

Leader: Lord, we ask that you would help us name our part in this country's story of racial oppression and hostility. Whether we have sinned against others by seeing them as inferior, or whether we have been silent in the face of evil. Forgive us of our sin.

Congregation: Oh Lord, only you can make all things new.

Leader: Lord we pray for our enemies. For those who have allowed Satanic powers to work through them. Grant them deliverance through your mighty power.

Congregation: Oh Lord, only you can make all things new.

Leader: Lord, we ask that you would form us to be us peacemakers. May we be people who speak the truth in love as we work for a reconciled world.

Congregation: Oh Lord, only you can make all things new.

Leader: Lord we commit our lives to you, believing that you are working in the world in spite of destructive powers and principalities. Bring healing to those who are hurt, peace to those who are anxious, and love to those who are fearful. We wait for you, O Lord. Make haste to help us.

ALL: Oh Lord, only you can make all things new.

Response Songs *You Are My King*
 Beautiful Things

Scripture James 3.13-18

Message *Wisdom*

Pastor Bill Seymour

Songs *Live Like That*
 Build Your Kingdom

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: Megan Sohar

Worship Band: Anita, Doug, Natalie Fisher, Allison, Xan, Bill Seymour

Today (August 20)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer

11:05 a.m. Sunday School

- Adults meet in fellowship hall around tables to look at MCUSA Future Church Summit materials
- Children meet in their regular classroom area

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group

6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Mudbowl*

Next Sunday (August 27)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Worship Service

Pastor Bill Seymour preaching

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Message: *The Problem with Truth-Tellers*

Affirmation of Ministry Appointments

Sending and Blessing for Ryan Schmidt

10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer

11:05 a.m. Sunday School

- Adults meet in fellowship hall around tables to look at MCUSA Future Church Summit materials
 - Children meet in their regular classroom area
- 6:00 p.m. Bonfire/Corn Roast & Carry-In at Jeff & Anita's

Last Sunday (August 13)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,919.00

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79

Partnership Plan: \$100.00

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

Compassion Fund: \$350.00

Land: \$100.00

Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00

Greeters Today Nancy Hostetler, Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer

Next Sunday Doug and Lidia Zehr, John Kauffman

Elder Greeter Marilyn Kamp **Next Sunday** Jen Bixler

Worship Nursery Judy King **Next Sunday** Danae King

Coffee Hospitality Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer

Next Sunday John and Barb Shilling

Affirmation of Discernment Team Ministry Appointments for 2017-2018 will take place next Sunday, August 27th. Please check your mailbox today for a list of ministry appointments for the coming year.

The Caring Team would like to compile a list of folks who would enjoy connecting with visitors on Sunday mornings and who would invite them out for lunch following worship and Sunday School. If you are interested in serving in this way, please let Jan Kauffman or Judy King know. We will be assigning Sundays to those willing. We hope to have enough volunteers so that we can provide a lunch host for each Sunday throughout the year. For example, if we had about 12 volunteer host families, your turn would happen about once a quarter.

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.

- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons spent July in North America speaking on behalf of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they return to South Africa, working with Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency to achieve 2020 vision: 20 trained conflict mediators in 20 communities by 2020.

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Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, August 27, 2017

Day One Read Psalm 124
What does the Lord help you escape?

Day Two Read Isaiah 51.1-6
From what rock were you hewn? What has shaped your faith over the years?
Who is shaping it now? Are you growing? Why or why not?

Day Three Read Psalm 138
How does God deliver you? From what?

Day Four Read Romans 12.1-8
What does God want from us? How will this happen?

Day Five Read Matthew 16.13-20
What rock did Jesus build his church on?

“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.*

Back to School shopping is underway! Keep your eyes open for deals on items that can go into MCC's School Kits. We will have bags available if you'd like to complete your own, or supplies can be donated and the kits will be assembled at the Material Resource Center in Kidron. Please note the specific items for the kits. The brands in parentheses are recommended by our in-house expert, Lois Leidig, but not required. We will be collecting for several weeks, with an end date sometime in September. Thanks! ~ Missions Ministry
4 - spiral or perforated notebooks, 8.5 x 10.5, 70 sheets
8 - unsharpened pencils (Ticonderoga)
1 - ruler; flat, flexible, 12 inch and 30 cm markings
12 - colored pencils in packaging (Crayola)
1 - large pencil eraser

Sermon Notes for August 20, 2017
James 3.13-18 -- *Wisdom from God*

Wisdom

Read through James 1.1-4.12, then **read James 3.13-18 several times through.**
Read “envy” as “violent response” or “revolt” as the term translated “envy” is used of violent response to oppression --- armed revolt --- and may be directly referring here to the violent uprising in AD 67-73 that led to horrible results for God's people and the enslavement of many Jews.

From James 3.13-18:

What characteristics and results come from wisdom that comes from God?

What characteristics and results come from wisdom that does not come from God?

Peaceful Solutions v. Violent Solutions

1. Words, tone, and body language can be as violent as fists and guns
2. Saying and Doing nothing can also be as violent as fists and guns
3. Peacemaking seeks truth
4. Peacemaking seeks transformation
5. Peace-making models the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5.22 and the imperatives for relationships in 1 Corinthians 13.4-7.
6. Peace-makers do not ignore disagreements and problems. They identify them with ears to listen -- impartially, honestly, and sacrificially.

Consider also:

Luke 23.34

John 8.32

Galatians 5.16-26

1 Corinthians 13.4-7

Obedient Practice from James 3.13-18

When responding to a problem with a person, take time to consider your words, their tone, and your face. Ask yourself what response will convey the truth while honoring the imprint of the image of God in the other person?

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

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of August 20, 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! We welcome back Central Christian School students, Bob and Jim (hosted by Ralph and Carol) and Roc and Dan (hosted by Bill and Allison)!**
- **Ryan Schmidt** – **praise and prayers** for him as he transitions to a new job as a Horticulture Laborer with the Bruce Company in Middleton, Wisconsin in late August/early September.
- **Allison's brother and sister-in-law and family** – prayers for them as they grieve the sudden passing of their daughter, Tamra.
- **Amos Muhagachi** – prayers for his mother and for him as he travels to spend time with her in Tanzania.
- **Wilma Eash** – prayers for recovery following surgery to place heart stents.
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb** – prayers for Pete and Lou as Pete continues recovery following a fall.
- **Kathy Troyer's friend, Sue** – prayers for Sue as she is pregnant and on bedrest due to high blood pressure & pre-eclampsia. Pray for peace of mind, safety for the baby and for Sue.
- **Lance Almond**
- **Pray for Christi's friend's father and his family.** Chemotherapy is not working in his situation.
- **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** – prayers for Anna as she grieves the passing of Al and copes with many changes and transitions in her life.
- **Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia** – prayers for Lidia as she ministers to family members and especially prayers for Alicia who has serious health concerns.
- **Lois Leidig** – 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.
- **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.