Orrville. Ryan Schmidt is a member of this group!

Happy Birthday to:

Today Norm Sohar
Monday Sherm Amstutz



Happy Anniversary to:

Friday Clete and Ruth Conrad

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 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 *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
There is a Redeemer

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.

Song *The Body*

Responsive Prayer SJ 132

Song *Rest*

Offering

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

Song *None But Jesus*

Scripture

Message Bishop Amos Muhagachi

Song *Amen*

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: Doug Zehr
Worship Band: John, Christi and Noah Michaels, Allison and Bill Seymour

Today (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 noon Carry-In Fellowship Meal

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Lent/Introduction to Passion Walk*
(Snack – Bill)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Packing Kits at MCC Connections*
(Snack – Judy K)
6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Video Series “See Through Life”*

Next Sunday (April 2) 5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching
Message: *Sticks & Stones vs Tongue & Pen*
Scripture: James 2:1-13
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday (March 19)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,954.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
CCS Partnership Plan: \$175.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	Land: \$5,100.00
Other: \$100.00	

Greeters Today Diane Hostetler, Virgil and Kathy Troyer

Next Sunday Wilma Eash, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Elder Greeter Today Jen Bixler **Next Sunday** Lidia Zehr

Worship Nursery Today Jan Kauffman **Next Sunday** Kathy Troyer

Coffee Hospitality Today 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.

This morning we welcome Bishop Amos Joseph Muhagachi, a student at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana and Jake and Lillian Elias. Jake is a former AMBS professor and remains connected to the seminary in a variety of ways. Bishop Amos 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. All are welcome to stay for the meal!

Dear OMC, Thank you for the mission grant of \$500.00 to make possible my summer mission trip to Italy and Croatia. I am so blessed to have a church that loves me so much! Thanks again, Doug Fisher

Our Spring Congregational Business Meeting is planned for Wednesday, April 5th, 7 p.m. Please check your mailbox for agenda, minutes of the fall congregational meeting & financials. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

From the Missions Ministry – We dedicated hygiene kits a few weeks ago, but if you have opportunity or see a bargain on some of the items, MCC continues to put out a call for these kits because of the great need that exists. There are still some bags on the table in the fellowship hall.

Vacation Bible School Announcement – Our common Bible School is scheduled for July 16-20 (Sunday - Thursday) for 6:00-8:30 pm at the Orrville Mennonite Church building. Participating are Oak Grove, Salem (Wooster), Orrville, Chestnut Ridge, and Martins Mennonite Churches. We anticipate 100 children and 40 helpers to come together and will use Group's *Factory Fun Maker* curriculum. **We have a significant challenge this year for which we need prayer. Our VBS director role is unfilled**, which is why we are off to a late start. If we are unable to secure a director to work with an excellent team of dedicated people, we will be unable to proceed with plans for Vacation Bible School. We need someone by the beginning of April. We do have two people who are being asked, but there may be others who have been part of VBS before and who would be able and willing. We appreciate your prayers. Any input on this matter can be sent to Bill Seymour omcbill@gmail.com.

Volunteer Opportunity – Many times, persons needing transportation to appointments have family or neighbors who are ready to provide it. The elders have noted, though, that there are still 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, she will include you on the list. Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity and communicating that to Jan.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, April 2, 2017

Day One Read James 2.1-13

Consider ways that you show favoritism. Prepare for a Sunday school lesson this week that will ask each class to think of ways we unintentionally show favor to some and push aside others.

Day Two Read Romans 5.1-8

What happens to our sin, in Christ?

Day Three Read Romans 6.1-11

What is our hope?

Day Four Read Romans 1.28-2.4

The "they" here is humanity. Who has no right to judge harshly? Why? Who has the right? Is this right exercised?

Day Five Read 1 John 1.8-2.2

We usually isolate 1.9, but what is the reason behind the promise in 1.9?

"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.*

According to the United Nations, the world is facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the second world war. More than 20 million people across Yemen, Somalia, South Sudan and northeast Nigeria are facing or are at risk of famine. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is working in the area to provide emergency food assistance and increase its response to the crisis. Because of serious conflicts and concerns for safe, unimpeded access for humanitarian assistance, this process is slow and challenging. To donate to MCC's relief fund, which supports MCC's response to this disaster and others, visit mcc.org/learn/what/relief, call [1-888-563-4676](tel:1-888-563-4676) or send a check to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501-0500.

Everyone is welcome to join us at our 20th annual Maple Syrup Missions Festival Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, April 1, 7:00 – 10:30 a.m., at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. Come, enjoy pancakes made from scratch and topped with syrup made from local maple sap, sausage, specially seasoned and stuffed and more. Your donations at the door will go to support Sonnenberg missions and missionaries. Questions? Call church office at [330/857-8222](tel:330-857-8222).

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of March 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**
- **Martha Miller's friend, Micky Gerber's great-grandson** – 8 months old, hospitalized at Akron Children's Hospital.
- **Ericka Minger** – (friend of Christi Michaels) experiencing health concerns.
- **Former BreakAway youth, Erica's** mother underwent surgery for breast cancer this past week.
- **Diane Hostetler's college friend, Amber** lost her brother in a car accident. Pray for their family as they deal with this tragic loss.
- **Ralph Rheinheimer** – prayers as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- **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** – prayers for ongoing breathing and lung issues.
- **Jen Bixler's father, Arden Troyer** as he continues recovery from 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** – Dustin and Moriah Steiner and their children serve in Uganda. Pray for Dustin as he coordinates projects in the areas of agriculture, woodworking and tent-making, and for the entire family as they work with a local orphanage.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas.** Praise God for the generosity of Bethel College friends and donors, who will be honored with a reception this afternoon, and for the gifts of the Concert Choir as they wrap up their tour with a Home Concert this evening.