

Coming Events:

- March 20 Open Arms Hispanic Ministries Annual Fundraising Dinner at Kidron Park Community Center, 6 pm
- March 25 Palm Sunday – 5 Church Combined Worship at Crown Hill Mennonite Church
Sunday School, 9 am
Fellowship, 10 am
Worship, 10:30 am
Axis Fundraiser Lunch, 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
- April 4 Spring Congregational Meeting, 7 pm
- April 8 Special MCC Speakers for SS and Worship
Doug Hostetter and Thien Tran
- April 9 Community Discipleship Meeting, 7 pm



Orrville Mennonite Church

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March 11, 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

Hymns Congregation's Choice (3)

Scripture Hebrews 5.5-10

Responsive Prayer *Listening God...* WB 720

Hymn *Lord, Speak to Me* WB 499

Offering/Prayer and Comforter Dedication

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

Song *Love Ran Red*

Message Lenten Series – *Promises, Promises, The Covenants of the Bible, Part 4 – Change of Plan?*

Scripture Jeremiah 31.31-34

Song *Because He Lives (Amen)*

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

Song Leader: Jane Beyeler Reader: Marilyn Kamp

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Today (March 11) 4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 2:30 p.m. Triple Elimination Bible Quizzing at Sonnenberg MC

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Intro to Easter* (Snack – Shilling)

Wednesday

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

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Hygiene Kit Packing at MCC Connections

Friday – Sunday Invitational Bible Quizzing Tournament
 in Pettisville, Ohio

Next Sunday (March 18) 5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Message: Lenten Series: *Promises, Promises;
 A Tour of the Covenants, Part 5, Mediation*
 Scripture: Ephesians 2.1-10, John 3.14-21

Greeters Today Mark and Jen Bixler Family

Next Sunday Stan and Marilyn Kamp, Wilma Eash

Elder Greeter Today Jen Bixler **Next Sunday** Marion Beyeler

Worship Nursery Today Jan Kauffman **Next Sunday** Marilyn Kamp

Coffee Hospitality Today Sherm and LaVonne Amstutz

Next Sunday Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer

Last Sunday (March 4)

Ministry Spending Plan: \$3,825.25	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$250.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Land: \$5,100.00	
Compassion Fund: \$200.00	
Mennonite Mission Network: \$225.00	

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

We express sincere sympathies to Judy Ferguson and her family in the passing of her grandson, Trent Ferguson. A contribution has been made to the I.W. Royer Scholarship Fund in Trent's memory.

All are invited to the Hygiene Kit Packing Night at MCC Connections this Thursday evening, March 15th, 6 – 8 p.m.

Open Arms Hispanic Ministry Annual Fundraising Dinner will be held Tuesday, March 20th at the Kidron Park Community Center at 6 p.m. Come, enjoy a Taco Tuesday (Catered Taco Bar). Bryan Moyer Suderman will provide entertainment for the evening. Please RSVP to OpenArms.rsvpify.com by March 16th.

HELP!!! Bill is organizing and directing the WINGS Passion Walk again this year. The date for the Passion Walk is Tuesday, March 27th. We need a number of actors with and without speaking roles to hold this event. It's not so much a play as it is an interactive event. We will present different scenes and the WINGS kids will interact with us, take time to sit down and process what they see, have some food, and we will end by singing in the Sanctuary. If anyone knows a local youngish man with long hair to be Jesus, that would be awesome as well! Please let Bill or Jan know if you are interested and available. Thanks so much!

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

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, March 18, 2018

Day One Read Numbers 21:4-9
How were the sins forgiven? What does this mean?

Day Two Read John 12.20-33
What does this say about serving and following Jesus?

Day Three Read Psalm 27.1-3
How does God remove fear?

Day Four Read Ephesians 2.1-10
What is the plan?

Day Five Read John 3.14-21
This is a Second Gospel Question passage. What is human without Jesus?
What is human with Jesus?

“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.

At the Cross (Love Ran Red)

Verse 1
There's a place
Where mercy reigns and never dies
There's a place
Where streams of grace flow deep and wide
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus
At the cross at the cross
I surrender my life
I'm in awe of You I'm in awe of You
Where Your love ran red and my sin washed white
I owe all to You I owe all to You
Jesus

Verse 2
There's a place
Where sin and shame are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God and forgiveness
Where all the love I've ever found
Comes like a flood comes flowing down

Chorus
Here my hope is found
Here on holy ground
Here I bow down here I bow down
Here arms open wide
Here You saved my life
Here I bow down here I bow

Chorus

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Because He Lives (Amen)

Verse 1

I believe in the Son
I believe in the Risen One
I believe I overcome
By the power of His blood

Chorus

Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives

Verse 2

I was dead in the grave
I was covered in sin and shame
I heard mercy call my name
He rolled the stone away

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand

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 Axis Fundraiser Lunch

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

Chestnut Ridge Mennonite

Sunday, April 1

7:00 am Son Rise Service

(rest of morning in our own buildings)

glorified & that students & listeners are blessed through each concert. Pray also for safety as students travel to different locations to perform.

