

**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.

Happy Birthday to:

Friday Mary Byler  
Barb Shilling

*Happy Birthday!*



Happy Anniversary to:

Today Pete and Louisa Erb

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

**Coming Events:**

- October 22 Grow Group Encouragement/Hymn Sing & Pot Luck
- October 26 Ohio Conference Cluster Meeting  
at Salem (Kidron) MC, 7 pm
- October 29 Fifth Sunday Mission Offering
- November 1 Fall Congregational Meeting, 7 pm
- November 2 Meet & Eat at East of Chicago Pizza, 6 pm
- November 3 Open Arms *Songs & Salsa* at Sonnenberg Village, 6 pm
- November 10-12 Pastor Spouse Retreat (Bill & Allison attending)  
(Lidia Zehr speaking here on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>)

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# Orrville Mennonite Church

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**October 8, 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** *The Harbor Bell* (Stewart Landon)

**Hymns** *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* WB 110  
*Sweet Hour of Prayer* WB 11

**Responsive Reading** SJ 134

**Offering/Prayer**

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

**Offertory** *Andante Grazioso* (Wolfgang Mozart) Judy Ferguson

**Hymn** *Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me* WB 507

**Scripture** James 4:13 – 5:6

**Message** *Have it Now or Have it Later?* Pastor Bill Seymour

**Hymns of Response** *Be Thou My Vision* WB 545  
*Guide My Feet* WB 546 (a cappella)

**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**

Organist: Judy Ferguson  
Reader: Nancy Hostetler

Song Leader: Jane Beyeler

**Today (October 8)**

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

**Monday**

7:00 p.m. Spanish Class at Salem Mennonite Church

**Tuesday**

3 – 6 p.m. WINGS After School Program in Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Current Person of Faith* (Snack – Sandy M)

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group  
 6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Bible Study* (Snack – Shillings)

**Thursday**

3 – 6 p.m. WINGS After School Program in Fellowship Hall

**Saturday**

4:55 a.m. – 9 p.m. MCC Relief Canning in Kidron

**Next Sunday (October 15) Five Church Mission Sunday**  
 at Martins Mennonite Church

10:00 a.m. Fellowship  
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
           Special Speaker: Cesar Flores  
 12:00 noon Lunch (provided by Open Arms – a free will  
           offering will be received for the meal)

**Last Sunday (October 1)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$6,040.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$525.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Disaster Service: \$100.00	Other: \$59.64

**Greeters Today** Diane Hostetler, Mel and Mim Wenger  
**Elder Greeter Today** Bill Seymour

**Worship Nursery Today** Mim Wenger

**Coffee Hospitality Today** John and Barb Shilling

**Partnership Plan Update.** We have made a big dent in the Partnership Plan deficit over the past year. We still have a total of approximately \$20,000 due by next summer (2018). Most of the pledges made earlier have been paid. Thank you for the continuing support! ~ Marion Beyeler

**Ministry Spending Plan Update.** Thank you, thus far, for supporting the MSP with your financial contributions this year. We have set a new record. For the first time in years we have received enough income to cover the expenses AND if we would have spent the MSP approved budget amount for YTD! So, thank you for helping us get back on track. We also know that the remaining months of the year tend to be slower giving months so we would appreciate your continued giving to keep us at this level through Dec. 2017.

**Five Church Mission Sunday,** Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at Martins Mennonite Church. Fellowship will begin at 10 a.m. followed by Worship at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided by Open Arms and a free will offering will be received for the lunch with the proceeds going to Open Arms Hispanic Ministries. Cesar Flores, the MCC Co-AD for Central America and Haiti, will present the message for the morning, focusing on immigration.

**Five Church Mission Sunday Help Needed –** Bill is looking for 3 people from OMC to join him on one of two dish washing teams after the meal on October 15<sup>th</sup> so we can avoid using plastic, paper, or Styrofoam plates and flatware. Shawn Hilliard and Martins Mennonite Church are providing one team as well.

**Also for Five Church Mission Sunday!** We need 3 or 4 volunteers to bring a dessert to lighten the load of Open Arms folks as they prepare our lunch on October 15<sup>th</sup>. See Bill to sign up. Thanks!

**MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering:** As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 15, at Millersburg Mennonite Church, 288 E Jackson St., in Millersburg. Special guest speaker will be Cesar Flores, current MCC Area Director for Central America and Haiti. Please RSVP at 574-312-0330 or to jsteiner@mcc.org.

**GROW GROUP Emphasis and HYMN SING Sunday!!!!** On Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a hymn/song sing during worship. We'll try out some songs being considered for the new Mennonite hymnal (coming in 2020) and sing some others as well. We'll also be updated and encouraged in our Grow Group experiences!

