

Sonnenberg Station Concerts

Sunday, November 5th at Faith Lutheran in Millersburg
Wednesday, November 8th at Wadsworth Trinity UCC
Friday, November 17th at St. Peter's UCC in Apple Creek
Saturday, November 18th at Trinity United Methodist in Orrville
Sunday, November 19th at St. Timothy's Episcopalian in Massillon

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:

Thursday Virgil Troyer
Saturday Mariah Michaels



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

Coming Events:

November 19 Esther Muhagachi preaching
Combined Adult SS Classes with Amos & Esther
Potluck Meal
December 3 First Sunday in Advent
December 5 WINGS Family Christmas Party
December 10 Central Christian School Varsity Singers

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November 5, 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.

Prelude *Jesus, I Come* (Arr. Lani Smith)

Welcome and Centering

Hymns *Come, We That Love the Lord* WB 14
O Worship the King WB 66

Scripture Reading James 4:1, 6b, 7, 8 and 10

Responsive Reading
WB 741 (reader)
WB 746 (reader)
WB 743 (all)
The Lord's Prayer (all)

Sending for Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz (Haggai Institute)

Offering/Prayer

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

Offertory *Jesus Priceless Treasure* (hymn tune)

Judy Ferguson

Listening

Hymns *My Life Flows On* WB 580
He Leadeth Me WB 599

Message *The Turtle Song* Pastor Bill Seymour

Scripture James 5:7-12

Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Going

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.*

Hymn *Take Thou My Hand, O Father* WB 581

Postlude

Organist: Judy Ferguson

Readers: Virgil and Kathy Troyer Song Leader: Jane Beyeler

Today (November 5)

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Pastor Bill Seymour preaching
- 10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. *Songs and Salsa* at Sonnenberg Village

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Friday – Sunday

Pastor Spouse Retreat at Mohican State Park Lodge
 Bill and Allison attending

Youth Retreat at Camp Luz – Axis Youth Group attending

Next Sunday (November 12)

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Lidia Zehr preaching
- 10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday (October 29) Fifth Sunday

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,675.00

Partnership Plan: \$1,879.00

Compassion Fund: \$50.00

Mennonite Central Committee: \$800.00

Mennonite Mission Network: \$1,250.00

Ohio Conference: \$325.00

I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund: \$55.00

Open Arms Hispanic Ministries: \$340.00

BreakAway: \$810.00

Land: \$100.00

Other (MennoMedia and Mennonite Disaster Service): \$100.00

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

Greeters Today Judy King, Willie and Sandy Miller

Next Sunday Louise Bowers, Nancy Hostetler

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

Worship Nursery Today Willie and Sandy Miller

Next Sunday Judy King

Coffee Hospitality Today Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Next Sunday Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer

Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz will be leaving November 7th for a 3-month service assignment with Haggai Institute in Maui, Hawaii. See the *In Touch* for more information and for a mailing address for them while they are away!

You're invited to *Songs and Salsa* this evening at the Old Church at Sonnenberg Village beginning at 6 p.m. Opening with Salem Music Team followed by John Schmid. Tortilla chips served with a variety of flavorful Salsas and Dips! A free will offering with benefit Open Arms Hispanic Ministries.

The Annual Meeting of the Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale is planned for Sunday, November 12th at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Kidron Mennonite Church fellowship hall at 3987 Kidron Road, Kidron. Refreshments will be served. We are grateful to God for a great sale, and we need your input to keep it successful. Come help us evaluate the 2017 sale and give us ideas for future sales.

The Annual Meeting for the East Ohio/Northwest Pennsylvania Mennonite Disaster Service Unit will be held Saturday, November 18th at Martins Mennonite Church, 14027 Church Road, Orrville. Registration begins at 3 pm and at 3:30 pm there will be tour of Venture Products Plant. A catered supper of Subway sandwiches will follow at the church (by donation). Additional registration and fellowship time will follow supper and the official meeting will begin at 7 pm.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, November 12, 2017

- Day One Read Psalm 78.1-7
When you were a child, who told you a wonderful deed of God that helped you draw close to God?
- Day Two Read Amos 5.18-24
Gloom and dark leading to justice flowing? What is that all about, referring to the day Jesus comes back?
- Day Three Read Psalm 70
From what has God delivered you? From what are you resisting God's deliverance?
- Day Four Read 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18
What is the hope of this passage?
- Day Five Read Matthew 25.1-13
What does being prepared mean with regards to Jesus coming back? How does this relate to having enough oil?