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.

Sermon Notes for March 11, 2018

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

God's vast, inclusive Covenant of Creation

The Covenant of Creation with Adam and Eve – and passed to Noah is the undergirding. God is saying, "I created you. I am in charge. Rather than destroying you, I will help you with your sin problem. "

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, Marked, and Given a Pattern to Follow

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.

1. Circumcision is the Mark of this Called Out People of God.
2. Rules are the Life Pattern of this Called Out People of God.
 - a. The Foundations of these rules, (The Law) are what we know as The Ten Commandments.
 - b. **Jesus Summary** of these rules (The Law) solidifies our understanding that God's whole Law is about relationships – Matthew 22.37b-40

A Problem

It turns out that humanity, even the Called Out Few, are not so great at honoring these covenants. While the life pattern rules God gave were about relationship, humans (as a group) continually chose life patterns of separation.

Highlights of Human's Life Pattern of Relationship Separation

Genesis 3 – Human traded intimate, personal, face-face relationship with Creator for the lie of being able to be like God. Human no longer allowed in the Garden. Relationship with God is stressed to breaking. Human no longer welcomes the face to face intimacy as readily.

Genesis 10 and 11 – In response to God's covenant to help with sin rather than destroy all people, human continued to make our own way, resulting in further separation. God seems further away.

Exodus 20.19 – The people of God are afraid to hear God speak. They want Moses to be the go-between. The relationship between the people and God continues to separate.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of March 11, 2018

Exodus 32 – In response to agreeing to follow God’s rules, and then receiving God’s rules, the chosen people of God, choose to make idols to worship. The relationship between the people and God continues to separate.

1 Samuel 8 – Rather than be ruled directly by God through a prophet/judge, the people of God ask for a King, so they can be like the rest of the world. The relationship between the people and God continues to separate.

1 Kings, 2 Kings – The People of God (Israel) splits. Then their disobedience results in being taken away from their Promised Land. The relationship is as broken as it has ever been.

Jeremiah 3, especially vv. 8-13 -- God spoke hard words through the prophet, Jeremiah, sounding almost like a divorce.

We have not honored the covenants God Honors the Covenants

Jeremiah 3.15-22a, Isaiah 54.8-10

God remembers the covenant with Noah – I will help you with your sin problem – *Please, return to me!*

Jeremiah 31.31-34

And as they were being taken away into Exile, God spoke new words through the prophet Jeremiah.

As a response to persistent unfaithfulness, rather than destroying, I will make a new covenant. I will reverse the human life pattern of relationship separation and pursue a life pattern of reconciliation, hope, healing, and my presence.

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

- **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**
- **Judy Ferguson and her son, Tim and wife, Carol and their family** as they grieve the sudden passing of **their son, Trent** due to a hiking accident.
- **Bob and Cheryl Phillips and their family** – prayers for all of them as they travel a long road of treatment for Bob’s leukemia.
- **Mel Leidig** – at home under LifeCare Hospice care; cards & visits welcomed
- **Kendri** – pray that the process of obtaining visas for three countries would go smoothly as he works towards spending a year in Bolivia at the Stansberry Children’s Home through the Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN).
- **Joy Schrock – wife of Dean** (Sandy Sohar’s and Kathy Troyer’s father) had surgery to remove tumor in her leg. Continued prayers for recovery process.
- **Diane Hostetler’s friend, Al** – continuing need for funds for cancer treatment; prayers for her as she deals with depression & discouragement
- **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 mother and extended family** as they grieve the passing of Mark’s **Uncle Henry** (his mother’s brother)
- **Mim Wenger’s cousin, Rose Emick** – receiving IV antibiotic treatment for MRSA staph infection.
- **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
- **Lance Almond**
- **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** – Last month, Taiwan experienced a powerful earthquake that killed at least nine people. MMN requests prayer for the people of Taiwan as they grieve the loss of loved ones and rebuild their lives.
- **Mennonite Education Agency – Lancaster Mennonite School.** The LMS Campus Chorale spring concert season begins today. Pray that God may be