

The Village Network invites you to join them at their Spring Foster Fair on Saturday, April 7th from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at The Village Network, Lower Level, 2000 Noble Drive, Wooster, Ohio to learn more about becoming foster parents. You will opportunity to meet current foster parents and staff and hear a personal story of adoption from Officer Hartzler of the Wooster Police Department. For additional info, or to RSVP, please contact Jessica Robinson at 330.202.3981 or jlrobinson@thevillagenetwork.com



Orrville Mennonite Church

1305 West Market Street – Phone (330) 682-5801 – Orrville, Ohio 44667

March 18, 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.

Coming Events:

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

Welcome

Prelude *The Palms* (J. Faure)

Hymns *There is a Place of Quiet Rest* WB 5
Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord WB 151

Scripture Ephesians 2.1-10

Responsive Prayer *He was (is) ...* WB 714

Hymns *To God be the Glory* WB 102
Amazing Grace WB 143

Offering/Prayer

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

Offertory *A Man of Sorrows* (Reginald W. Martin) Judy Ferguson

Message Lenten Series – *Promises, Promises, The Covenants of the Bible, Part 5 – Mediation*

Scripture John 3.14-21

Hymn *Have Thine Own Way* WB 504

Sharing and Prayer Announcements

Love Step Prayer possible remix - *Lord, open my eyes to see when you put me in front of someone and then push me to 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: Mike Hartzler Reader: Sandy Sohar

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Today (March 18) 5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. Open Arms Hispanic Ministry Annual Dinner
 at Kidron Park Community Center
 6:00 p.m. WINGS – *Game Night* (Snack – Judy K)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. Axis Youth Group
 6:00 p.m. BreakAway – *Swimming at Massillon Rec Center*
 (meet at church at 6 pm to carpool)

Next Sunday (March 25) Palm Sunday**Five Churches Together at Crown Hill Mennonite Church**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:00 a.m. Fellowship
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service – Terry Shue preaching
 12:00 noon Axis Youth Group Fundraiser Meal

Greeters Today Stan and Marilyn Kamp, Wilma Eash**Elder Greeter Today** Marion Beyeler**Worship Nursery Today** Marilyn Kamp**Coffee Hospitality Today** Ralph and Carol Rheinheimer**Last Sunday (March 11)**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$2,448.96	Weekly MSP Needed: \$3,054.79
Partnership Plan: \$100.00	Weekly PP Needed: \$897.35
Mennonite Mission Network: \$100.00	Land: \$100.00

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!

Our Spring Congregational Meeting is coming up Wednesday, April 4th at 7 pm. Please check your church mailbox for the Fall Congregational Meeting minutes and the agenda for the spring meeting and plan to attend!

Next Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) the five churches are worshipping together at Crown Hill Mennonite Church. Terry Shue will be bringing the morning message. See insert for times. All are invited to stay for lunch following the worship service! **The meal will be an Axis Youth Group fundraiser event** with proceeds going towards expenses for their summer service trip to New York.

Our Meals2Go Food Pantry is in need of plastic bags and 13 x 9 inch baking dishes. If you have more 13 x 9's than you need, consider donating them to the pantry. Christi plans to use them to prepare casseroles to send home with those who receive weekly meal bags with the option of keeping the dish if they need one. We go through a lot of plastic bags as people use them to tote home their foods from the pantry! Thanks for your help!

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.

Card shower and notes of encouragement – Lou Erb shared about a friend, Marjorie Sexton, who is going through chemotherapy right now. 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.

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
 Email: louisapirozzierb@mcc.org

Updates to MCC kit contents: MCC carefully plans our shipments of material resources in order to meet local needs, and we work hard to send high-quality items that can withstand the harsh conditions faced by the people who receive them. We continually assess the items that we request for each kit to make sure they are the most useful for recipients. In light of recent evaluations, we have made a few changes to the kit supply lists. Check out the updated lists on mcc.org/kits. New printed kit cards will be available from the MCC Great Lakes office & material resources centers in April. Thank you for your continued donations that bring dignity & hope to people around the world.

Holy Week

Orrville Mennonite Church Daily Devotions
Week ending with Sunday, March 25, 2018

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

Maunder 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)

Day One Read Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29

Finish this statement for yourself – *I beseech you, O Lord, for*

Day Two Read John 12.12-16

What sort of King is Jesus?

