

A new short documentary film, Semillas de Paz: Seeds of Peace, the Story of SEMILLA Latin American Anabaptist Seminary, will premiere, **September 23, 7:00PM at Central Christian, Kidron and September 24, 7:00PM at The Star, Dutch Valley, Sugarcreek.** The film is an amazing account of the impact of the Gospel from an Anabaptist perspective. You won't want to miss this story of teaching peace, reconciliation and community in the context of poverty, violence and oppression. Admission is free. For more information, contact Marlin Yoder, 740-502-2442, mskingyoder@gmail.com, or Steve Steiner, 330-749-9965, ssteiner54@gmail.com



Orrville Mennonite Church

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September 10, 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.

Happy Birthday to:

Saturday Alexander Seymour

Happy Birthday!

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

Coming Events:

- 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 14, 16, 17 Relief Meat Canning, 4:55 am – 9 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.

Welcome

Songs *In the Morning When I Rise* SJ 45
O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God SJ 46

Scripture Reading Psalm 119.33-40 (adapted)

Leader: God, teach us your lessons for living

People: So we can stay the course.

L: Give us insight

P: So we may do what you tell us for our whole lives with our whole hearts.

L: Guide us down the road of your commandments;

P: For we love to journey with you!

L: Give us eagerness to receive your words of wisdom,

P: And take away our love of money and possessions.

L: Divert our eyes from toys and trinkets,

P: And give us life through your Word.

L: Affirm your promises;

P: Promises made to all who submit to you.

L: Help us let go of our sin,

P: And to live according to your ways.

**All: We long to obey your will and your teaching!
Renew our lives with your goodness.**

Offering/Prayer

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

Offering Song *O God in Heaven* SJ 53

Hymn When We Walk with the Lord WB 544

Scripture Ezekiel 33.7-11, Romans 13.8-14

Message *Warnings and Love* Pastor Bill Seymour

Hymn *Be Thou My Vision* WB 545

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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

Pianist: Anita Fisher Song Leader: Jane Beyeler
Readers: Jen and Mark Bixler

Today (September 10)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
11:05 a.m. Sunday School

Monday

7:00 p.m. Spanish Class at Salem MC

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Who Do We Have Faith In?*
(Snack – Amstutz)

Wednesday

1:00 p.m. Elder Council
6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Bible Study* (Snack – Beyeler)

Thursday – Saturday Pastor Bill attending *Believers' Church Conference* in Goshen

Saturday

5 – 7 pm *Vida 220* Fundraiser Meal for Kara Shilling
and Evan Zuercher at OMC (with sending following)

Next Sunday (September 17)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Terry Shue speaking
10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
11:05 a.m. Sunday School
5:00 p.m. CCS Corporation Meeting

Last Sunday (September 3)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$5,049.00
Partnership Plan: \$200.00
Other: 1,109.89

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Compassion Fund: \$250.00

Greeters Today Danae King, Larry and Joyce Gerber

Next Sunday Ken and Rita Wenger, Rollie and Jan Kauffman

Elder Greeter Lidia Zehr

Next Sunday Marion Beyeler

Worship Nursery Marilyn Kamp **Next Sunday** Jan Kauffman

Coffee Hospitality Marion and Jane Beyeler

Next Sunday Allison Seymour

We express sincere sympathies to Marion & Jane Beyeler in the passing of Marion's brother, Lowell Beyeler. A contribution has been made to the I. W. Royer Scholarship Fund in his memory.

Update & Thank You from Ryan Schmidt: *I got to Middleton, Wisconsin safely on Saturday, September 2 and started my new job as Horticulture Laborer Tuesday, September 5. All is going well for me so far! I also wanted to take this time for everyone that came out to help me pack my truck on Friday, September 1! It was all greatly appreciated! Don't be a stranger and if you are ever in Wisconsin, please stop and see me! I hope to make it to Wayne County occasionally as well! Take Care and God Bless you all!*

Ryan'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 this coming 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!

MCC School Kits. We 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

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.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions

Week ending with Sunday, September 17, 2017

Day One Read 1 Corinthians 1.18-24

What is the message of the Cross?

Day Two Read John 3.13-18

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Day Three Read Psalm 103.1-13

What is God's mercy like?

Day Four Read Romans 14.1-12

What are the pictures of those strong in faith and those weak in faith?

