



Orrville Mennonite Church
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Order of Worship
February 1, 2026

Welcome

Gathering Songs	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	WB 117
	<i>To God Be the Glory</i>	WB 102

Call to Worship and Lamp Lighting (borrowing from Ps. 146)

Leader: As we gather for worship, we light some lamps to remind us that we gather in context.

Piano Side: We have personal troubles and laments.

Offering Side: We also hold troubles and laments from the action of others and of our systems.

Piano Side: We have victories and joys.

Offering Side: We have brothers and sisters locally and around the world.

Piano Side: We have longings for our Orrville Mennonite Community to grow, spiritually and physically.

All: Lord, you are our hope, our light, our example, our strength. We trust you, Lord, for growing our community.

Leader: We come to worship you, the Lord, our God, who is maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them.

Offering Side: Who gives justice to people who are oppressed, who gives bread to people who are starving!

Piano Side: Who frees prisoners, makes the blind see, and straightens up those who are bent low.

Offering Side: Who loves the righteous and is faithful forever.

Piano Side: Who protects immigrants, who helps orphans and widows,

Offering Side: But who makes the way of the wicked twist and turn! who is faithful forever,

All: The Lord rules forever! Praise the Lord!

Responsive Reading 1 John 1.5-2.2

Leader: This is the message that we have heard from him and announce to you: "God is light and there is no darkness in him at all."

Offering Side: If we claim, "We have fellowship with him," and live in the darkness, we are lying and do not act truthfully.

Piano Side: But if we live in the light in the same way as he is in the light, we have fellowship with each other,

All: And the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from every sin.

Leader: If we claim, "We don't have any sin," we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

Piano Side: But if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from everything we've done wrong.

Offering Side: If we claim, "We have never sinned," we make him a liar and his word is not in us.

Leader: My little children, I'm writing these things to you so that you don't sin. But if you do sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous one.

All: [Jesus] is God's way of dealing with our sins, not only ours but the sins of the whole world.

Offering Prayer and Birthday Blessing

We celebrate Jane Beyeler today, whose birthday is February 5

Offering Song *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* WB 110

Offering**Scripture** Judges 3.1-14

These are the nations that the Lord left to test all those Israelites who had no firsthand knowledge of the wars of Canaan. ²They survived only to teach war to the generations of Israelites who had no firsthand knowledge of the earlier wars: ³the five rulers of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, Sidonians, and Hivites who lived in the highlands of Lebanon from Mount Baal-hermon to

Lebo-hamath. ⁴ They were to be the test for Israel, to find out whether they would obey the Lord's commands, which he had made to their ancestors through Moses. ⁵ So the Israelites lived among the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites. ⁶ But the Israelites intermarried with them and served their gods.

⁷ The Israelites did things that the Lord saw as evil, and they forgot the Lord their God. They served the Baals and the Asherahs.^[a] ⁸ The Lord became angry with Israel and gave them over to King Cushan-rishathaim of Aram-naharaim. The Israelites served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. ⁹ But then they cried out to the Lord. So the Lord raised up a deliverer for the Israelites, Othniel, Kenaz's son, Caleb's younger brother, who rescued them. ¹⁰ The Lord's spirit was in Othniel, and he led Israel. When he marched out for war, the Lord handed over Aram's King Cushan-rishathaim. Othniel overpowered Cushan-rishathaim, ¹¹ and the land was peaceful for forty years, until Othniel, Kenaz's son, died.

¹² The Israelites again did things that the Lord saw as evil, and the Lord put Moab's King Eglon in power over them, because they did these things that the Lord saw as evil. ¹³ He convinced the Ammonites and Amalekites to join him, defeated Israel, and took possession of Palm City. ¹⁴ So the Israelites served Moab's King Eglon eighteen years.

Sermon *Failure Mercy Failure Salvation Failure Mercy...*

Song of Response *No Longer Slaves to Fear* VT 195

Love Step Prayer

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.

