

Invitation from Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church – “Anticipating Christ in Christmas”, Sunday, December 17th, 6:30 p.m. Chestnut Ridge invites you to a special musical sing-a-long journey led by Pastor Kevin Himes from Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas season. Bring a salty snack or cookies to share during the fellowship time after the service.

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 interest in such a trip, please see Lidia, Mark, or Bill.

Happy Anniversary to:

Friday Norm and Sandy Sohar



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

Coming Events:

- December 3 First Sunday in Advent
- December 4 Community Discipleship Meeting, 7 pm
- December 5 WINGS Family Christmas Party
- December 10 Central Christian School Varsity Singers
- December 24 Christmas Eve ServiceP

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November 19, 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 and Centering

*There is a Redeemer
 Love Divine*

Responsive Reading SJ 146

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

Above All

Listening

10,000 Reasons

Message *Call to the Ministry* Esther Muhagach
 Scripture Ephesians 4:8-12

Lord, You Give the Great Commission SJ 63

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.*

Benediction

Reader: Megan Sohar
 Worship Band: Anita Fisher, Bill Seymour, Christi Michaels, Allison Seymour

Today (November 19)

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Esther Muhagachi preaching
 10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
 Adult SS Classes meet in Sanctuary
 12:00 p.m. Carry-In Meal

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 – *All About Turkey*

Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Bible Trivia Night*

Thursday – Friday

Office Closed for Thanksgiving holiday

Next Sunday (November 26)

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
 Bill Seymour preaching
 Message: *Healing, Confessing & Restoring*
 Scripture: James 5:13-20
 10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Last Sunday (November 12)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,649.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	
Compassion Fund: \$100.00	
Land: \$100.00	

Greeters Today Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer, John Kauffman

Next Sunday Martha Miller, Doug and Lidia Zehr

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

Worship Nursery Today Danae King **Next Sunday** Sandy Sohar

Coffee Hospitality Today John and Barb Shilling

Next Sunday Stan and Marilyn Kamp

This morning, we welcome Esther and Amos Muhagachi, and their daughter,

Peace. Both Esther and Amos are students at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, IN. Esther will share the sermon during the worship service as an AMBS Student Ambassador. The goal of the Student Ambassador Program is to create and strengthen connections between our international students and regional congregations giving them the opportunity to share about their theological studies, faith journeys, and how financial assistance is enabling them to pursue their seminary educations at AMBS. Following the worship service, the adult Sunday School classes will meet in the sanctuary with Esther and Amos to hear more of their stories of faith. We will have a carry-in meal following Sunday School. All are welcome to join us for food and fellowship!

The Cantate Singers will be in concert this evening at 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 & Alice Parker. Laurel Labbe, music director & Ken Shafer, accompanist. Jane Beyeler is a member of this group.

Central Christian School Announcements

- **Community Service Day (CSD)** – Thank you for your strong affirmation of the ministry at Central Christian School. As we continue to serve the churches by supporting their Biblical teachings, we are encouraged by over \$200,000.00 in contributions. You may still contribute to CSD by visiting www.ccscomets.org.
- **Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *A Lamb's Tale*, on Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. www.ccscomets.org
- **Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, December 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride. www.ccscomets.org
- **Alumni Night, December 22nd:** Varsity girls basketball play at 6 p.m. and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 p.m. vs. Lucas High School. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings. www.ccscomets.org

From Mennonite Central Committee – This holiday season as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list? As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this tangible way this Christmas. Search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.

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concerns and for Allison's father, Gary, as he helps care for her needs.

- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Robin Gingerich of MMN has added helping Middle Eastern students adapt to life at LCC International University in Lithuania to her administrative and teaching load. Pray for Robin and the students as they study STAR (Strategies for Trauma, Awareness and Resilience) – English-learning through a curriculum of emotional healing.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Goshen (Indiana) College.** Pray for Goshen College students, especially those who will celebrate the Thanksgiving Holiday far away from families.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, November 26, 2017

Day One Read James 1

What is the right kind of religion?

Day Two Read James 2

What is the big deal about favoritism?

Day Three Read James 3

What do you see about wisdom in this chapter?

Day Four Read James 4

What do you read about relationships in this passage?

Day Five Read James 5

What do you hear about Christian community in these verses?

“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 29th year of "Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite, Sunday, December 3rd, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The church is located at 7843 Smucker Road in Smithville, OH. This is a forty-five minute, indoor/outdoor, walk-through experience of what the first Christmas may have been like. Dress warmly! This event is handicap accessible and admission is one article of canned food or toiletries for People to People Ministries. Everyone is welcome!

Nurture children's faith at home this Advent and Christmas through family worship. Find a free, downloadable guide at ww.anabaptistfaithformation.org. For use between December 3 and January 6, it includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of November 19, 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.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** and their family
- **Lowell & Louise Bowers** – Lowell is currently at West View Manor in Wooster.
- **Kara Shilling and Evan Zuercher** as they study at Vida220 Discipleship School in Costa Rica. Address: c/o DeLynn Hoover, Apartado 1094-3000, Heredia, Costa Rica Central America. Cards and notes welcome!!
- **Sherm & LaVonne Amstutz** as they serve at the Haggai Institute in Hawaii.
- **Marion and Jane Beyeler** – Marion scheduled for colon surgery, Dec. 14th.
- **Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico** – sister school to Central Christian as they recover and rebuild after Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- **Job openings at Central Christian School** – pray for the right people to fill these important roles.
- **Grace Geiser (Brenn-Field), Dorothy Miller (Inn at Belden Village), Cathy Gable (Orrville Pointe)**
- **Mel and Lois Leidig** – ongoing eyesight and health concerns
- **Mim Wenger's cousin's (Chet) wife, Kellie Slabaugh** was recently diagnosed with stage 4 brain cancer and is undergoing treatments.
- **Mim's cousin, Rose Emick** was recently diagnosed with lung cancer.
- **Jeff Fisher** – continued healing
- **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
- **Duane Amstutz (John Michaels' grandfather)** – serious health concerns.
- **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