

Happy Birthday to Danae King (3/9). Please remember Danae by sending a card or offering a special prayer of thanks for her!

Coming Events:

March 15	All Church MCC Kit Packing at MCC Connections
March 16-18	Invitational Bible Quizzing Tournament Pettisville OH
March 25	Palm Sunday – 5 Church Combined Worship at Crown Hill Mennonite Church Sunday School, 9 am Fellowship, 10 am Worship, 10:30 am Meal, 12 noon
March 27	WINGS Passion Walk, 6 pm
March 29	Maundy Thursday Service at OMC, 6 pm
March 30	Good Friday Service at Martins MC, 6 pm
March 31	Seder Meal at Salem MC, 6 pm (RSVP needed)
April 1	Easter Sunday Son Rise Service at Chestnut Ridge MC, 7 am Breakfast, 8:30 am at OMC Sunday School, 9:30 am Worship, 10:30 am

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March 4, 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

Singing *Santo (Holy)* SJ 15
Give Me Jesus SJ 45
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light SJ 95

Responsive Prayer SJ 134

Scripture John 2.13-22
Hymn *Somos el cuerpo de Cristo* SJ 64

Offering/Prayer

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

Song *The Body*

Message Lenten Series – *Promises, Promises,*
The Covenants of the Bible, Part 3 – Uggh. Rules.

Scripture Exodus 20.1-17

Song *God of Angel Armies*

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

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

Reader: Jeff Fisher

Today (March 4) 3rd Sunday in Lent
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Ted and Co. – A Comic Lament at Oak Grove MC

Tuesday
6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Pinewood Derby* (Snack – Carol R)

Wednesday
6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group
6:30 p.m. BreakAway – *Jesus Story*

Thursday – Friday *Gathered and Sent Missional Conference*
at Bluffton University

Friday – Saturday Ohio Annual Conference Assembly
at Bluffton University

Next Sunday (March 11) 4th Sunday in Lent
(Daylight Saving Time begins)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
Message: Lenten Series – *Promises, Promises;*
A Tour of the Covenants, Part 4 – Change of Plan?
Scripture: Jeremiah 31.31-34, John 3
2:30 p.m. Local Triple Elimination Bible Quizzing Tournament

Greeters Today Ken and Rita Wenger, Diane Hostetler

Next Sunday Mark and Jen Bixler Family

Elder Greeter Today Bill Seymour **Next Sunday** Jen Bixler

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

Coffee Hospitality Today Allison Seymour

Next Sunday Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Last Sunday (February 25)
Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,127.00 Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$700.00 Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Compassion Fund: \$125.00 Land: \$100.00
Mennonite Mission Network: \$125.00

Discovery – A Comic Lament, is coming to Smithville, OH on Sunday, March 4, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, 7843 Smucker Rd, Smithville, OH 44677. Admission is free and is open to the public! Sponsored by First Mennonite Church Wadsworth, Oak Grove Mennonite Church, Summit Mennonite Church, Orrville Mennonite Church, and Crown Hill Mennonite Church.

From the Dorothy King Family – Thank you for your gift in memory of our Mother, to the Royer Scholarship Fund.

Card shower and notes of encouragement – Lou Erb shared about a friend, Marjorie Sexton, who is going through chemotherapy right now. She lives on her own and is a SWAP homeowner. Lou invites us to send cards and notes of encouragement through the months of February and March to brighten her days. Lou said it would be helpful to mention in your cards/notes the SWAP connection with Pete and Lou so that Marjorie knows how we learned of her need. Address: Marjorie Sexton, PO Box 45, 401 Trace Caney Road, Pippapasses, KY 41844.

The Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) very much appreciate the funds that are raised at the quilt auction to help MCC respond to basic needs and work for peace and justice around the world. We thank each of you who are designing, piecing and quilting in preparation for the 2018 Relief Sale (August 3 & 4 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds), and look forward to receiving your quilted items in June. More information with forms to accompany your quilts, drop-off sites, and dates will be coming in April. Happy quilting! ~ The Quilt Committee/Ohio Mennonite Relief Sale

Sonnenberg Station Spring Concert Schedule (all concerts are at 7pm)

- March 17 at Smithville Mennonite Church
- March 18 at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Doylestown
- March 21 at St. John's Church in Millersburg (Bill's old church)
- March 24 at First Presbyterian Church, Wooster (best room to sing in)
- March 25 at Dalton United Methodist Church

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. Peter and Louisa Pirozzi-Erb – SWAP Hindman Location Coordinators, PO Box 157, Hindman, KY 41822 Phone: [606-785-0552](tel:606-785-0552)
Email: louisapirozzierb@mcc.org