Day Three Read Isaiah 40.4-9a

Who is speaking in this passage? Who is the “I” who did not hide his face?

Day Four Read Psalm 31.9-16

Who is speaking in this passage? Who is the scorn?

Day Five Read Philippians 2.5-11

How can we live like Jesus?

“Love Step Prayer”

This is a different version of the prayer that we are testing for a period. Pray this daily and as you go through your day, look for how God might be answering...

Lord, open my eyes to see when you put me in front of someone and then push me to 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.

Prayer Concerns & Praises for Week of March 18, 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.
- **Ohio Mennonite Conference** – prayers as we as a Conference follow through on plans and decisions made at Annual Conference Assembly.
- **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**
- **Our church neighbors**, whose family recently had a new baby (Felicia is the mom, Arianna is the new baby, born at 24 weeks).
- **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** – Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen of MMN

serve alongside Oscar Siwali, founder of Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency. They request prayer for the water shortage in Cape Town, South Africa. May just ways of distribution be implemented to defuse the tension over scarce resources.

- **Mennonite Education Agency** – Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana. Pray that church leaders around the world who desire Anabaptist biblical and theological training would connect with AMBS's distance education offerings – online short courses, the Journey Missional Leadership Development Program, and the fully online Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies.

MCC Borderlands Learning Tour: Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes welcomes you to join us on a learning tour designed to bring awareness to the issues caused by the border wall along the Mexico/U.S. border. Participants will increase their understanding and knowledge of the social, economic, political and theological significance of migration in border communities, including advocacy tools and capacity building to engage others on borderlands and migration issues. The learning tour will take place on May 23-27 in Arizona and will include crossing the border into Mexico. Attendees will also have the option to participate in the Migrant Trail walk following the tour. For more information, including a tentative schedule & online registration, visit mcc.org/borderlands-tour or call Jorge Vielman at (574) 534-4133.

MCC Vietnam Storytelling Events: You have two opportunities to join Mennonite Central Committee for stories of Vietnam with special guest speakers Doug Hostetter, current director of the MCC United Nations Office, and Thien Tran, Vietnamese intern in the MCC U.N. office. In light of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War, Doug will share from his first-hand experiences in Vietnam as a conscientious objector with MCC and his subsequent work. Thien will also share about growing up after the war and the legacy it left behind.

- Saturday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building (3987 Kidron Rd., Kidron)
- Sunday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. (Sunday School) & 10:30 a.m. (Sermon) at Orrville Mennonite Church (1305 W. Market St., Orrville)

Mennonite Church USA Announcements

- ***Renewed Commitments*** is the updated draft of core commitments for Mennonite Church USA's denomination-wide *Journey Forward* process, and it's now available to read. This will be sent out to all congregations accompanied by a study guide on June 1, 2018.
- **Pray for the MennoCon19 worship planning committee members** as they gather in Kansas City, Missouri for their first meeting of discerning and planning worship for Mennonite Church USA's 2019 biennial convention.

Sermon Notes for March 18, 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.

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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

The Called-out People of God Follow Their Own Pattern – Sin and Separation – and Break Their End of the Covenants.

Genesis 3, 10, 11, Exodus 20.19, 32.1+, 1 Samuel 8, 1 & 2 Kings, Jeremiah 3

God Remembers the Covenants the People Broke and Reveals a New Covenant.

Jeremiah 3.15-22a, Isaiah 54.8-10

The People broke the covenants. Honoring the covenant to help with sin rather than destroy the people, God Promises a New Covenant. This Covenant will be personal, intimate. The new life pattern will be reconciliation, hope, healing, and God's direct presence.

Remember Moses?

Numbers 21.4-9

Moses! Talk to God, please!!! We are sorry for our sin. Tell God.

Mediators

As people continually sought separation from God, mediators acted as go-betweens. Here's a quick list:

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Priests were also part of this mediation, with particular regard to forgiveness of sins.

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The New Covenant:

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| 1. Rebirth through Jesus | John 3.1-21 |
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| 5. Presence of God through Holy Spirit because of Jesus | John 14.25-27 |
| 6. The New Covenant is in Jesus' blood | 1 Corinthians 11.23
Jeremiah 31.31-34 |
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