

Coming Events:

- May 21 Pastor Peer Pulpit Swap
Haroldo Nunes preaching at OMC
and Pastor Bill preaching at First Mennonite
Church in Canton
- May 28 Wedding Blessing Potluck for Thomas and Katrina at
Crown Hill MC, 12:00 noon
- June 2-13 Church Office Closed (Jan and Bill on vacation)
June 4 Jeff Fisher speaking
Axis YG Fundraiser Meal & Dessert Auction
- June 11 Jeanne Jantzi speaking
June 18 Lidia Zehr speaking
Moment in Mission – Doug Fisher
- 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 9 MCUSA Delegates Sharing during Potluck Lunch
July 10-16 Axis Youth Group SWAP Service Trip
July 16-20 Vacation Bible School – *Maker Fun Factory VBS*



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May 7, 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 *Sweet Hour of Prayer* (Arr. Gene Clark)

Hymns *Holy, Holy, Holy!* WB 120
There is a Place of Quiet Rest WB 5
Christ, We Do All Adore Thee WB 105 (a cappella)

Scripture 1 Corinthians 13.1-3, 8-13

Responsive Prayer SJ 137, 138, 139

Response *As Tranquil Streams* SJ 51

Offering/Prayer

Offertory *Safely Through Another Week* (Lowell Mason)

Judy Ferguson

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

Scripture James 2.14-26

Message *Faith that works* -- James, Part 4

Hymn *Brothers and Sisters of Mine* WB 142

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

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Organist: Judy Ferguson

Song Leader: Larry Gerber

Today (May 7)

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
2 – 4 p.m. Graduation Reception for Ryan Schmidt at OMC

Monday

6:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Leaders' Meeting at OMC

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Game Night*
7:00 p.m. Discernment Team Meeting

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Egg Roll Making Night!*
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Putt n Stuff* (weather permitting)

Friday (Jan out of office)

Next Sunday (May 14) *Mother's Day*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship and Coffee
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching
Message: *Faith that Works*
Scripture: James 2:14-26
Moment in Mission – Ron Murray (MDS)
10:45 a.m. Sharing, Announcements and Fellowship
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday (April 30)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,533.00 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
CCS Partnership Plan: \$3,195.84 Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Other: \$507.00 (includes subscription payments to The Mennonite)
Axis Youth Group: \$300.00
Compassion Fund: \$200.00
Mennonite Central Committee: \$2,515.84
Mennonite Mission Network: \$440.84
Ohio Conference: \$915.84
I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund: \$75.82
Open Arms Hispanic Ministry: \$335.82

Greeters Today Danae King, Larry and Joyce Gerber

Next Sunday Ken and Rita Wenger, John Kauffman

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

Worship Nursery Today Sandy & Willie Miller **Next Sunday** Judy King

Coffee Hospitality Today Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Next Sunday 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.

All are invited to Ryan Schmidt's graduation reception from 2-4 p.m. this afternoon in the OMC church fellowship hall!

Join Sonnenberg Station, with special guests, Central Christian Singing Comets, at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church this evening at 7:00 p.m. for a delightful evening of music you won't soon forget. A love offering will be taken at intermission.

Summer worship plan for June and July – We will worship together beginning at 10:30 a.m. each Sunday followed by a potluck fellowship meal at 11:45 a.m. Each Sunday, there will be a Summer Fellowship Table Discussion card on the tables during lunch to encourage and guide conversation. We will not have Sunday School during these two months.

There are several exceptions to this plan as follows:

1) Following worship (10:30 a.m.) on Sunday, June 4th the Axis Youth Group will have a fundraiser meal and dessert auction at OMC.

2) On Sunday, June 25th we will be worshipping at Camp Luz along with Salem (Wooster) Mennonite Church and we will have a potluck meal and recreation following worship.

3) On Sunday, July 16th the five churches will be worshipping together at Martins Mennonite Church and the Axis Youth Group will be sharing about their SWAP service trip to Kentucky. No meal is planned for this Sunday.