“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.

The Cantate Singers will be in concert on Sunday, November 19th, 5 p.m. at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church, 14367 Hackett Road, Dalton. *Make Our Garden Grow – Planting Seeds of Faith, Hope and Love* will feature works by John Rutter, Johannes Brahms, Leonard Bernstein and Alice Parker. Laurel Labbe, music director and Ken Shafer, accompanist. Jane Beyeler is a member of this group.

Announcement: Central Christian School has 2 job openings, a Software Specialist and a Spring Musical Director. Job Descriptions and the Employee Application can be found on the CCS website, www.ccscomets.org. Applications will be accepted until November 8.

SHORT OUTLINE of JAMES

A Letter to an Established Group of Christ-Followers Living in Unfriendly Places

1. Christ-Like Living in a Nutshell

- a. *Look after the least of these and don't fall into the traps of the world.*
 - i. **James 1, particularly James 1.27**
 - ii. See also Matthew 22.34-40, Proverbs, the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), and the Beatitudes particularly (Matthew 5.3-11)

2. The Challenges to Christ-Like Living

- a. *When we follow the patterns of the world, it leads to violence of all kinds.*
 - i. **James 2.1 through James 5.6**
 - ii. See also Galatians 5.19-23

3. Repent!

- a. *Submit to God. Flee from the Devil.*
 - i. **James 4.1-10**
 - ii. See also Isaiah 55.1-5, Romans 3.21-23, Ephesians 2.8-10, 1 John 1.5-2.2

4. The Patterns of Christ-Like Living

- a. *Peace, Community, and Discipleship*
 - i. **James 3.17-18**
 - ii. **James 5.7-20**
 - iii. (See also James 1.2-8, 3.13, 4.7-10, *The Lord's Prayer* (Matthew 6.9-15, Luke 11.2-4), 1 Corinthians 13.4-7, Galatians 5.13-6.5)

5. The Objection

- a. *Jesus and salvation through Christ are not mentioned in James, so isn't this just about legalism?*
 - i. Jesus is mentioned in James. James 5.7-8 gives the Lord's coming (that's Jesus) as a primary motivator to be faithful – by being patient about selfish desires and with each other as we seek to follow God's patterns.
 - ii. Salvation through Christ is assumed in this letter because it is written to followers of Jesus.

James 5.7-12

The Current State of the World is Temporary, Therefore:

1. Hang in there
2. Remain faithful
3. Be kind and patient with each other (see also Matthew 7.1-5)
4. Remember and trust in the Lord's compassion and mercy
5. Put away the drama. Just say what you mean

Some Obedient Practices 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 5.7-12

Don't pass along your suffering to others (no grumpiness)

James 5.-12

Say what you mean, with mercy, humility, and patience

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of November 5, 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** – 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**
- **Kara Shilling and Evan Zuercher** as they study at Vida220 Discipleship School in Costa Rica.
- **Mim Wenger's cousin's (Chet) wife, Kellie Slabaugh** was recently diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer. She has had 2 surgeries to remove as much of the tumor as possible and she will soon be starting treatments.
- **Mim's cousin, Rose Emick** was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Jeff Fisher** – continued healing for cellulitis
- **Lance Almond** as he seeks medical care for a heart issue.
- **Mary & Jake Byler**, adjusting to move to Wooster to be closer to family.
- **Taryn (Diane Hostetler's classmate) and her baby**, born 3 months early
- **Christi's neighbor boy, DJ** – he and his family moved to Canton
- **Lowell Bowers** is at Shady Lawn for rehab following his knee injury.
- **Duane Amstutz (John Michaels' grandfather)** – serious health concerns.
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** and their family.
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb**
- **Anna Miller, Sandy Miller's mother** 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** – Eric and Kelly Frey Martin of MMN visit Mennonite churches and youth groups in Colombia. Pray for safe travels, good listening skills, and discernment as they facilitate the national committee's decision-making process.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN** Pray for families and students in the Goshen, IN area as they consider the possibility of Christian education and take the opportunity to visit the school.