ACA Service Project – For this year's service project at Annual Conference Assembly, they will be collecting items for Crime Victim Services in Lima, Ohio. Part of their mission is to help survivors of human trafficking. You can bring your donations to the church by Wednesday, March 7th and our delegates will take the items along to Bluffton. Please consider donating any of the following items: blankets, winter scarves/gloves/hats, coats (all sizes), socks, toilet paper, cash donations (for the Human Trafficking donation fund). This fund is used for emergency housing costs, medical expenses, therapy, groceries, etc. **Items can be placed on table in fellowship hall.**

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, March 11, 2018

Day One Read Psalm 51:1-12

Spend some time confessing today. And accepting forgiveness. If you want to dig deeper, consider this question from verse 12. In this time, in light of Jesus, the Resurrection, and Pentecost (Acts 2), and thinking about John 14, does God take the Holy Spirit away from us?

Day Two Read Psalm 119.9-16

How do we stay pure? Why is purity important? What does it entail?

Day Three Read Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

What is redemption? How does it come?

Day Four Read Jeremiah 31:31-34

What is the new covenant?

Day Five Read Hebrews 5:5-10

What does it mean for Jesus to be our High Priest?

“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 Body

Verse 1

It's Your breath that's filling our lungs
And through our veins it's Your blood that runs
It's Your life that makes us alive
We are the body of Christ

Pre-Chorus

So let our hearts beat with Your heartbeat

Chorus

Great things You have done
Greater things are yet to come
Fill us with Your glory we are Your body
Take our hands take our hearts
We surrender all we are
Fill us with Your glory we are Your body

Verse 2

It's Your love that's making us one
One that moves as Your kingdom comes
Jesus let Your light make us shine
Shine like the body of Christ

Pre-Chorus

Chorus

Bridge

Let Your kingdom come
Father let Your will be done (through us)
Let Your kingdom come
Father let Your will be done (through us)

Chorus

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God of Angel Armies

Verse 1

You hear me when I call
You are my morning song
Though darkness fills the night
It cannot hide the light
Whom shall I fear

You crush the enemy underneath my feet
You are my sword and shield
Though troubles linger still
Whom shall I fear

Chorus

I know Who goes before me
I know Who stands behind
The God of angel armies is always by my side

The One who reigns forever
He is a friend of mine
The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 2

My strength is in Your name
For You alone can save
You will deliver me
Yours is the victory

Whom shall I fear

Chorus

Bridge
(And) nothing formed against me shall stand
You hold the whole world in Your hands

I'm holding on to Your promises
You are faithful
You are faithful
(REPEAT)

Chorus

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Holy Week

Five Churches Together

Palm Sunday

Crown Hill Mennonite

Sunday, March 25

9:00am Sunday School

10:00 am Fellowship

10:30 am Worship, Terry Shue preaching

12.00 pm Lunch (Nancy and Bill cook)



Maundy Thursday

Orrville Mennonite

Thursday, March 29

6:00 pm

Footwashing, Soup, Communion



Good Friday

Martins Mennonite

Friday, March 30

6:00 pm

Seder Meal

Salem Mennonite

Saturday, March 31 — RSVP needed

6:00 pm



Easter Morning, Sunday, April 1

7:00 am Son Rise Service at Chestnut Ridge

Rest of morning as individual churches

8.30 am Breakfast at Orrville Mennonite

9.30 am Sunday School

10.30 am Morning Worship

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of March 4, 2018

- **That God would be glorified and that lives would be transformed** in every aspect of Orrville Mennonite Church.
- **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.
- **SWAP Ministry/Pete & Lou Erb – urgent need for summer staff!**
- **Upanga Mennonite Church, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.** Please pray for Pastor Abner Mathube and for God to multiply this congregation.
- **Youth who connect with us through WINGS, BreakAway and Axis YG**
- **Diane Hostetler's friend, AI** – continuing need for funds for cancer treatment; prayers for her as she deals with depression & discouragement
- **Mel Leidig** – at home under LifeCare Hospice care; cards & visits welcomed
- **Jen Bixler's father, Aden Troyer** – at home recovering from heart bypass surgery. Pray that he can stay healthy as his body heals and gets stronger.
- **Mark Bixler's Uncle Henry** (his mother's brother) passed away Wednesday evening. Please keep Mark's Mom and her extended family in Eastern PA in your prayers. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
- **Mim Wenger's cousin, Rose Emick** – was released from Mercy Medical on Tuesday and was moved a nursing home in Navarre where she will be for about a month to treat her with IV antibiotics for MRSA staph infection which came from her chemo port.
- **Kara Shilling** – continuing in discipleship training
- **Lowell & Louise Bowers** – Lowell is at West View Healthy 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
- **Jane Beyeler's friend and her son** – walking the difficult journey of addiction with her son.
- **Lance Almond**
- **Joy Schrock – wife of Dean** (Sandy Sohar's and Kathy Troyer's father) undergoing treatment for cancer.
- **Kara Shilling's friend, Keturah** – pain related to spina bifida.
- **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), **Cathy Gable** (Orrville Pointe)
- **Sawsan Elateek and her children, Seif and Yasmine.**
- **Bill's sister Laurie**, who is primary caretaker for her father-in-law, brother-in-law, as well as daughter, **Amy**, struggling with deep psychological illness.
- **Mennonite Mission Network** – Pastors & their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber, serving as a resource person, requests prayer for a restful gathering for those who have given their all to congregations for several stress-filled years.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Bethel College, North Newton Kansas.** Pray for a meaningful discussion on culture, empathy and respect when KIPCOR at Bethel College shows the film "The Empathy Gap: Masculinity and the Courage to Change" this afternoon.

