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Happy Birthday to Jeff Fisher (1/8) and John Michaels (1/11) who are celebrating their birthdays this week! Please remember them by sending a card or offering a special prayer of thanks for them.

Coming Events:

January 24	All Church Game Night with BreakAway Youth Group, 6:30 pm
February 1	Meet and Eat, 6 pm
February 4	Axis Youth Group Super Bowl Party Fundraiser
February 9-11	5 Church Marriage Retreat in Charm, OH
February 11	Dan King, Guest Speaker

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January 7, 2018

“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 Call to Worship

Leader: Yes!

The light is here. We carry it within us.

All: *It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.*

Leader: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

All: *Praise the Lord!*

Leader: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens,
and your glory reaches the earth.

**All: *May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you.
May we offer our gifts in your presence, no matter where
you are found.***

Leader: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

God is Here Among Us WB 16
Jesus Loves Me

Confession

O God, your light has come, your glory risen,
and your brightness dawned,
illuminating not only the way of the magi, but all our paths.
From your fullness we have received grace upon grace
as your mystery has been revealed
and your presence made known.
Now we too are called to arise, shine, and return by another road.
Yet we confess that
instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,
instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,
we cling to what we have and know,
and we continue on our old, familiar ways home.
We are frightened by the unknown,
and by the darkness that covers the earth.
Forgive us. (*pause for silence*)

Words of Assurance

O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, you have come among us.
You have given us life, and we are restored.

Glory

Offering/Prayer

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

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Message *The Magi*

You are Salt for the Earth WB 226

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.

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light SJ 95

Benediction

May you go with the light. May you defend the cause of the poor and give deliverance to the needy. May you be like the rain that falls on mown grass and like showers that water the earth. May righteousness flourish and peace abound until the sun and moon are no more. Amen.

Accompanist: Anita Fisher

Worship Band: John, Christi, Noah Michaels, Andrew and Doug Fisher, Allison, Xan, and Bill Seymour

Reader: Nancy Hostetler

Song Leader: Jane Beyeler

Today (January 7)

9:30 a.m. Fellowship
9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Bill Seymour preaching
10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
11:00 a.m. Sunday School

Tuesday

6:30 p.m. WINGS – *Respect* (Snack – Beyelers)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Devos*
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Prep for Junior High Retreat*
(Snack – Conrads)

Thursday

9:30 a.m. Women's Fellowship and Service (rescheduled)

Friday – Sunday Junior High Retreat at Camp Luz
(BreakAway Youth and Leaders Attending)

Next Sunday (January 14)

5 Church Combined Worship & Meal at Crown Hill MC

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
James Krabill preaching
12:00 noon Fundraiser Pork & Sauerkraut Meal
for BreakAway and Ohio Conference

Greeters Today Jan and Rollie Kauffman

Elder Greeter Today Marilyn Kamp

Worship Nursery Today Jan Kauffman

Coffee Hospitality Today Stan and Marilyn Kamp

Last Sunday (December 31)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$4,650.00	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$7,235.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Ohio Conference: \$450.00	WINGS: \$3,000.00
Mennonite Central Committee: \$320.00	Other: \$424.90
Mennonite Mission Network: \$2,475.00	Land: \$100.00
Open Arms Hispanic Ministry: \$160.00	
I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund: \$70.00	

We express sincere sympathies to Clete and Ruth Conrad in the passing of Clete's sister, Naomi Ulrich (Manson, Iowa) on January 2, 2018. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship in Naomi's memory.

Dear Friends, On behalf of the youth and staff of the Village Network, Foster Care, Day Treatment and after school programs in Wooster, we would like to thank you for the recent donations of Christmas presents for 9 of the youth served by these programs. This special donation ensured that there would be a present under the Christmas tree for these children. Thank you!! ... For over 70 years, The Village Network has been fortunate to be able to count on the many members of our "caring family" of donors all working together to help Ohio's at-risk youth. We are very fortunate and extremely pleased to count you as a very important member of that "caring family" and thank you again for making their Christmas merry and bright! ~ Joyce Wiebe, Donor Services Associate

Jesus Loves Me

I was lost, I was in chains
The world had a hold of me
My heart was a stone
I was covered in shame
When He came for me

Chorus

I couldn't run, couldn't run
from His presence
I couldn't run, couldn't run
from His arms
Jesus He loves me, He loves me
He is for me. Jesus how can it be
He loves me, He is for me.

Verse 2

It was a fire deep in my soul
I'll never be the same
I stepped out of the dark
and into the light
When He called my name

Chorus

He holds the stars and He holds my heart
With healing hands that bear the scars
The rugged cross where He died for me
My only hope my ev'rything

Jesus He loves me
He loves me
He is for me
Jesus how can it be
He loves me
He is for me

Chorus

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Glory (Let There Be Peace)

One star
Burns in the darkness
Shines with the promise Emmanuel
One child
Born in the stillness
Living within us Emmanuel

Chorus

We're singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let there be peace
Singing Glory Glory
Let there be peace let it start in me

One voice
Speaks for the voiceless
Hope for the hopeless Emmanuel
One love
Brings us together
Now and forever Emmanuel

Chorus

Do not be afraid
His love is strong enough to save us
Nothing stands in the way
His love is strong enough to lead us
(REPEAT)

Chorus

Let there be peace let it start in me

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We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar;
Field and fountain moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again;
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Chorus
O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright;
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship Him, God on high.

Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume,
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.

Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Earth to heav'n replies.

Chorus

Sermon Notes for January 7, 2018 Matthew 2.1-12 *Christ and the Magi*

Epiphany

General -- *God revealed*

Church Specific – *Messiah for the whole world, not just the “in” people of God*

Matthew 2.1-12

Fulfillment of Isaiah 60.1-6 – sign of the purpose of the baby in the manger

Ephesians 3.1-12

Post-Resurrection understanding of the Isaiah passages (and others) pointing to the Messiah coming also for the Gentiles.

The Advent/Christmas Season

Advent Starting Position

God, something is wrong. Please come.

Isaiah 64.1-9, Mark 13.24-37

Second Advent Position

I confess my sin and am ready to listen when you come.

Isaiah 40.1-11, Mark 1.1-8

Third Advent Position

I humble myself before you, Lord and accept your will.

Isaiah 61.1-11, Luke 1.46b-55

Fourth Advent Position

I am ready to follow. Come, Lord Jesus.

Luke 1.26-38, Romans 16.25-27

Christmas Position

Joy, Peace, and Readiness for new life

Isaiah 61.10-62.3, Luke 2.22-40

Epiphany Position

I know that God can be known!

I know that Jesus is for everyone, not just my people.

Ephesians 3.1-12, Isaiah 60.1-6, Matthew 2.1-12

Epiphany Question for Us

Knowing that God can be known and Jesus is for everyone, how should our lives look as we live among people who are not “churched?”

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of January 7, 2018

- **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 *Journey Forward: Embracing God's hope for MCUSA*** – prayers for those participating in this 2-year visioning process.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** and their family
- **Clete and Ruth Conrad** as they grieve the passing of Clete's sister, Naomi Ulrich in Iowas.
- **Christi's friend, Karen Wayt**, as she undergoes treatment for cancer; prayers for she and her family as they journey together
- **Lance Almond** as he seeks medical care for congestive heart failure. Prayers for sleep and peace and the help he needs.
- **The mother of Heather**, one of our BreakAway youth, passed away unexpectedly. Please keep Heather in your prayers.
- **Marion and Jane Beyeler** – Marion's recovery from surgery
- **Stan & Marilyn Kamp's neighbors, Linda & Brian** – as they parent grandsons (Kenyon and Camden) following death of the children's mother
- **Karen Overholt (niece of Dale & Nancy Hostetler)** – surgery to remove tumor
- **Joy Schrock – wife of Dean** (Sandy Sohar's and Kathy Troyer's father) as she begins radiation treatment to shrink cancerous tumor in her leg.
- **Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi** – as she prepares to be keynote speaker at mission conference in early January.
- **Kara Shilling's friend, Keturah** – pain related to spina bifida.
- **Diane Hostetler's friend, Al** – cancerous tumor, raising funds for treatment
- **Lowell & Louise Bowers** – Lowell is at West View Manor (assisted living)
- **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.
- **Academia Menonita Betania in Puerto Rico** – sister school to Central Christian as they recover and rebuild after Hurrricanes Irma and Maria.
- **Grace Geiser** (Brenn-Field), **Dorothy Miller** (Inn at Belden Village), **Cathy Gable** (Orrville Pointe)
- **Mim Wenger's cousin's (Chet) wife, Kellie Slabaugh** – brain cancer
- **Mim's cousin, Rose Emick** – lung cancer
- **Taryn (Diane Hostetler's classmate) and her baby**, born 3 months early
- **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 in

- college to study pharmacy.
- **Pastor Santos & Ester Reyes** – Continue to pray that God would provide ways to meet their spiritual, physical & material needs.
- **Bill's sister Laurie**, who is primary caretaker for her father-in-law, brother-in-law, as well as her daughter, **Amy**, who struggles with deep psychological illness.
- **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 partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Craddock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH).** Pray for SeBAH students who will start their Pastoral Project course and for Professor Tony Brun. Pray that God's presence be with them and may wisdom be upon them throughout this course.

MCC Connections has an urgent need for volunteers to sew comforter tops. There are also openings to cut squares for comforters. If you enjoy sewing and working with fabric, please consider giving of your time to help those in other countries who are in need. Both volunteer positions can be done at home, or in the Quilt Room at the thrift shop. Other volunteer opportunities are also available in various departments. Please call 330-857- 7802, or stop by for additional information. The gift of time is priceless!

5 Church Combined Worship & Meal. January 14th at Crown Hill. There will be a combined Sunday School with James Krabill at 9 a.m. James will also be the guest speaker for the worship service at 10:30 a.m. Immediately following worship all are invited to a fundraiser meal. A group of volunteers from the 5 churches are preparing a traditional sauerkraut, pork and mashed potatoes New Year's meal for us all to enjoy (kid-friendly alternatives will be available). There will be a donation basket out to raise money for BreakAway Junior High Youth Group and Ohio Conference.