**MCC Relief Canning is coming up!** Canning dates/times are Saturday, October 14, Monday and Tuesday, October 16, 17, 4:55 am to 9 pm daily at the Gerber Building in Kidron. There are some brochures by the mailboxes. If you would like to contribute financially, you can mail your contribution to Doug Winkler, Treasurer, MCC Relief Canning, Inc., Kidron, 414 Overlook Circle, Dalton, OH 44618.

**Bill and Allison will be hosting a Five Church Marriage Retreat.** You may pick one of two weekends in February (9-11 or 16-18). Ohio Conference has a given us a grant to offset some of the cost, so each couple only needs to pay \$250 for the weekend, everything included. Information is in your mailboxes. Reservations need to be made by November 1st.

**Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions**  
**Week ending with Sunday, October 15, 2017**

- Day One Read Joshua 24.1-3, 14-25  
Why does Joshua chide the people? Are they able to follow the Lord? How about you? Does God forgive sin?
- Day Two Read Psalm 78.1-7  
How do you pass your faith to the next generation?
- Day Three Read Matthew 25.1-13  
What does it mean to keep watch?
- Day Four Read 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18  
What is our hope?
- Day Five Read Deuteronomy 10.12-22  
Who are the strangers?

**“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 October 8, 2017**

James 4.13-5.6

*On Making Plans and Being Rich*

**OVERVIEW**

**James 2.1 through James 5.6**

When we follow the patterns of the world, it leads to violence

**These are the patterns of the world:**

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| James 2.1-7   | Showing favoritism, particularly to the wealthy  |
| James 2.8-13  | Thinking that the personal action parts of God’s instructions are enough to follow and the social action parts of God’s will are optional. |
| James 2.14—25 | Thinking that believing the right things is enough   |
| James 3.1-12  | Patterns of speech   |
| James 3.14    | Bitter envy and selfish ambition   |
| James 4.1-2   | The quarrels and fights that come from coveting  |
| James 4.4     | Following the patterns of (being a friend of) the world  |
| James 4.13-17 | Arrogant schemes so we get what we want  |
| James 5.5     | Self-indulgence  |
| James 5.1-6   | Getting wealthy by exploiting others, not paying workers a fair wage, stepping over others to get what we want.                            |

**The First Part of the Solution to our problem of worldliness:**

**REPENT!!!**

**James 3.17-18**

Thinking and acting according to God’s instruction lead to peace.

**James 4.7**

Submit to God and flee from the devil (who authors all the above patterns)

**James 4.8-10**

God waits not with a BAT, but FORGIVENESS!!!!

## Today's Passage:

On Making Plans and Being Rich

James 4.13-5.6

## Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of October 8, 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 the mass shooting in Las Vegas.**
- **Prayers for all those impacted by recent natural disasters.**
- **Prayers for our government leaders** in these uncertain times.
- **Elder Council, Pastor and Ministry Team leaders, Grow Groups**
- **Mennonite Church USA Future Church Summit** – prayers for leadership at all levels & all of us as we reflect on & discuss the outcome of the summit.
- **Grace Geiser** (Brenn-Field), **Dorothy Miller** (Inn at Belden Village), **Cathy Gable** (Orrville Pointe), and **Ida Shoup** (at Brenn-Field)
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Christi's neighbor boy, DJ** – he and his family moved to Canton
- **Kara Shilling and Evan Zuercher** as they study at Vida220 Discipleship School in Costa Rica.
- **Lowell Bowers** – is at Shady Lawn for rehab following his knee injury.
- **Duane Amstutz (John Michaels' grandfather)** – serious health concerns.
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** – prayers for them and their family.
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb**
- **Lance Almond**
- **Anna Miller, Sandy Miller's mother** – continued prayers for Anna as she adjusts to life transitions
- **Lidia Zehr's sister, Alicia** – prayers for Lidia as she ministers to family members and especially prayers for Alicia who has serious health concerns.
- **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.
- **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** – Tomorrow is Indigenous Peoples Day. MMN confesses the complicity many in our church have had in land theft and oppression. Pray for repentance, restitution, and for the many mission workers who support marginalized people groups to reclaim their land, their language, and their dignity.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Mennonite Early Child Network.** Today is Clergy Appreciation Day. Pray that pastors the world over, will interpret Christ's love to young children through enriching healthy family relationships, supporting high quality education and care for all children, protecting them from exploitation, violence and discrimination, thus promoting peace.

## The Second Part of the Solution to our problem of worldliness:

**James 5.7-20** (Come back November 5 and December 3 for teaching from this passage and a wrap-up of James)

## Obedient Practices, so far, from James

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 to tell them what you notice.

James 3.1-18

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