So that we can share the responsibilities, we are asking for volunteers to sign up to be responsible for the potluck meals. Responsibilities include setting up tables; being in the kitchen as people arrive on Sundays to receive food (warm in ovens, etc); preparing coffee, setting out utensils, dinnerware as necessary; setting out food at serving time; clean-up. There will be a sign up list circulating over the next several Sundays.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, May 14, 2017

Sermon Notes for May 7, 2017

James 2.14-26

Faith That Works, James, Part 4

Day One Read 1 Peter 2.1-10

What does it mean for you to be a living stone?

Day Two Read 1 Corinthians 3.1-9

What kind of food is baby food for discipleship and what kind of food is adult food?

Day Three Read 1 Corinthians 3.10-17

What kind of building are you building?

Day Four Read 1 Corinthians 3.18-23

What does it mean to be a fool for Christ as opposed to wise according to our world's society?

Day Five Read Matthew 7.24-27

Think back on your year so far, what kind of foundation have you been laying for your growth? What changes might you want to make?

“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.

James seeks to reorient our understanding of faithfulness

James seems to be written to a group of people who had overemphasized rules and conformity to doctrine. We can see this in the subject matter used by James when exhorting the people to better faithfulness.

James 2.8-11 – you break one law, you break the whole law.

Compare with 1 Corinthians 13.1-6

And then also:

Isaiah 1.10-20

Micah 6.8

Matthew 22.36-40

James 1.27

Matthew 5-7

1 Corinthians 13.1-6

James 2.14-17

Faith without deeds -- **can such faith save you?**

Hebrews 11

Look at Hebrews 11. In this chapter, many people are praised for their faith. How was it known that they had faith?

By _____ they _____.

The Counter

Deeds without faith or belief – Can such deeds save you?

If you feed all the poor people and never tell them about Jesus or work at making disciples or warning about sin, does this also amount to nothing?

The Caution

Resist falling into either/or thinking.
Avoid putting everything into a “this or that”
Jesus most often puts things as both/and.

Love and Obey
Faith and works
Love God and love neighbor

How is your obedient practice from James 2.1-13 going?

We were asked to work toward seeing people first as created in the image of God before we see them as sinners, and so we were asked to try to identify the imprint of the image of God in every person we see.

What obedient practice is called for in James 2.14-26?

How about an obedient question?

What did I do today to put love in action?

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of May 7, 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.** Specifically pray for wisdom as they discern which applicants they can help this summer. And pray for lodging connections for people working with SWAP projects.
- **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 Christine Barkman** who passed away April 28th following a courageous battle with cancer. Christine was a co-worker of Diane Hostetler's at Buehlers.
- **Doug Fisher** – prayers for him and his choir group from Mt. Vernon as they serve and minister in Croatia and Italy. They left Tuesday, May 2nd for a 17-day trip.
- **Ralph Rheinheimer** – pray for continued good progress in physical therapy
- **Pastor Santos & Ester Reyes – Lidia requested prayer** for Pastor Santos as he deals with serious health concerns. Continue to pray that God would provide ways to meet their spiritual, physical & material needs.
- **Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia** – severe rheumatoid arthritis. Lidia will be traveling to Argentina for several weeks. Pray for Lidia as she ministers to family members and especially to Alicia who has serious health concerns.
- **Larry and Joyce Gerber** – health concerns for Larry
- **Al and Anna Miller** (Sandy Miller's parents) – health concerns
- **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.
- **Joyce and Larry Gerber's niece, Kirsten** – continues intensive cancer treatment.
- **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** – After five years of working with young adults in African Initiated Churches in Botswana, Nathan and Taryn Dirks are preparing to return to Canada. Pray for the leaders who will continue the ministries they helped to initiate – Bible studies, prison visits, and maintaining a community park and sports program.

- **Mennonite Education Agency – Bethel College, North Newton, KS.** Pray for Bethel College instrumentalists and choirs performing the annual Masterworks concert this afternoon, and especially for piano soloist, Karen Bauman Schlabaugh, Bethel music professor, who will retire at the end of the school year.
- **Mennonite Church USA** – Be in prayer for all the graduates of the various Mennonite-related colleges, universities and seminaries who are finishing their academic work this month. Pray that they would be open to God's leading as they follow their call on the next steps of their journeys.