Day Five Read Matthew 18.21-35

Why forgive?

"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.*

Central Christian School Announcements:

- Prelude and Dessert Concert, Friday, October 13th, 7 pm in the PAC. This concert will be live-streamed for family and friends who are unable to attend. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.
- Community Service Day (CSD), Friday, October 20th – Over 250 students and staff will serve in more than 20 nonprofit locations as a reminder of our calling to serve one another in love. Students will begin calling to secure sponsors for their service on October 2. If you would like to sponsor a student for their service and support Central's ministry, please send contributions to Central marked CSD 2017 or visit www.ccscomets.org/GiveToCentral to make a donation. Donations are due by November 3. Thank you for your generous support of our student service fundraiser.

South Asia Flooding: MCC is providing relief assistance in Nepal, India and Bangladesh after two weeks of severe monsoon rains displaced more than 1.7 million people and killed 1,246 in the region. We are working with partners to provide emergency food, water, tarps, mosquito nets and hygiene kits to those affected. MCC welcomes your support for our relief work in the area. More information at mcc.org/south-asia-flood-relief.

Sermon Notes for September 10, 2017

Ezekiel 33.7-11

Romans 13.8-14

Warnings and Love

The \$64,000 Question:

How do we convince Christian people to stop sinning and to be faithful?

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| 1. Gossip | <i>Can you believe what that guy is doing?</i> |
| 2. Accusations | <i>I can't believe you call yourself a Christian!</i> |
| 3. Warning | <i>Stop, or else!!!!</i> |
| 4. Plea | <i>Come on, can't you see?</i> |
| 5. Apathy | <i>To each his/her own...</i> |
| 6. Bat of Righteousness | <i>You can't be a part of us until you change.</i> |
| 7. Yoke of Love | <i>Let's help each other to grow closer to Christ</i> |

The Warning of Ezekiel 33.7-11

The Plea in Romans 13.8-14

The Challenge of the Bible:

We forget that Jesus is the Word of God and we read the Bible as if every single verse is a command for today and when two pieces disagree, we side with whichever one we want. We need to look at the Bible which is God's written word, through Jesus, who is God's final and living Word.

Two Examples:

Leviticus 24.19-20 v. Matthew 5.38-42

Matthew 5.43-44 v. Deuteronomy 23.6

So, is the Bible authoritative?

Yes, when read through Jesus. It is not proper to compare Moses and Jesus and to side with Moses when they disagree. See Matthew 5.17, Luke 4.17-21, John 5.16-47, Hebrews 1-3, 10.10.

How do we deal with the differences in Ezekiel and Romans?

1. Where do the two passages agree?
2. What does Jesus say?
3. Understand it through Jesus.

Agreement: Ezekiel 33.10 and Romans 13.11-12

Sin drags you down and saps your ability to live for God. Stop it.

Jesus: John 3.16-18

Condemnation or Salvation is not about sinful actions, but about relationship with Jesus.

Implication:

We don't need to think about sin in terms of whether or not we are in or out with God. That's the Bat of Righteousness.

We need to think about sin in terms of how it drains us, makes us ineffective for the Lord, puts us to sleep so that we miss what God is up to around us. This is the message of Romans 13.8-14, drawing on Ezekiel 33.7-11, both read through the lens of Jesus in John 3.16-18.

Does that render Ezekiel mute?

Not at all. Ezekiel's enduring message in this passage is that sinful behavior is a waste of the lives God gives us. That's an important message.

What is the Yoke of Love?

Bible Reading Practice from Today's Lesson

Whenever we read something in the Bible, before locking it in as a command for today, look at Jesus to see what Jesus says about it, and how Jesus lived it.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of September 10, 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 Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.**
- **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**
- **Marion Beyeler's brother, Lowell Beyeler** passed away Thursday evening. Please keep the family in your prayers.
- **Ida Shoup** – is at Brenn-Field for a while following some falls in her home.
- **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**
- **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 Yassmine.** Yassmine 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 Brenn-Field)**
- **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** – MMN requests prayer for Mennonite Church Nigeria's youth who will begin gathering Wednesday for their five-day national camp. Pray for Psalmist Ekpedeme Jackson, their president, as he leads the young people in worship, Bible study, training in peacebuilding and reconciliation, and in business development principles.