

**Thanks for your food pantry donations!** The following items are welcome at any time: non-perishable foods, freezer foods (hot dogs, meats), paper products, and personal hygiene products (shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste). You can drop off your donations in the old kitchen and we will put them on the shelves! Community members continue to be very appreciative of this assistance!



# Orrville Mennonite Church

1305 West Market Street – Phone (330) 682-5801 – Orrville, Ohio 44667

September 3, 2017

## Happy Birthday to:

Tuesday Josiah Bixler  
 Wednesday Noah Michaels  
 Saturday Amos Bixler



*Happy Birthday!*

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

## Coming Events:

September 16 Fundraiser Meal and Sending at OMC for Kara Shilling & Evan Zuercher, 5-7 pm  
 October 1 World Communion Sunday  
 October 1 Europe Pictures and Carry-in Dessert in the Fellowship Hall with Bill and Allison 6:30 pm  
 October 15 Five Church Mission Sunday at Crown Hill Mennonite Speaker is Cesar Flores, Central America MCC Director. A meal will follow the service.

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"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** *Above All*  
*In Christ Alone/No Longer a Slave to Fear*

## Responsive Scripture James 3.13-18 (adapted)

- L: Who is wise and understanding among us?  
**P: Let us show it by our good lives, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom.**  
 L: If we harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in our hearts, do not boast about it and certainly do not deny it.  
**P: This kind of "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.**  
 L: When we are envious and filled with selfish ambition, we fall into disorder and every evil practice.  
**P: Heaven's wisdom is first of all pure.**  
 L: Then it is peace-loving and considerate.  
**P: It is submissive, full of mercy and good fruit.**  
 L: Heaven's wisdom is impartial and sincere.  
**ALL: Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. Let us be peacemakers.**

**Song** *Oh, Lord Have Mercy* SJ 47

## Offering/Prayer

(God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count" Jug)  
**Offering Song** *O God in Heaven* SJ 53

**Scripture** James 4:1-12  
**Message** *World v. God* Pastor Bill Seymour

**Hymn** *Prince of Peace, Control My Will* WB 534

## 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

Worship Band: John, Christi, and Noah Michaels, Anita and Natalie Fisher, Bill Seymour  
Song Leader: Carol Rheinheimer  
Reader: Barb Shilling

### Today (September 3)

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

### Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Pajama Party!* (Snack – Christi)

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group  
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Worship Night* (Snack – Barb)

### Next Sunday (September 10)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Pastor Bill Seymour preaching  
Scripture: Ezekiel 33.7-11 & Romans 13.8-14  
Message: *Love and Warning*  
10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer  
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

### Last Sunday (August 27)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,501.00      Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79  
Partnership Plan: \$275.00      Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

**Greeters Today** John and Barb Shilling, Kara Shilling

**Next Sunday** Danae King, Larry and Joyce Gerber

**Elder Greeter** Bill Seymour      **Next Sunday** Lidia Zehr

**Worship Nursery** Sandy Sohar      **Next Sunday** Marilyn Kamp

**Coffee Hospitality** Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

**Next Sunday** Marion and Jane Beyeler

**Ryan Schmidt's new address:** 1729 N. High Point Road, Apt. #1, Middleton, WI 53562.

**Kara Shilling and Evan Zuercher have been officially accepted into the Vida 220 discipleship training program in Costa Rica** and will be starting their ten-month adventure on October 1st. You are invited to a fundraiser meal and a sending worship/prayer time for their trip on Saturday, September 16th from 5-7 p.m. at Orrville Mennonite Church. The meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. and serving will end around 7:00 p.m. At 7:30 there will be a short time of worship and prayer as a sending for Kara and Evan as they head into this new adventure!

**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

**MCC Connections Thrift Shop, Kidron, Ohio** has opportunities for those who wish to give back through volunteering. We are growing, and the following departments are looking for additional help:

- Presort Department – Greet and assist donors in unloading donations, sorting donations
- Floral Department – Assist in creating wreaths and arrangements. Experience needed.
- Toy Department – Sort and process board games
- Live Plant Department – Assist in general duties of caring for plants
- Cashiers – 4 hour shifts available
- Home Furnishings – Processing furniture, electrical, & miscellaneous items.
- Quilt Room – At-home position cutting squares. In-shop positions needed for laying out comforters, sewing, binding.

