

Happy Birthday to:

Friday Larry Gerber
Jan Kauffman

Happy Birthday!



Happy Anniversary to:

Today Dale and Nancy Hostetler
Wednesday Marion and Jane Beyeler

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

Coming Events:

May 4	All Church Game Night at OMC
May 28	Wedding Blessing Potluck for Thomas and Katrina
June 4	Jeff Fisher speaking
	Axis Youth Group Fundraiser Meal & Dessert Auction
June 11	Jeanne Jantzi speaking
June 18	Lidia Zehr speaking
June 22-24	BreakAway Camp Out at Findley State Park
June 24-25	WINGS Retreat at Camp Luz
June 25	Camp Luz Sunday (Salem MC and OMC together)
July 4-8	MCUSA Convention in Orlando, FL
July 10-16	Axis Youth Group SWAP Service Trip
July 16-20	Vacation Bible School – <i>Maker Fun Factory</i> VBS



Orrville Mennonite Church

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April 23, 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 *We Praise Thee, O God* WB 99
Jesus Paid It All

Scripture John 14.1-6

Offering/Prayer

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

Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* WB 366

Responsive Prayers SJ 144
Sung Response *Oh, Lord Have Mercy* SJ 47

Song *Amen*

Scripture John 14.12-14, Matthew 28.18-20
Message *Who are We?* Part 1 of 2 Pastor Bill Seymour

Song *The Body*

Sharing and Prayer Announcements

Benediction

Reader: Megan Sohar
Worship Band



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Today (April 23)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Pastor Bill Seymour preaching
 Moment in Mission – Sherm & LaVonne Amstutz
 10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship
 11:05 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS *Becoming Children of God – Job*
 (Snack – Barb S)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *SWAP Prep Night at OMC*
 6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Bible Study* (Snack – Jan K)

Next Sunday (April 30)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Pastor Bill Seymour preaching
 Message: *Who Are We? Part 2 of 2*
 Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-16
 Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Sunday
 10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship
 11:05 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday (April 16)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,898.25 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
 CCS Partnership Plan: \$ Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

Greeters Today John, Barb and Kara Shilling

Next Sunday Judy King, Doug and Lidia Zehr

Elder Greeter Today Marilyn Kamp

Next Sunday Lidia Zehr

Worship Nursery Today Mim Wenger

Next Sunday Jen and Mark Bixler

Coffee Hospitality Today Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Next Sunday 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.

The Future Church Summit will add a new dimension to this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention, inviting participants to envision an Anabaptist future for the church. You can learn more at <http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/future-church-summit/>

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 Dale and Nancy Hostetler in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary today, April 23rd! Congratulations!

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering Sunday is this coming Sunday, April 30th. This is the second of five Sunday offerings this year that are dedicated to empowering others to do mission on our behalf. There is an envelope in your church mailbox to use for this purpose.

All are invited to Ryan Schmidt's graduation from ATI on Saturday, May 6 at 11 a.m. in the Fisher Auditorium on the OARDC Campus (next to ATI at 1680 Madison Avenue, Wooster) **and to his graduation reception** from 2-4 p.m. on Sunday, May 7 in the OMC church fellowship hall!

Axis Youth Group Egg Roll Fundraiser! The youth group will be making them fresh on Saturday, May 13th. You can either order them fried or unfried. They are \$15.00 per dozen. The funds raised will be going towards our summer service trip with SWAP in Kentucky.

**Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, April 30, 2017**

Day One Read Luke 9.1-6

There did the disciples stay? Why is that significant?

Day Two Read Luke 10.1-24

This is more than the 12 apostles. What did each person bring with them on their journey? Why do you think Jesus told them to go that way?

Day Three Read Mathew 28.18-20

What is the main verb (action word)? How does that fit our fairly common feelings of needing to invite people to church?

Day Four Read Matthew 4.23-5.3

What was Jesus doing and where was he when he began teaching what we know as the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7)?

Day Five Read Matthew 28:20b

Who's in charge?

“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 23, 2017

John 14.12-14, Matthew 28.18-20

Who are We? Part 1 of 2

**Who are we and what are we supposed to be doing?
What does it mean to be “church?”**

Body of Christ

John 14.12

Miracles?

Greater Things?

One Response:

We are the Body of Christ and we are supposed to do greater things than Jesus. This thought is scary, so instead, we set up a fence, protect those inside the fence, and focus on personal purity because we don't want Jesus' body to be dirty.

Is this how Jesus' Lived?

Is this what the Bible really says?

Genesis 12.3b (after end of verse 2 as well)

Micah 6.8

Matthew 22.39-40

James 1.27

Matthew 28.18-20

- Go
- To everyone, saints and sinners
- Make Disciples
- Baptize, teach to obey Jesus

How has Orrville Mennonite and how has the broader church tried to “go and make disciples” in the past?

Who are we and what are we supposed to be doing?

What does it mean to be “church?”

Another Response:

We are the Body of Christ with Jesus at the center. We hold tightly to Jesus and invite all people to walk with us toward Jesus. So we are more than members, we are a collection of people drawn to Jesus, each in a different place along the path...

An Exercise:

We are Orrville Mennonite Church, let’s just say those with mailboxes, to help us stay focused. **We are also** WINGS children, BreakAway kids, and even Axis youth. Some of these children call us their church and we invest energy and time and prayer into their lives.

But there is more...

Identify one or two people with whom you already have a relationship and that you sense that God is up to something in it.

List them here:

If we changed our thinking to include these folks in our hearts as part of who we are together, how might we make decisions differently?

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of April 23, 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**
- **VBS Directors, Christi Michaels and Austin Zuercher** and representatives from participating churches as they meet and plan for Vacation Bible School (July 16-20).
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **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.
- **Prayers for our government leaders** in these uncertain times.
- **Family and Friends of Larry Pauli** as they grieve his sudden passing.
- **Larry and Joyce Gerber** – health concerns for Larry
- **Al and Anna Miller** (Sandy Miller’s parents) – health concerns
- **Ralph Rheinheimer** – recovering 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 & Lois Leidig** – health concerns related to eyesight & 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.
- **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** – Ben and Laurel Woodward Breckbill serve as MMN interns in Belfast alongside peacebuilders at Mediation Northern Ireland (Ben) and WAVE Trauma Centre (Laurel). Pray for them as they learn to share the good news with people who have experienced trauma, and to work together with them for justice.
- **Mennonite Education Agency** – Thank God for the gift of music as the EMU Chamber Singers give their spring concert in Lehman Auditorium this evening. Pray that all those attending would be blessed.