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Happy Birthday to Sandy Sohar (1/21) and Lou Erb (1/25) 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:

February 1	Meet and Eat at Dravenstotts, 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
February 16-18	Junior High Youth Retreat at Camp Luz BreakAway Youth attending (rescheduled)
February 18	First Sunday in Lent

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"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 *Awake Thou Wintry Earth* (arr. Tom Birchwood)

Call to Worship

Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing WB 12
Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us WB 355

Responsive Prayer (adapted from Psalm 62)

God, we wait for you in silence;

Our salvation comes from you.

You, only you, are our rock and our salvation,

You are our fortress so that we will not be shaken.

Lord, in the middle of violence and hate, the slipperiness of truth, and rampant selfishness, even in us, we trust you.

Pour out your heart for us. Be our refuge.

Power and truth belongs to you, Lord, God, Creator of the universe.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

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Pastoral Prayer

Tanzania Mennonite Church Partnership

Upanga Mennonite Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Pastor Abner Mathube

Bishop Nelson Kisare, overseer of Eastern Diocese of Kanisa la

Mennonite Tanzania (KMT, translated Tanzanian Mennonite Church)

Bishop Amos Muhagachi – Executive Director, Tanzania Peace Building Initiative and currently Liaison from KMT to MCUSA

In Christ There is No East or West WB 306

Offering/Prayer

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

Offertory *The Snow Lay on the Ground* (arr. James Denton)
Judy Ferguson

Scripture Mark 1.14-20

Message *Revelation from God begins with repentance*
Pastor Bill Seymour

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind WB 523

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

Song Leader: Carol Rheinheimer Reader: Mark Bixler

Today (January 21)

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 2:30 p.m. Bible Quizzing at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church
Genesis 13,14,15,16,17:1-8

Tuesday

- 6:30 p.m. WINGS – *Beach Party* (Snack – Michaels)

Wednesday

- 6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group – *Super MYF at Smithville MC*
- 6:30 p.m. BreakAway – Game Night with OMC!

Next Sunday (January 28)

- 9:30 a.m. Fellowship
- 9:45 a.m. Worship Service
Bill Seymour preaching
Message: *Moving from Individual to Other*
Scripture: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13
- 10:45 a.m. Sharing and Prayer
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 2:30 p.m. Bible Quizzing at Sonnenberg Mennonite Church
Genesis 17:9-27, 18,19

Greeters Today Mel and Mim Wenger, Nancy Hostetler

Next Sunday Louise Bowers, Willie and Sandy Miller

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

Worship Nursery Today Mim Wenger

Next Sunday Virg and Kathy Troyer

Coffee Hospitality Today Allison Seymour **Next Sunday** Stan Kamp

Last Sunday (January 14)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$962.00

Partnership Plan: \$

BreakAway: \$390.00

Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79

Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35

All-Church Game Night with BreakAway Youth! You are all are invited to a game night this coming Wednesday night, January 24th at 6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite games and a snack/finger food to share! We usually have about 13-15 youth and 6+ leaders at BreakAway on any given Wednesday. Game night provides an opportunity to get to know the junior high kids who meet at OMC most Wednesday nights. You'll find them to be energetic, friendly and fun to be around!

Would you be a Valentine? – Well, would you be willing to bless some youth and leaders by writing some valentines? We would like as many people as possible to write as many notes as you are willing to the youth and leaders of WINGS and BreakAway. "Love notes"... notes of encouragement, perhaps a favorite Bible verse, some expression of love and appreciation -- share in the way God leads you! We have Valentine postcards available on the table at the back of the sanctuary and a list of names of all the WINGS and BreakAway youth and their leaders. You are welcome to take a list of the names and a packet of cards for WINGS and/or BreakAway. This could be an activity for a Grow Group or Sunday School class to do together (divide up the names on the list and have a person responsible for a group of names). Please make sure to write the name of the person you are writing to on the note! There will be a box for your completed "love notes" at the back of the sanctuary and we will pass them along to the WINGS and BreakAway staff for distribution on Tuesday, February 13th and Wednesday, February 14th.

MCC SWAP is looking for people to serve as: Meal Coordinator/Cook and Job Site Coordinator/Carpenter. Feel free to pass on the information to people who you think may have interest in serving with SWAP!

Anyone 18 years old and above (retired adults are very welcomed) is eligible to apply. Lou Erb is happy to answer any questions you have!

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Copies of SWAP Stories – *Winter 2017-2018* are available by the mailboxes.

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

- **Mennonite Mission Network** – A family with two young children is sharing Jesus' love through teaching and community art projects in a Middle Eastern country that is predominantly Muslim. They are serving with MMN and Eastern Mennonite Missions. Pray for meaningful social and spiritual relationships.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Mennonite Early Childhood Network.** Pray for parents, teachers and all who interact with young children. May these adults provide understanding and tools needed for children to learn cooperation and peacemaking in God's all-inclusive family.

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions Week ending with Sunday, January 28, 2018

Day One Read Deuteronomy 18.15-20

Why will God raise up a prophet?

Day Two Read Psalm 111

Are all God's precepts (rules/ways) trustworthy?

Day Three Read Mark 1.21-28

Why were the people astounded at Jesus? What was the result?

Day Four Read 1 Corinthians 9.24-27, 10.23-24

What is beneficial?

Day Five Read 1 Corinthians 8.1-13

What do we do when we disagree with each other? Why should the strong give in the "weak?" What defines strong and weak in this passage?

"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 January 21, 2018

Season of Epiphany

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

The Consistent Opening Message

God to Cain Genesis 4.1-8

ObeY, because sin is creeping at your door.

God to Abraham (Abram) Genesis 12.1-4

Leave everything you know and go where I will show you.

Moses Deuteronomy 30.11-20

Choose who you will serve

Isaiah Isaiah 55.1-5

Come, you are thirsty, taste what the Lord has instead of what you are eating now

John the Baptist Mark 1.1-8

Repent and be baptized

Jesus

Repent and Believe.

Mark 1.14-20

Leave your life and come, follow me

John 1.35-51, Luke 5.1-10

You must be born again.

John 3.3-18

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of January 21, 2018

Before Jesus, the Law was the message.

Now, Jesus is the message.

Jesus is God's Word, God's final Word.

God's invitation.

Our salvation.

Our redemption.

Our way to a beautiful relationship with the Creator of the Universe.

The cure for our sin problem.

Our King.

Repent and Believe.

What does "Repent and Believe" mean for regular church goers who feel like they are living faithfully, most days, at least? How is this opening and consistent message from God relevant to who we are today?

- **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**
- **Kara Shilling is currently in El Salvador** and will not be able to receive mail. Things are going well! Please keep the prayers going!
- **Lowell & Louise Bowers** – Lowell is at West View Manor (assisted living)
- **Amos & Esther Muhagachi** and their family
- **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.
- **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)**
- **Joy Schrock – wife of Dean** (Sandy Sohar's and Kathy Troyer's father) undergoing radiation treatments.
- **Kara Shilling's friend, Keturah** – pain related to spina bifida.
- **Diane Hostetler's friend, Al** – cancerous tumor, raising funds for treatment
- **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 Hurricanes 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 Yassmine**. Yassmine 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