

Why Do We Need Each Other?
Acts 2:37-47

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel):

- On Tuesday, Mel will be attending Pastor's Appreciation Day at Central**
- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon

Secretary (Ellen):

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, October 4, 4:00 p.m., Fall Festival 2009 at Lloyd & Jane Miller's (rain date—October 11)
Sunday, October 18, Fall Meal for Senior Saints c/o Parable People
Tuesday, October 20, SMW Progressive Supper
October 19-22, MCC Relief Canning at CCS Gerber Building
Sunday, November 8, Song Sing at OrrVilla



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, September 20, 2009

Attendance: SS - 130; Worship - 161
Offering: Budget: \$2,634.50
CCS Tuition: \$2,274.00
Maple Syrup Missions: \$192.80
Mutual Caring Fund: \$511.15
Primary SS Offering: \$5.25
In Memory of Mary Jane Wahlgren: \$100.00 (designated for the library)

CCS Tuition:

- Needed each month (2009-2010) school year): \$13,996.00
- September payment has been met
- Balance in Fund: \$12,307.47

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

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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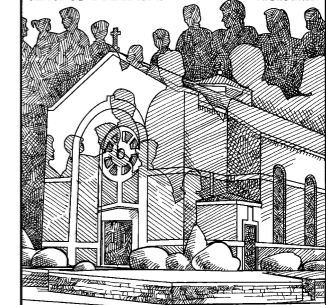


A special welcome to our guests. Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register in the guest book in the foyer.

8:45 AM Prayer Time
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Classes for all ages,
Nursery through adult.
Everyone is welcome!*

They devoted themselves to the APOSTLES' TEACHING and to the FELLOWSHIP, to the BREAKING OF BREAD and to PRAYER. ACTS 2:42



10:30 AM WORSHIP
WE GATHER

Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

♪ *Here in This Place* WB 6
Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship
♪ *Longing for Light* SJ 54
♪ *We Are One in the Spirit*
Offertory: *Spirit of God, Descend*

WE LISTEN

♪ *One Is the Body* SJ 72
Scripture Reading: Acts 2:37-47
Message: *Why Do We Need Each Other?*

WE RESPOND

♪ *Help Us to Help Each Other* WB 362
Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People
Visual Presentation: *Summer Blessings*
Benediction
♪ *Heart with Loving Heart United* WB 420

Children's bulletins are available today from one of the ushers, for children's ages 3-6 & 7-12

Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler
Worship Leader: Henry Beun

Digital Arts: Ned Mast
Sound/Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander
Altar Arrangements: Lena Lehman
Pastoral Team Greeter: Eileen Lehman

Message: Mel Hathaway
Host/Greeters: Ken & Connie Neuenschwander
Nursery: Marleen Reinhardt & Anna Ressler
Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Mike & Mim Lehman, Mark Johnston

Today's Activities

11:45 AM Health Ministry in S-2. Nurse is Janice Kratzer

6:00 PM Song Sing

7:00 PM Shady Lawn—The Oaks Program c/o Winfred & Barb Ressler Family

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday

5:30 p.m. **Baby Shower for Lukas Todd Zuercher** will be held here at the church. Come to celebrate Baby Luke and shower him with our love and support. There will be a light meal served. Gift suggestions include older clothes, books, and toys. The shower is sponsored by SMW.

Wednesday

5:45 p.m. **Light Fellowship Meal** provided by the Food Committee. Donations will be accepted to cover the cost of the food. Persons who signed up in Sunday School classes to bring food should have it at the church before 5:45.

7:00 p.m. **Annual Congregational Meeting** (see announcement)

Saturday

No **Men's Breakfast**—Main Street Café is closed

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 AM Prayer Time

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM WORSHIP - *God's Peace*, Colossians 1:15-23, by Pastor Mel Hathaway

4:00 PM Fall Festival at Jane & Lloyd Miller's (see announcement)

Nursery: Michael & Lisa Amstutz Family

Altar Arrangement: Janice Kratzer

Host/Greeter: Virgene Steffen

Pastoral Team Greeter: Alice Metcalf

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

GOD BLESS OUR SENIOR SAINTS!

Happy 65th birthday to Pat Gault, today, September 27—Welcome to the Seniors Saints, Pat! To celebrate her 65th birthday, Pat will receive the book, Gettin' Old Still Ain't for Wimps, by Karen O'Connor

Happy 68th birthday to Shirley Sommerfeld, today, September 27

Happy 84th birthday to Flora Jean Martin, Tuesday, September 29

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: *Iva Geiser is taking oral cancer medication for an extended period of time; Lois Berry began radiation treatments on September 24; Anna Knutson began radiation treatments on September 22; Jeanette Miller will be undergoing radiation treatments, beginning in October; Rodney Shetler continues to seek treatment for his 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; 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.*

IN SYMPATHY: *Loren Neuenschwander, son of Til, and brother to Joyce Taylor, Donna Johnston and Kurt Neuenschwander (from Sonnenberg) passed away on Wednesday morning, September 22. Remember Loren's wife, Dar, and their children, Krystal Glick, Clint, Nick and Dustin during this difficult time. Services will be held at Zion Mennonite Church in Pryor, Oklahoma, tomorrow morning. May God grant their family comfort in this time of loss of their loved one.*

THANKS *to everyone who was able to attend our Open House last Sunday. We enjoyed having you come and see where we live and share in a good time of fun and fellowship. We look forward to more opportunities for you to be in our home, and trust that you will feel welcome there whenever you come to visit.*
Mel and Dottie Hathaway

THANK YOU: *We would like to thank you for the baby shower for Tessa. We received so many wonderful gifts, and met so many nice people. We couldn't believe how many people were there. We have already started using the diapers, wipes and some of the clothes. We would also like to thank those of you who brought meals to us after Tessa was born, and those who helped get Tessa's room ready. We really do appreciate all you have done to help us. Thank you for being so kind!*
George Duell & Karen Burkey

JOEL MILLER AND RUTH TOVAR: *Remember Joel & Ruth as they unite their lives in marriage next Saturday, October 3, 5:00 p.m., in the Lily of the Valley Church, La Haciendita, Mexico. See the invitation on the bulletin board.*

MUTUAL CARING FUND: Pastoral Team has responded to a number of financial needs within our congregation during the past few months through our Mutual Caring Fund. We would appreciate any above-budget contributions that would help meet some of these needs. Place contributions in the regular offering earmarked for "Mutual Caring Fund."

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held this Wednesday, September 30. Come for a light meal at 5:45 p.m. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will review the 2008-09 fiscal year and approve budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year. Annual reports for 2008-09 are in your church mailboxes today, including the agenda for the annual meeting. Please read these in preparation for the meeting and bring your copy along to the meeting as well. Nursery care will be available for children up to age 5, and a children's bulletin will be available for older children to enjoy during the meeting.

2nd SONNENBERG FALL FESTIVAL will be next Sunday, October 4, at Jane & Lloyd Miller's. Come when it suits, anytime after 4:00 p.m. The meal will be served at 5:00 p.m. There will be fun for all ages: corn hole tournament, hayride, special activity for children, campfire with singing, "guess jars", visiting,... Hot dogs/buns, condiments, marshmallows and fresh apple cider will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, hot dog sticks and a finger food to share. Invite your friends and come enjoy the autumn season. Extra fliers are available by the mailboxes to invite friends and neighbors. (Rain Date is October 11—in case of rain on October 11, activities will be held here at the church.)