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Allison and Bill Seymour

**Today (April 2) 5<sup>th</sup> 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 – Mim)

**Wednesday**

7:00 p.m. Spring Congregational Business Meeting

**Thursday**

9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Women's Fellowship and Service  
(lunch provided)

**Next Sunday (April 9) Palm Sunday**

Five Churches Worshipping Together at Crown Hill Mennonite

10:00 a.m. Fellowship  
10:30 a.m. Worship



**Last Sunday (March 26)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,717.00

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79

CCS Partnership Plan: \$300.00

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

**Greeters Today** Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz, Wilma Eash

**Elder Greeter Today** Lidia Zehr

**Worship Nursery Today** Virg and Kathy Troyer

**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 children of Clete and Ruth Conrad in celebration of Clete's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday today, April 2<sup>nd</sup>! Happy Birthday, Clete!

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

**Thank you for hosting Amos Muhagachi as a guest speaker at Orrville Mennonite Church on March 26!** We are glad to be able to provide international students with an opportunity to share their story with local congregations, and are grateful for your openness to hearing Amos's message. If you would like to support international students like Amos, and allow AMBS to continue to make theological and ministerial education accessible for more leaders and emerging leaders in the broader church, please consider making a contribution to international student aid at AMBS using the following link: <http://www.ambbs.edu/giving/donate>. Thanks in advance for your support!

**The new church 'mailbox' directory is in mailboxes today.** This booklet contains contact information for those who currently have a church mailbox. Jan will continue to maintain and update an electronic directory in the church office that will include contact information for extended family members, etc. Please feel free to call or email the church office to notify her of any changes or additions or if you are looking for contact information for someone not currently listed in the new booklet. You can also request a printed version of the more extensive directory.

**We have added a church mailbox** in the elevator room for Jake and Mary Byler. Their contact information is in the mailbox directory. Also, Bernita Wade is sharing a church mailbox with her brother, John Kauffman.

**It is time to renew our group subscription to The Mennonite magazine.** The Mennonite is a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world. Through Bible studies, feature articles, columns and more, The Mennonite is hosting a robust conversation about what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Christ today. If you are interested in joining our group plan, please contact Jan Kauffman by April 15th. New subscribers can receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$30.

**New dish towels for the SWAP unit in Kentucky!** A basket is provided in the fellowship hall for towel donations! Norm and Sandy will take them along when they visit Pete and Lou later this month! Thanks for your help!

**An opportunity to serve!** You can be a blessing to the WINGS children's ministry by volunteering to participate in the **WINGS Passion Walk** coming up Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. We need actors to serve at the different stations along the Walk. Please let Pastor Bill or the church office know if you would like to participate!

## Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions

Week ending with Sunday, April 9, 2017

Day One Read Psalm 118.1-29

Who is blessed? Why? How does the blessing come?

Day Two Read Isaiah 50.4-9a

What are the qualities of the one who is the subject of this passage?

Who is this?

Day Three Read Psalm 31.9-16

How are you a broken vessel? What has God done to show you God's strength and presence in your brokenness?

Day Four Read Philippians 2.5-11

What qualities ought we to have?

Day Five Read Matthew 21.1-11

Remember that we are worshiping at Crown Hill at 10. 30pm on Palm Sunday – April 9.

After this great entrance into the city with people shouting, "Praise this Son of David," why do people in the city wonder who Jesus is? Who is this Jesus?

### **"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.*

## Sermon Notes for April 2, 2017

*Image of God*

### **James 2.1-13**

1. Do NOT show favoritism.

Compare James 2.1-7 with:

Luke 16.19-31

1 Corinthians 11.17-22

2. We are not called to obey only part of God's commands, but all of commands

Compare James 2.8-13 with:

Luke 10.25-27

Isaiah 1.10-20

Micah 6.8

James 1.27

3. Mercy triumphs judgment

Compare James 2.13 with

Genesis 3.21 (and read context)

Micah 6.8

John 8.2-11

1 Peter 4.8

1 John 1.8-2.2

Romans 2.14

Romans 5.6-8

## On Showing Favoritism....

**Who am I?** This is our Second Gospel Question

In other words, what does it mean to be human? How does my answer instruct me as I connect with people?

ALL of Humanity

1. Created by God Genesis 1-2
2. Loved by God Genesis 1-2
3. And....Bears the image of God Genesis 1.27  
(we missed including this the first time through this question)
4. And is broken by sin. And in need of redemption.  
Genesis 3, John 3.1-8, Romans 1.19-25, Romans 3.21-23

When God puts you in front of someone, do you first see “person made in the image of God” or do you first see “sinner?”

*Genesis 1 comes before Genesis 3* – Debra Hirsch

Take some time to consider how you might show favoritism, especially unknowingly. What can you do to reverse these actions?

## Obedient Practice

Take the time to find the imprint of the image of God on everyone you meet before you take the time to look at their problems.

## Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of April 2, 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.**
- **SWAP Ministry – Pete and Lou Erb**
- **MCUSA Orlando 2017 – “Love is a Verb” and Future Church Summit, July 4-8** - keep this upcoming event in your prayers as planning takes place.
- **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.
- **Amber and family** – (college friend of Diane Hostetler) as they grieve the loss of brother and son in car accident.
- **Erica, BreakAway youth’s mother** as she recovers from cancer surgery.
- **Ralph Rheinheimer** – prayers as he recovers from hip replacement surgery.
- **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.
- **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** – Ministries among refugees are a significant part of Mennonite Mission Network’s engagement in Australia, Turkey, the United States, Southeast Asia, and Western Europe. Pray for peace in the world, safe places for all people, and that mission workers will continue to share Jesus’ love in culturally appropriate ways.
- **Mennonite Church USA** – Please be in prayer for the “Sent” gathering taking place April 6-8 in Fort Myers, Florida. Church planters and others will come together to talk about creating new “Jesus-centered communities” in Mennonite Church USA. Also, pray for Easter Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA as new president, Susan Schultz Huxman is officially inaugurated on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

# Holy Week

## Five Churches Together



### **Palm Sunday**

#### **Crown Hill Mennonite**

Sunday, April 9

10:00am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship

### **Prayer Stations**

#### **Salem Mennonite**

Monday Tuesday, Wednesday

April 10, 11, 12

4:00—8:00 pm



### **Maunder Thursday**

#### **Orrville Mennonite**

Thursday, April 13

6:00 pm

Footwashing, Soup, Communion

### **Good Friday**

#### **Martins Mennonite**

Friday, April 14

7:00 pm



### **Easter Morning**

#### **Chestnut Ridge Mennonite**

Sunday, April 16

6:30 am Son Rise Service

Here at Orrville Mennonite

8:30 Breakfast

9.45 Worship — no Sunday school