



**Women:** Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

*Men:* For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

**Piano Side:** You anoint my head with oil;

*Coffee Side:* My cup runs over.

Leader: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**All:** *And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

### **Offering and Birthday Celebration**

**Prayer** for our offering and for Larry Gerber, whose birthday is Tuesday, April 28.

**Singing** *Wonderful Grace of Jesus* WB 150

### **Presenting our Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings**

**Scripture** John 10.1-10

<sup>1</sup> I assure you that whoever doesn't enter into the sheep pen through the gate but climbs over the wall is a thief and an outlaw.

<sup>2</sup> The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The guard at the gate opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice.

He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> Whenever he has gathered all of his sheep, he goes before them and they follow him, because they know his voice.

<sup>5</sup> They won't follow a stranger but will run away because they don't know the stranger's voice." <sup>6</sup> Those who heard Jesus use this analogy didn't understand what he was saying.

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus spoke again, "I assure you that I am the gate of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me were thieves and outlaws, but the sheep didn't listen to them.

<sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>

The thief enters only to steal, kill, and destroy. I came so that they could have life—indeed, so that they could live life to the fullest.

**Sermon***Gates and Cages: We are Kept People***Song of Response***O Jesus, I Have Promised*

WB 447

**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, Rollie and Jan Kauffman

Usher, Willie Miller

PA Operator, Norm Sohar

Song Leader, Hank Rossiter

Accompanist, Marilyn Rossiter

Reader, Sandy Miller

SS Preschool Care, Jan Kauffman

Quiet Table, all ages welcome

Sharing &amp; Prayer, Tim Short

April Trustee, Marion Beyeler

**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**

**Monday Meals** served 173 meals last Monday. This Monday, we will be serving BBQ pork sandwiches, fancy baked beans and apples.

**All are welcome to come** and enjoy a Game Night in the fellowship hall on Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>!

**We will not be having a potluck meal** following worship on May 10<sup>th</sup> which is Mother's Day.

### **Lunch with Bill for Summer Sermon Shaping**

From July 12 through September 20, I'd like to turn the sermon time into monologues from Bible characters. There are loads of Bible characters, so I'm asking for help. What Bible characters might you want to hear from? What aspect of their lives intrigues you? Come have lunch with me on May 3, in the coffee area. My hope for that time is to arrive at 11-12 Bible characters to focus on for the summer. We have some women actors in our congregation, so female characters work, too. Don't worry, Bill won't be doing a Ruth monologue.

**Open Arms, in partnership with MMN**, is sponsoring a "Christ at the Borders/Just Peace Pilgrimage" to the US-Mexico border October 11-18, 2026. Limit is 10 persons, and there are reservations available. The Mission and Service Committee has grant funds of \$500/person available for those who might wish to take part. See Jan in the church office for an application form.

**Summer IS coming!** Time to think about church camp! The Mission and Service Committee has funds available that help defray the cost for campers. See Jan in the church office for a camp scholarship form.

**MCC Connections will celebrate its 25th anniversary** from May 11-16! We are grateful to the community for supporting both the Thrift Shop and the Material Resources Center. Please join us **each** day for special sales, food trucks, drawings, and giveaways:

- **Monday** - Cloud 9 Food Truck\*, 25 cent bracelets
- **Tuesday** - Happy birthday, MCC Connections! Blend of Grace\*, 25% off thrift purchases, 1 free commemorative shopping tote with every purchase
- **Wednesday** - 25 cent necklaces
- **Thursday** - Free coffee and donuts, 25 cent scarves
- **Friday** - Free coffee and donuts, 25 cent mugs
- **Saturday** - Patio 114 food truck\*, Ruby's Chipotle Bowls Food Truck\*, free ice cream cup, free shopping tote with purchase, 25 cent flip flops

\*All food truck purchases are 25% off and covered by MCC Connections. Limited menus will be provided by the food trucks.

**Help make MCC kit bags:** School kits and hygiene kits provide important supplies to children and families around the world. These supplies are packed in a useful, double-drawstring cloth bag, but we are running short on bags. MCC is in need of volunteers to sew these simple cloth bags. Fabric and drawstrings are available at the MCC Material Resources Center (4080 Kidron Road in Kidron), or you can use your own sturdy cotton fabric. More information and sewing instructions at: [mcc.org/kits/bags](http://mcc.org/kits/bags). Finished bags should be dropped off at the Material Resources Center. For questions, contact [GLOhio@mcc.org](mailto:GLOhio@mcc.org) or (234) 415-1036.

## **Schedule-At-A-Glance for April 26 – May 3, 2026**

Sunday, April 26

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

Wild Church, 4 pm at Dan and Jeanne Jantzi's

Monday, April 27

Monday Meals, 5:30 pm

Sunday, May 3

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

Sunday School, **9:30 am**

Worship, **10:30 am**

Bill Seymour preaching

### **Offering Report for April 19, 2026**

Ministry Spending Plan: \$1,490.00

Weekly Amount Needed for MSP: \$3,550.00

Compassion Fund: \$200.00

IW Royer Fund: \$250.00

Austin/Griselda Zuercher: \$600.00

Anabaptist World magazine: \$49.00

### **May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

3 Rita Wenger

6 Mel Wenger

12 Jeanne Jantzi

17 LaVonne Amstutz

24 Violet Andreasen

27 Marianne Short

28 Roland/Jan Kauffman

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