

Leader: Don't trust leaders; don't trust any human beings—
there's no saving help with them!

Piano Side: Their breath leaves them, then they go back to the ground.

Offering Side: On that very same day, their plans die too.

Leader: The person whose help is the God of Jacob—the person whose hope rests on the Lord their God— is truly happy!

Piano Side: God: the maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,

Offering Side: God: who is faithful forever, who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving!

Leader: The Lord: who frees prisoners.

Piano Side: The Lord: who makes the blind see.

Offering Side: The Lord: who straightens up those who are bent low.

Piano Side: The Lord: who loves the righteous.

Offering Side: The Lord: who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows, but who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn!

All: The Lord will rule forever! Zion, your God will rule from one generation to the next! Praise the Lord!

Offering Prayer

Offering Song *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*

WB 150

Offering

Scripture Judges 2.1-10

¹ The LORD's messenger came up from Gilgal to Bochim and said, "I brought you up from Egypt and led you into the land that I had promised to your ancestors. I said, 'I will never break my covenant with you, ² and you are not to make a covenant with those who live in this land. You should break down their altars.' But you didn't obey me. What have you done? ³ So now I tell you, I won't drive them out before you, but they'll be a problem for you, and their gods will be a trap for you." ⁴ When the LORD's messenger spoke these words to all the Israelites, they raised their voices →

and cried out loud. ⁵ So they named that place Bochim, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD there.

⁶ When Joshua dismissed the people, the Israelites each went to settle on their own family property in order to take possession of the land. ⁷ The people served the LORD throughout the rest of Joshua's life and throughout the next generation of elders who outlived him, those who had seen all the great things that the LORD had done for Israel. ⁸ Joshua, Nun's son and the LORD's servant, died when he was 110 years old. ⁹ They buried him within the boundaries of his family property in Timnath-heres in the highlands of Ephraim north of Mount Gaash. ¹⁰ When that whole generation had passed away, another generation came after them who didn't know the LORD or the things that he had done for Israel.

Sermon

What Have You Done?
Judges, Part 2

Song of Response **Love Step Prayer**

New Earth, Heavens New

WB 299

Lord, open my eyes to see when you introduce me to someone. Help me to meet them with love where they are and to be met in love where I am. Help us to walk together, learn from each other, and share your love with others. Help us to see that as we do these things together, we are growing closer to Christ. Amen.

Affirmation of Hank Rossiter and the Elders

Benediction

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer

Announcements

Greeters, Lou Erb, Bev Squirrell
Usher, Josiah Bixler
PA Operator, Norm Sohar
Accompanist, Missy Short
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Preschool/Nursery, Kathy Troyer
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Reader, Dan Jantzi
Sharing & Prayer, Bev Squirrell

The "Quiet Table" is available in the coffee area during the worship services at Orrville Mennonite. People of all ages are welcome to come to do quiet hands-on activities as a way of listening and focusing during the worship time. This area works best if there are equal numbers of adults and children sitting together. If you are someone who enjoys listening while creating, maybe this area will be your new regular pew! Our youngest children will "graduate" to this area after their nursery Sunday School hour. If you have been a nursery volunteer in the past, please consider continuing your relationship with the littles at this table.

Announcements

Our Dollar Project is for Austin and Gris Zuercher's support as they begin another term with VidaNet in Honduras. Whatever is given during to this \$ Project will be given as Orrville Mennonite's support of their ministry for 2026. Thank you for your generous offerings.

Monday Meals served 110 meals on Monday. This Monday, we will be serving beef stew. We could use two or three extra potato peelers at Noon on Monday, please. See Bill, Norm, or Daryl if you can help.

Next Sunday, January 25th is Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday. Henry Beun will be our guest speaker.

Our church's group subscription to *Anabaptist World* is renewing in May 2026. If you would like to join the group subscription, now is the time. The cost is \$54 per year. Please let Jan know if you are interested. Payments will be due in April with checks made out to Orrville Mennonite Church. If you'd like to browse a copy, there are some issues on the table in the church library for you to borrow.

Sermon Notes

Judges 1.1-2.10

Mistakes you can't undo

Judges 1:1 Who should go up first to fight for us against the Canaanites?
(Who will give us direction as we try to follow God's instructions?)

They had Moses, then Joshua? Now who?

Judah, that's who.

Until they didn't.

Judges 2.2 God's Messenger says, "What have you done?"
You let the cat out of the bag and I will let you deal with the escaped cat.

How should we deal with the religious cleansing and displacement of Judges?

Here's the Deal

Sin and the Result of sin are not going to go away until the causes of sin are eliminated.

And the cause of sin isselfishness

Romans 8.1-2, 12-17

8.1 So now there isn't any condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it isn't an obligation to ourselves to live our lives on the basis of selfishness. 13 If you live on the basis of selfishness, you are going to die. But if by the Spirit you put to death the actions of the body, you will live. 14 All who are led by God's Spirit are God's sons and daughters. 15 You didn't receive a spirit of slavery to lead you back again into fear, but you received a Spirit that shows you are adopted as his children. With this Spirit, we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The same Spirit agrees with our spirit, that we are God's children. 17 But if we are children, we are also heirs. We are God's heirs and fellow heirs with Christ, if we really suffer with him so that we can also be glorified with him.

Judges Sermon Series Order

There is a handout on the table in the back of Sanctuary for those wishing to have some overall, background and contextual information. For some video overview, you can see short, friendly videos on [Joshua](#) and [Judges](#). Click here for Bill's handout [Judges Visual Handout.pdf](#)

January 11	We will/won't follow!	Joshua 24
January 18	What Have you done?	Judges 1.1-2.5
February 1	Failure Mercy Failure ...	Judges 3.1-14
February 8	Deborah	Judges 3.13-5.31
February 15	Gideon	Judges 6-9
February 22	Jephthah	Judges 10-12
March 1	Samson	Judges 13-16
March 8	The Horrors	Judges 17-21
March 15	The Measure of Righteousness	Psalms 146
March 22	Danae King with the last word on Judges	

Schedule-At-A-Glance for January 18 – 25, 2026

Sunday, January 18

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Elder Affirmation of Hank Rossiter

Monday, January 19

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, January 20

Pastor/Peer Meeting at OMC, 12 noon

Wednesday, January 21

Men's Breakfast, 8 am

Sunday, January 25 Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Gathering and Coffee Time, **9:00 am**

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Henry Beun, guest speaker

Looking Ahead

Sunday, January 25th – Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Mission Sunday, Henry Beun speaking

Sunday, January 25th – Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, 4 pm

Sunday, February 8th – Fellowship Meal

Offering Report for January 11, 2026

Ministry Spending Plan: \$5,178.82

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Austin and Gris (Dollar Project): \$253.00

Miscellaneous: \$1.00

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

5 Char Newcomer

9 Daryl/Sue Steiner

13 Penelope Andreasen

21 Sandy Sohar

25 Louisa Pirozzi-Erb

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