

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering next Sunday, July 30th. An envelope and letter is in your church mailbox today.

Our Compassion Fund needs more funds. Thank you for considering a donation during the summer months.

Happy Birthday to:

Tuesday Nancy Hostetler
Friday Anna Nicoletti
Saturday Judy King

*Happy
Birthday!*

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

Coming Events:

July 31 Community Discipleship Meeting, 7 pm
August 4, 5 Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction
at Wayne County Fairgrounds
August 6 Baptism – Xan Seymour
Potluck Meal
August 13 Neal and Janie Blough speaking
Worship at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday School at 11:00 a.m. (Neal & Janie sharing)
Potluck Meal following

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July 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

Prelude *Whispering Hope* (Alice Hawthorne)

Hymn *God is Here Among Us* WB 16

Responsive Reading WB 716 and 722

Hymn *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* WB 46

Moment in Mission

Offering/Prayer

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

Offertory *No One Understands Like Jesus* (old hymn tune)

Judy Ferguson

Hymn *O God, Your Constant Care* WB 481

Scripture Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Message *What Does It Mean for God to Really Know Us?*

Pastor Bill Seymour

VBS Song *He Knows My Name*

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 *You Shall Go Out With Joy*



Reader: Doug Zehr

Organist: Judy Ferguson

Song Leader: Carol Rheinheimer

Today (July 23)

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

11:45 a.m. Potluck Fellowship Meal (Marion & Jane, Nancy)

2:00 p.m. All-Church Akron Rubber Ducks Outing

Monday

1:00 p.m. Elder Council

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *What Did You Learn at VBS?*

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Bible Study*

Next Sunday (July 30)

10:00 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

Fifth Sunday Mission Offering

Scripture: Psalm 119:129-136

Message: *Law and Relief*

11:45 a.m. Potluck Fellowship Meal (Allison and Xan, LaVonne)

Last Sunday (July 16)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,299.00

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79

Partnership Plan: \$50.00

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00

Land: \$100.00

Greeters Today

Martha Miller, Jane and Marion Beyeler

Next Sunday

Diane Hostetler, Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Elder Greeter Today

Jen Bixler

Next Sunday

Bill Seymour

Worship Nursery Today

Mim Wenger

Next Sunday

Jen and Mark Bixler

OMC Church Family, Thank you so much for the gift you presented to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in memory of my dad, Al Miller. Thanks also for prayers and support over the past few months. ~ Sandy, Willie, Anna, Connie and Children

Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction – Mark your calendar for August 4 & 5! This year's sale will again be held at the Wayne County Fairgrounds in Wooster. Brochures are available by the mailboxes to share with friends.

Relief Sale Parkers needed – Volunteers are needed to help park cars for the Relief Sale at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Please call Bruce or Sherri Steiner at (330) 698-6482 for available time slots. Time slots are Friday, 12-3:30; 3-6:00; 5:30-8 and Saturday, 9-11:30; 11-1:30; 1-3:30. Volunteers should be 16 years or older. Thank you for helping with this ministry.

An opportunity to help! We would like to help Pete and Lou by doing some weeding at trimming (front flower beds) at their home in Mount Eaton. We are suggesting that people go whenever it suits their schedules. If you go and work, please keep Mark Bixler in the loop so that he knows what work has been accomplished, etc. You can go individually or in small groups, morning, afternoon or evening. Feel free to spread the word to others who would like to help!

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions

Week ending with Sunday, July 30, 2017

Day One Read Romans 8.26-39

What are the promises here? How do these affect your life today?

Day Two Read Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

What is the kingdom of heaven like? What does this mean?

Day Three Read Psalm 105.1-11, 45b

What is the song writer thankful for? What about the Lord gives you cause for thanksgiving?

Day Four Read Psalm 128

What makes you happy? How does it line up with how happiness comes in this song?

Day Five Read Psalm 119.129-136

The song writer here is asking for relief from oppression so that he may follow God and that blessing is equivalent to God giving him instructions. How do you feel about this? Are God's rules and wishes a blessing? How?

“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.

Mennonite Church USA – Pray for Anabaptists and other Christian communities around the world as they face a variety of challenges and seek to share the light of Christ with the needs of their local context.

- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Tomorrow, MMN’s Youth Venture participants from Northern Ireland will arrive in Detroit to work with host congregation, Community Christian Fellowship. Pray for them as they do house repairs, prepare meals in a soup kitchen, work at a homeless shelter, and interact with neighborhood children.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Iowa Mennonite School, Kalona, Iowa.** Pray that IMS can find the right candidate to fill our Chemistry and Physics teaching position. Pray for continued growth in enrollment and the continued diversity that walks our hallways.

