

**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.

**Invitation from Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church – "Anticipating Christ in Christmas", Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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 Service, 6 pm
- December 31 Fifth Sunday Mission Offering

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**November 26, 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**

We are glad to be together in the presence of the Lord this morning. Today, we focus on community – releasing our troubles, praising God, sharing our burdens, helping each other in Christ. That's the message in James 5.13-20, our passage for today. The service is designed to practice these things, rather than simply talk about them.

**Scripture** James 5.13-20

**Release**

*Potter's Hand*  
**Sharing** What troubles are you in this morning?  
**Prayer**

**Praise**

*All the People Said Amen*  
*At the Cross*  
**Offering/Prayer**  
 (God's children are invited to bring offerings for the "My Coins Count" Jug)  
*Alive*

**Healing**

**Confession** WB 695, 693  
*Create In Me a Clean Heart*  
 WB 692

**Sharing** What illnesses do you need healing for?

**Prayer and Anointing**  
*Beautiful Things*

**Listening**

**Message** *James Wrap-up* Pastor Bill Seymour

## Announcements

### Going

*We Are the Body*

**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: Anita, Andrew, and Doug Fisher, Christi, John, and Noah Michaels, Allison, Bill, and Xan Seymour  
Reader: Barb Shilling

### Today (November 26)

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

### Tuesday

3 – 6 p.m. WINGS After School Program in Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Before It Was Christmas*

### Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Bible Study*  
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Bible Study*

### Next Sunday (December 3) First Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Fellowship  
9:45 a.m. Worship Service  
Bill Seymour preaching  
Message: *Time*  
Scripture: Isaiah 64:1-9  
10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Last Sunday (November 19)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,664.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$50.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Compassion Fund: \$600.00	Land: \$100.00
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	Meals2Go Food Pantry: \$500.00

**Greeters Today** Martha Miller, Doug and Lidia Zehr

**Next Sunday** John and Barb Shilling, Liz Snyder

**Elder Greeter Today** Lidia Zehr **Next Sunday** Marion Beyeler

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

**Coffee Hospitality Today** Stan and Marilyn Kamp

**Next Sunday** Marion and Jane Beyeler

**The flowers today are provided by Norm and Sandy Sohar** in celebration of their 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on November 24<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations!

**Thank you for hosting Esther Muhagachi as a guest speaker at Orrville Mennonite Church on November 19<sup>th</sup>!** We are glad to be able to provide international students with an opportunity to share their stories with local congregations and are grateful for your openness to hearing Esther's message. If you would like to support international students like Esther, and allow AMBS to continue to make theological and ministerial education accessible for more leaders and emerging leaders in the broader church, please consider making a contribution to international student aid at AMBS using the following link: <http://www.ams.edu/giving/donate>. Thanks in advance for your support!

**We have been invited by the Upanga Mennonite Church of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania,** to begin a prayer and sharing relationship with them and to come and visit. The pastor there is Abner Mathube. We are looking to go near the dates of June 5-18, 2017. For those interested in the Tanzania trip, we have an information sheet on the front pew. See Mark, Lidia, or Bill to declare your interest. The next step is finding and purchasing tickets.

**Help Wanted! We need two volunteers** to help out in the kitchen in January. We hope for January 7, but it may be the 14<sup>th</sup>. We are having a five-church worship service at Crown Hill and a meal to follow. The meal will be pork and sauerkraut. Bill is cooking. Donations for the meal are strongly encouraged and the proceeds will be split between Ohio Conference and our BreakAway middle school group. See Bill or Jan to sign up to help.

### Central Christian School Announcements

- **Central Christian Elementary School** will present a Christmas Concert, *A Lamb's Tale*, on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)
- **Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ccscomets.org)

**Families with children: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent** and the beginning of "Yes! Let It Be!" a free, downloadable guide for family worship from December 3 to January 6. Pick and choose activities that work best for your family. [www.anabaptistfaithformation.org](http://www.anabaptistfaithformation.org).

### Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of November 26, 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**
- **Praise! Jason and Lisa Kauffman, Eli and Alice** welcomed Roy Timothy on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>! He weighed 7 lbs. 7 ounces. Roy is also welcomed by Grampa & Gramma Rollie and Jan, Great Gpa, John and Great Aunt, Bernita from OMC!
- **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. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- **Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico** – sister school to Central Christian as they recover and rebuild after Hurricanes Irma and Maria.
- **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 Yasmine.** Yasmine 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** – Kendra Selzer serves through MMN's Mennonite Voluntary Service in Puerto Rico. Pray for her and Academia Menonita Betania in Aibonito, where she works with pre-kindergarten – grade 10 students and help with community clean-up after the September hurricanes.
  - **Mennonite Education Agency – Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA).** Pray for energy and stamina for both students and tutors participating in the many IBA study centers across the country.
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**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!

### **Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, December 3, 2017**

Day One Read Isaiah 64.1-9

How are you clay? What potter is forming you?

Day Two Read Psalm 80. 1-7, 17-19

What restoration do you need today?

Day Three Read 1 Corinthians 1.3-9

This is written to the gathered people of the church – what is God trying to do with us?

Day Four Read Romans 13.11-14

How should we live?

Day Five Read Mark 13.24-37

What will happen "in those days?" How should we keep alert and awake?

**"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.*