Benediction

Sermon Response

Prayer Requests, Prayer

Announcements

Greeters, John Shilling and Riley
Usher, Willie Miller
PA Operator, Dan Jantzi
Accompanist, Missy Short
Song Leader, Jane Beyeler

Reader, Sandy Miller
Preschool/Nursery, Marilyn Kamp
Quiet Table, all ages welcome
Sharing & Prayer, Tim Short
February Trustee, Mark Bixler

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 was cancelled last Monday due to the winter storm and cold temperatures. This Monday, we will be serving sausage and noodles. Norm and Daryl will be cooking.

Bill is going on a Day Trip Tomorrow, Monday, February 2nd to Springfield, Ohio to join other pastors and Christian leaders gathering in solidarity with the Haitian community on the eve of the termination of their Temporary Protected Status (TPS). This gathering will call for the extension of TPS and affirm the Gospel's mandate to welcome the stranger and defend the oppressed. Eric Kurtz from the Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes office, along with a staff member from the MCC national office, will be among the speakers, joined by representatives from a wide range of Christian denominations. The

event is called: *Here We Stand: Faith Leaders for Immigration Justice and Family Unity*

Join the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on March 12-14! This year we are gathering at the new MCC Material Resources Center in Kidron (4080 Kidron Road). With the new location, the format will be a bit different with the event spread over three days. We still need volunteers for knotting and trimming comforters, along with sewists to bind and finish them. *See specific times below.* A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash or contact 234-415-1036 or GLOhio@mcc.org.

Dates: March 12-14, 2026 (*Snacks and coffee/tea will be provided. Please pack your own food for meals.*)

Thursday, March 12th

- * 8 am - 8 pm: Knotting
- * 4 pm - 8 pm: Trimming & Binding

Friday, March 13th

- * 8 am - 8 p: Trimming & Binding
- * Noon - 8 pm: Knotting

Saturday, March 14th

- * 8 am - 4 pm: Knotting, Trimming & Binding

Location: MCC Material Resources Center - 4080 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

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 \$49 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 at the mailboxes for you to borrow.

Schedule-At-A-Glance for February 1 – 8, 2026

Sunday, February 1

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Monday, February 2

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Sunday, February 8

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Fellowship Meal, **12 noon**

Looking Ahead

Sunday, February 8th – Fellowship Meal following Worship

Wednesday, February 11th – Widows' Group, 1:00 pm

Thursday, February 12th – Men's Breakfast 8:00 am

(*please note new day of the week going forward)

Thursday, February 19th – K Ladies Lunch, 12 noon

Saturday, February 21st – Weekend Group, LincWay in Dalton

Stay tuned for more details – Coffee & Tea, Games & Puzzles

Sunday, February 22nd – Wild Church at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's, 4 pm

Thursday – Saturday, March 12-14, MCC Comforter Bash

Offering Report for January 25, 2026

Church was cancelled due to weather conditions

February Birthdays and Anniversaries

3	Ralph Rheinheimer	20	Jen Bixler
5	Jane Beyeler	24	Louise Bowers
16	Sharon Stutzman	27	Bill Seymour

Sermon Notes

Judges 2.11-23, 3.1-14 and 1 John 1.5-2.2

Judges' Own Summary of the Sin Cycle in Judges 2.11-23

1. The people did what was evil in the Lord's sight – they served the other gods.
2. The Lord handed them over to their enemies.
3. The people became distressed.
4. Then the Lord sent leaders to rescue them and the Lord was with the leaders.
5. Israel was rescued and remained well while the leader was alive and led them.
6. The leader died
7. The people fell back to worshipping other gods and other bad practices and hard headedness. Repeat from Number 2 above.

God's Mercy, over and over and over, in the Cycle

Oh, God, thank you for your mercy! We are but ungrateful bugs, and you abound in love and mercy and forgiveness. Only by your grace, Lord, do we live and move and have our being.

1 John 1.5-2.2 – an updated cycle?

Don't sin.

You will.

That's why we have Jesus.

Still. Don't.

But, you have Jesus.

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