Sermon Notes for March 4, 2018

Promises, Promises. A look at the Covenants God has made with us.

God's vast, inclusive Covenant of Creation

Adam and Eve – and passed to Noah is the undergirding. I created you. I am in charge. Rather than destroying you, I will help you with your sin problem. This covenant is between God and **all of humanity** and creation, not a specific racial, economic, technological, or faith group.

Our Commitment to this Creating, Covenant Making God

Identify the imprint of the image of God in ourselves and others, be good stewards of each other and creation, and to fight through our selfishness to follow God's ways, because God is in charge.

A Called-out People of God

In order to help humanity understand and grow, God calls out one family to bless so the whole world would be blessed through them. In this way, God begins the process of helping humanity with their sin problem.

The Covenant of Leading and Following

Exodus 19.3-8

God says:

*I will be your God and will treasure you
You will keep the covenant and obey my rules*

God's people say:

We will do everything God says!

Why would the people say this, particularly when they didn't yet know what the rules would be?

Exodus 12.31-36

Exodus 15.1-21

Exodus 19.4

Genesis 9, 46, 47

Covenant Run-Down

Creation – Genesis 1-2, 9.8-17

You are my good creation, made in my Image.

I am in charge.

As you fail to follow me, I will help you with your sin problem.

Covenant People – Genesis 17.1-7, Romans 4.1-25

Abraham and Descendants

1. A Blessed and Blessing People

a. *I am your God. You are my people.*

b. *Do what I say.*

c. *Through you the world will be blessed*

2. The Mark of the People God – **Circumcision**

Exodus 20.1-17

3. The Life Pattern for the People of God -- **Rules**

The Ten -- Relational Rules

Rules 1-3 are about our relationship with God

Rule 4 is about our own health

Rules 5-10 are about our relationships with People

Jesus Summary – Matthew 22.37b-40 (NRSV)

“‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the greatest and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

In 2018, what does it mean to obey everything that God says and keep the covenant? How did Jesus change this? How does our particular cultural situation affect this?

What are you doing today to honor your part of the covenant commitment?

Special Speakers for April 8 – Sunday School and Worship

Doug Hostetter -- the Director of MCC United Nations Office

Thien Tran --a Vietnamese intern in the MCC UN office (IVEP)

<http://www.saturdayeveningpost.com/2018/02/12/history/heroes-vietnam-soldier-peace.html>

Doug Hostetter is the Director of the Mennonite Central Committee United Nations Office. He is an ordained Peace Pastor in Mennonite Church USA. Doug chose alternative service work for Mennonite Central Committee, in the middle of the war zone during the height of the Vietnam war. His primary life work has been practical aspects of peacemaking. He has worked with faith-based non-governmental organizations in Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, Europe, and the United States.

Before becoming the director of the MCC UN Office Doug served as the Resource Specialist for Asia and Peace for the United Methodist Office for the UN, the Executive Secretary of the New England Regional Office of the American Friends Service Committee and the Executive Secretary and later International/Interfaith Secretary for the US Fellowship of Reconciliation. Doug has been published widely on the issues of war, peace and nonviolence.

Thien Tran is a Vietnamese intern in the MCC UN office under the MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP), doing one year of service that will last until July 2018. He graduated from University of Social Science and Humanity in Vietnam with a degree in Public Relations. His regions of focus are Asia and the Middle East, including the Korean Peninsula, Syria and his home country, Vietnam. Thien is also involved with the Working Group on Israel/Palestine and the Syrian Negotiation Support Group at the United Nations. During this internship, his goal is to learn about NGO's cooperation and advocacy in the UN context, especially faith-based ones.