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End of Summer Worship and Sunday School Schedule

- July 30** 10.30 a.m. – Worship
11:45 a.m. – Carry-in Meal
- August 6** 9:30 a.m. – Baptism of Xan Seymour at Mel and Mim Wenger’s pond
10:30 a.m. – Worship
Weather permitting, we can worship at the pond. Stay tuned. If weather is uncertain, we will go to the church building.
11:45 a.m. – Carry-in Meal at OMC church building
- August 13** 9:45 a.m. – Worship Service (Neal & Janie Blough)
11:00 a.m. – Sunday School (all together with Neal & Janie speaking)
Noon – Carry-in Meal
- August 20** 9:45 a.m. – Worship
11:00 a.m. – Sunday School
SS adults meet together in fellowship hall around tables to look at the MCUSA Convention Future Church Summit materials.
Noon – Possible Corn Roast or Church Bike Ride
- August 27** 9:45 a.m. – Worship
11:00 a.m. – Sunday School
SS adults meet together in fellowship hall around tables to look at the MCUSA Convention Future Church Summit materials.
Noon – Possible Corn Roast or Church Bike Ride
- September 3** 9:45 a.m. – Worship
11:00 a.m. – Fall Sunday School quarter begins
(adults and kids in regular classes)

Sermon Notes for July 23, 2017

Psalm 139

What does it mean for God to really know us?

Psalm 139 Outline

Verses

- 1-5 God, you know me. Everything about me. Every last little detail. Even before I know it or say, you know it.
- 6 You can see and know this thoroughly. I cannot.
- 7-16 God, you can and will go everywhere to be with me.
8b Even when I choose to stay in the depths, in Sheol, the dark place, the valley, hell.
13-16 Even in the place I was formed – where you made me.
- 17-18 You have many thoughts, and they are awesome.
- 19-22 One thing – could you get rid of my enemies? Violently? I really hate them.
- 23-24 Search me and know my heart.
Know my anxieties, my offenses – transform me.

Discussion for Grow Groups or dinner conversations:

Compare

Psalm 139.8b	with	Luke 23.6-49 Romans 5.6-8 1 John 2.1-2
Psalm 139:23-24	with	John 4.1-26 Romans 12.1-3

Where else do you see God going into the depths to rescue someone in the Bible? Where else do you see God knowing and transforming in the Bible? What does this mean for your life? For our lives together as a church?

Consider

How you ask God to deal with the difficult people in your life. Or your enemies, if you are willing to admit you have any. Are you as honest as David? Are you willing for God to transform your attitudes?

How does God's detailed knowledge of you change you?

Can you think of a time when God's came to get you when you choose to be somewhere you weren't supposed to be (in proximity or in action or in attitude)?

Notes about God and you:

Obedient Attitude Practice reminder from James 2.1-13

Before, or even instead of looking for people's sin, take time to first identify the imprint of the image of God in every person you see. And use words.

Obedient Mouth Practice Reminder from James 3.1-12

Wait 5 seconds before saying anything to anyone.

Wait 30 seconds if you are angry.

In the space, pray – "God, make my words faithful."

Bring back stories of how this has helped you honor God.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of July 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.
- **Prayers for our government leaders** in these uncertain times.
- **Elder Council, Pastor and Ministry Team leaders, Grow Groups**
- **Mennonite Church USA Future Church Summit** – please be in prayer for leadership at all levels and all of us as we reflect on and discuss the outcome of the summit.
- **Praise! Thank you for your prayers for Vacation Bible School!** It was a fun-filled week of building up kids' faith in Jesus and building relationships!
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb** – please keep Pete in your prayers as he recovers following a fall. He fractured his hip and needs to stay off his feet for 6 weeks. Pray that the bones will heal together on their own.
- **Lance Almond**
- **Pray for Christi's friend's father and his family.** Chemotherapy is not working in his situation.
- **John and Velma Zook, neighbors of Louise and Lowell Bowers** – John is hospitalized with viral meningitis.
- **Christian Yoder**, is home from the hospital and doing pretty well. Christian is the son of Nancy Hostetler's cousin, Susan.
- **Noah, (6 years old) Judy King's niece's son** diagnosed with Lyme disease. Pray for wisdom for doctors for how to treat him.
- **Anna Miller, Sandy Miller's mother** – please keep Anna in your prayers as she grieves the passing of Al and copes with many changes and transitions in her life.
- **Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia** – Pray for Lidia as she ministers to family members and especially to Alicia who has serious health concerns.
- **Lois Leidig** – please keep her in your prayers for relief from pain and discomfort in her back.
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children, Seif and Yasmine**
- **Larry Gerber** – continued healing.
- **Ralph Rheinheimer** – continued healing.
- **Camp Luz camping ministry!** Pray that children and youth would grow in their relationships with Jesus through the speakers, counselors and activities.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Grace Geiser** – at Brenn-Field Nursing Center
- **Dorothy Miller** – at the Inn at Belden Village
- **Cathy Gable** – at Orrville Pointe
- **Judy Ferguson's son, Bill & daughter-in-law Kate** – health concerns
- **Pastor Santos & Ester Reyes** – Continue to pray that God would provide ways to meet their spiritual, physical & material needs.
- **Bill and Allison's niece, Amy**, who struggles with debilitating depression.
- **Mike Snyder, Liz's father** – prayers for ongoing breathing and lung issues.
- **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.