Please call, email or stop by for additional information, or to request a volunteer application form. Training provided for all departments. Shifts vary per department. We'd love to have you join the MCC Connections volunteer family! MCC Connections supports Mennonite Central Committee in its world wide service, development and relief work, in the name of Christ. Phone: 330-857-7802. Email: [cindyconnections@zoominternet.net](mailto:cindyconnections@zoominternet.net).

### Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of September 3, 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 all those impacted by Hurricane Harvey.**
- **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.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Duane Amstutz (John Michaels' grandfather)** – serious health concerns.
- **Ryan Schmidt** – prayers for him as he transitions to a new job and home.
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** – prayers for them and their family.
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb** – prayers for Pete and Lou as Pete continues recovery following a fall.
- **Kathy Troyer's friend, Sue** – prayers 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.
- **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.** Yasmine is starting college for a career in pharmacy.
- **Larry Gerber, Ralph Rheinheimer, and Wilma Eash** – continued healing.
- **Grace Geiser (Brenn-Field), Dorothy Miller (Inn at Belden Village), Cathy Gable (Orrville Pointe), and Ida Shoup (at home)**
- **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 has been diagnosed with untreated brain trauma and begins treatments that may give her real relief, at least to be able to read, and perhaps more.
- **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** – Neal and Janie Blough of MMN have committed most of their adult lives to ministry in France. Pray for them as they continue to share the good news of Jesus through lectures, workshops and worshiping with their multicultural congregation, a visible witness to the "healing of the nations."

- **Tanzania in June, 2018!!!** Missions is looking toward an all church field trip to Tanzania in June of 2018 to visit, share, learn, and worship with some Mennonite congregations there. We are thinking that the trip would total 10-14 days, including travel time. If you have even mild interest in such a trip, please see Lidia, Mark, or Bill.

**Hostess sets on table in fellowship hall** are free for the taking. After another week they will be taken to a thrift store. Help yourself!

**Semillas de Paz – Seeds of Peace:** The Story of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary. A documentary film will be shown at Central Christian School – PAC in Kidron on Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7 p.m.

### **Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, September 10, 2017**

Day One Read Psalm 119.33-40

What is the path of God's commandments?

Day Two Read Psalm 149

How will you praise the Lord today? With what actions?

Day Three Read Ezekiel 33.7-11

What is the warning?

Day Four Read Romans 13.8-14

What is the warning here?

Day Five Read Matthew 18.15-20

Consider your internal response to this passage when you read it. Does this passage make you nervous, angry, excited? What? If you want to have extra fun, compare this passage with Romans 13.8-14 and Ezekiel 33.7-11. How does this teaching in Matthew 18.15-20 relate to these two different texts?

### **"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 September 3, 2017

James 4.1-12 -- *World v God*

### World v. God

This is about generalizations of systems, not individuals and is NOT EVER about unbeliever v. believer. See Ephesians 6.12.

Be Different than “the world”

Deuteronomy 18.9-13

Romans 12.2

James 4.4

1 John 2.15-17

Followers of Jesus do not belong to the world

John 15.19

John 17.14-16

John 18.36

2 Corinthians 4.4

Philippians 3.20

1 John 4.5

Keep in mind that James is written to established Christians, not beginners. The church James writes to is very similar to established, denominational/ethnic churches today.

### What are the characteristics of the world in view in James 4.1-12?

We can get some help from 1 John 2.15-17

*I want one!*

*I want you, cause you are ... hot!*

*I want to do things that feel goood!*

*I judge you!*

*I'm gonna hurt you!*

*I want my way!*

**In what ways are we trying to live differently this the general system of our society?** Ultimately, this is about *Who's in Charge?*

## Instead of a BAT, God wields FORGIVENESS!!!!

James 4.8-10

1 John 1.9-10

1 John 2.1-2, 12

### Repent!

1. The world's patterns lead to violence. God's patterns lead to peace.  
James 3.13-4.12
2. The turn happens when we surrender our desire to be in charge and give this over to God.
  - a. This was Cain's failure. Genesis 4.1-8
3. Move from selfishness to selflessness, which happens by submitting to God and fleeing the devil. James 4.7

### What is the obedient practice you need to follow as you submit to the teaching of James 4.1-12?

#### 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 faithful.”