


**God's Chosen Fast**  
Isaiah 58:6-11

*Thank you to Tim Troyer for sharing with us through the message during our worship service this morning. Tim is a business coach and the founder of The Reckoning International. Tim was a pastor for almost 20 years and has always had a passion for ministering to people. He founded The Reckoning International about 10 years ago. It is a faith-based development organization that mobilizes people and resources to transform the lives of people living in poverty. TRI works with poor people in developing countries helping them learn business principles and then loaning them money to start businesses and become self-sustaining and generous to others.*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Sunday, September 13, Installation Service for Mel Hathaway  
Noon Carry-in Meal
- Saturday, September 19, 8:00-10:30 a.m. Neighborhood Breakfast  
c/o Pathfinders
- Sunday, September 20, 2-5:00 p.m., Open House at Mel & Dottie  
Hathaway's new home, 506 Smith Avenue, Dalton
- Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m.  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
Childcare provided
- Sunday, October 4, 4:00 p.m., Fall Festival 2009  
at Lloyd & Jane Miller's (rain date—October 11)



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, August 30, 2009**  
Attendance: SS - 120; Worship - 151  
Offering: Budget: \$4,628.80  
CCS Tuition: \$1,485.00  
Mutual Caring Fund: \$6.00  
Primary SS Offering: \$6.00  
Maple Syrup Missions: \$30.00

**CCS Tuition:**

- All giving is helping us build up for the first payments of the 2009-2010 school year. First payment is due September 15.
- Needed each month (2009-2010) school year): \$13,996.00
- Balance in Fund: \$20,016.47

**\*\*If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please contact the church office.\*\***

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**Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation**


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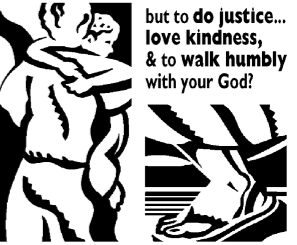
A special welcome to our guests. Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register in the guest book in the foyer.

**8:45 AM Prayer Time**  
**9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Classes for all ages,  
Nursery through adult.  
Everyone is welcome!*

**What does the Lord require of you**



**but to do justice...  
love kindness,  
& to walk humbly  
with your God!**



**M i c a h 6 : 8**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**  
**WE GATHER**  
Prelude

**WE PRAISE GOD**

♫ *I Will Call Upon the Lord*                      SJ 19  
Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship  
♫ *Come and See*                      WB 20  
♫ *Lamb of God*                      SJ 21  
Offertory: *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

**WE LISTEN**

♫ *Create in Me a Clean Heart*                      SS 62  
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 58:6-11  
Message: *God's Chosen Fast*

**WE RESPOND**

♫ *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*                      SJ 43  
Moment for Mission: Neighborhood Breakfast  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People  
Benediction  
♫ Sending Song: *The Lord Lift You Up*                      SJ 73

Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler  
Worship Leader: Ellis Miller  
Message: Tim Troyer

Digital Arts: Winfred Ressler  
Sound/Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander  
Altar Arrangements: Lisa Zuercher  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Alice Metcalf

Moment for Mission: Phil Raber

Nursery: Barb, Sarah & Anna Ressler

Host/Greeters: Gordon & Lorene Amstutz

Ushers: Ron Geiser, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross, Lloyd Miller

### Today's Activities

#### **PM Open for Home Fellowship Groups**

## **THE CHURCH THIS WEEK**

### **Wednesday**

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Sonnenberg Mennonite Women Sewing.**

All women are welcome to come for all or part of the day to quilt or knot comforters. Offering will go toward Shawna Gerber's support in Thailand. For the noon meal, women with last names beginning with M-Z should bring salads or desserts.

6:30 p.m. **MYF** meet at the church to carpool to the *Wayne County Fair*. Bring money for admission and snacks. Sponsors will bring MYFers home.

7:00 p.m. **Spiritual Vitality**

7:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** at Ora Shetler's viewing David Jeremiah's sermons on the book of James.

7:00 p.m. **Outreach & Service Ministry**

7:00-8:15 p.m. **Venture Club Miniature Golf** at Putt-n-Stuff; drop off and pick up your child at Putt-n-Stuff.

### **Thursday**

7:00 p.m. **Congregational Leadership Team**

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:45 AM Prayer Time**

**9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP** - *Installation Service for Mel Hathaway; A Shepherd's Heart*, Psalm 78:70-72, by Andy Stoner, Regional Pastor

**NOON Carry-in Meal**; bring a hot dish and salads or desserts, as well as your own table service.

Nursery: Rozella Lehman

Altar Arrangement: Donna Johnston

Host/Greeters: Freeman & Eileen Lehman

Pastoral Team Greeter: Don Nussbaum

Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Mike & Mim Lehman, Mark Johnston

### **GOD BLESS OUR SENIOR SAINTS!**

**Happy belated 77<sup>th</sup> birthday to Cliff Lehman, Sunday, August 30**  
**Happy 66<sup>th</sup> birthday to Carolyn Jackson, Monday, September 7**

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Iva Geiser is taking oral cancer medication for an extended period of time; Lois Berry will begin radiation treatments after September 10—every weekday for 6 1/2 weeks; Anna Knutson has undergone her final chemotherapy treatment, and after a short break will begin radiation treatments; Jeanette Miller is consulting with doctors regarding possible treatment options; Rodney Shetler was hospitalized on Thursday at Wooster Community Hospital with extreme back pain.*

**THOSE IN MISSION:** *Linda Horn, Interlink, Thailand; José & Alfonsina Oyanguren, Argentine Chaco; Friends of the Tabasaran Ministry, Dagestan, Russia; Joel Miller, Dayspring Outreach Ministries, Mexico—Joel is consulting with doctors regarding health issues related to his vocal cards; Nic & Sonya Stice, Missions Network Center, Elm Springs, AR; Kurt, Angie & Micah Neuenschwander, Samaritan's Purse, Nairobi, Kenya.*

**OUR YOUNG ADULTS:** *Shawna Gerber, teaching at the Global English School in Bangkok, Thailand; College Students as they are returning to college.*

**MEL HATHAWAY** began his pastorate here at Sonnenberg this past week. His installation service will be held on Sunday morning, September 13, during our worship service. The installation service will be followed by a noon carry-in meal. Mel & Dottie are also planning an open house at their new home on Sunday, September 20, 2-5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION FOR MEL:**

Home phone: 330-985-0023

Mel's cell: 330-601-6518

Mel's e-mail address: smcpastor@embarqmail.com

**MEL'S SCHEDULE:** Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon. Tuesday is his day off. **\*\*Note that Mel will not be in the office on Monday this week since it is a holiday.\*\***

### **DIRECTORY INFORMATION FOR MEL & DOTTIE:**

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**SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE:** Note that since Mel Hathaway is taking his day off on Tuesday, Ellen will be switching her schedule to work on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.. Ellen is no longer working on Monday.

**OPEN HOUSE** to meet Ryan and Terra Shetler will be held today from 2-4:00 p.m. at the home of Ora & Marilyn Shetler. Everyone is welcome. Bring lawn chairs.

**FALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER** begins today, September 6. Fall Uniform Bible Study quarterlies and teacher guides are available in Adult Sunday School classes. The insert in the bulletin includes information about 2009-2010 Sunday School classes.

**PICTURES ARE WANTED** that could help explain how you have experienced God's presence in your life this summer. Give Michael Amstutz the picture of your experience by Sunday, September 20, to be included in the worship service on, September 27. Include an explanation of the picture.

**SONNENBERG NEIGHBORHOOD BREAKFAST** is being planned by Pathfinders for Saturday, September 19, 8:00-10:30 a.m. Come enjoy a hearty breakfast with friends and neighbors. Invite a friend...bring a neighbor.

**WINTER QUARTER INTER-GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:** Adult Ministry is offering the opportunity to participate in inter-generational Sunday School classes for the winter quarter. Step up to the challenge of change and growth, as well as the opportunity to form new relationships. **Sign-up in the foyer by today if you are interested in participated in these classes.** Feel free to also suggest topics for study.

**2009-2010 COLLEGE/GRADUATE STUDENTS:** If you are attending college or graduate school this fall and have not been contacted by Ellen Nussbaum via e-mail or your church mailbox for your student information, please be in touch with Ellen about your plans. Thanks!