

SIN...OR NO SIN

1 John 3:1-10

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, November 22, Celebration of Communion
Thursday, November 26, 10-11:00 AM Thanksgiving Service
Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m., SMW Extended
4F (Food, Faith, Family, Fellowship) Nights
January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17 (snow date February 24)



**Sonnenberg
Mennonite
Church**

November 15, 2009

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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!*

See what love the
Father has given us,



that we should be
called Children of God.

1 John 3:1

10:30 AM WORSHIP
WE GATHER
Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

♪ *In Thy Holy Place We Bow* WB 2
Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship
♪ *Praise to God, Immortal Praise* WB 91
♪ *Great God of Wonders* WB 149
Offertory: *Tell Your Children*
Dismissal for Children's Church
(children, ages 3-grade 3)

WE LISTEN

♪ *Children of the Heavenly Father* WB 616
Scripture: 1 John 3:1-10
Message: *Sin...or No Sin*

WE RESPOND

♪ *This Is a Day of New Beginnings* WB 640
Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People
Benediction
♪ Sending Song: *The Blessing of Aaron* Hymnal Insert



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, November 8, 2009

Attendance: SS - 131; Worship - 166
Offering: Budget: \$3,517.50
CCS Tuition: \$2,440.00
Maple Syrup Missions: \$16.00
Mutual Caring Fund: \$211.63
Primary SS Offering: \$4.20
People to People Ministries: \$25.00

CCS Tuition:

- Needed each month (2009-2010 school year): \$13,996.00
- October payment has been met
- Balance in Fund: \$10,675.47

***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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Matt Hamsher, Mutual Caring Fund Alice Metcalf, Care Groups

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday,
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- + Mel is attending a Willing Hearts meeting on
Wednesday morning.

Secretary (Ellen):

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

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Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor                      Digital Arts: Ned Mast  
Song Leader: Martha Coleman                      Sound & Lights: Steve Zuercher  
Worship Leader: Bonita Kauffman                      Altar Arrangements: Julia Dunster  
Message: Mel Hathaway                      Host/Greeter: Ada Amstutz  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Eileen Lehman                      Nursery: Keith & Shirley Sommerfeld  
Ushers: Ron Geiser, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross, Lloyd Miller  
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Today's Activities

NOON - MYF Thanksgiving Caf  (See announcement)

PM Home Fellowship Groups

7:30 PM CANTATE SINGERS at St. Mary Catholic Church, Wooster, under the direction of guest conductor, Alice Parker, conducting her *Melodious Accord* and other works.

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Monday

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

Tuesday

7:00 p.m. **Adult Ministry**

7:00 p.m. **Youth/Young Adult Ministry**

7:00 p.m. **Library Team**

Wednesday

7:00-8:15 p.m. **Venture Club Movie Night**; boys at the home of Conrad Neuenschwander (snack c/o Ben Masters, drink c/o A.J. Conrad); girls at Ressler's (snack & drink c/o Anna and Sarah Ressler)

7:00 p.m. **MYF**

7:00 p.m. **Praise & Prayer**

7:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** at Ora Shetler's

Thursday

3:30 p.m. **Worship Ministry**

Friday

7:00 p.m. **Praise & Prayer** at Merle & Bonita Kauffman's

Saturday

6:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** at Main Street Caf 

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 AM Prayer Time

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM WORSHIP - *Celebration of Communion; Welcome to the Table*, Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 15:11-24, by Pastor Mel Hathaway.

7:00 PM Nursing Home Program at Shady Lawn--The Oaks c/o Mel & Dottie Hathaway

Next Sunday, continued

Nursery: Jane Miller & Olivia Ressler

Altar Arrangement: Janice Kratzer

Pastoral Team Greeter: Eileen Lehman

Host/Greeters: Merle & Bonita Kauffman

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

GOD BLESS OUR SENIOR SAINTS!

Happy 22nd anniversary to Dan & Pat Gault, Saturday, November 21

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: *Iva Geiser is taking oral cancer medication; Lois Berry and Anna Knutson both completed their daily radiation treatments this past week, but will continue with maintenance chemotherapy for several more months; Jeanette Miller completes her radiation treatments tomorrow.*

THOSE IN MISSION: *Linda Horn, Interlink, Thailand; Jos  & Alfonsina Oyanguren, Argentine Chaco; Friends of the Tabasaran Ministry, Dagestan, Russia; Joel & Ruth 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; Gideon Dunster serving at a Children's Hospital in Tatova, Romania, through November 29.*

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**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to Joe & Anna Knutson in the death of Anna's grandmother, Frances Gerber, on Thursday, November 5. Services were held at Kidron Mennonite last Sunday afternoon.

**THANK YOU** to the Sonnenberg congregation, for the many expressions of "pastor appreciation" and for making it possible for Dottie and me to attend the Pastor/Spouse Retreat last weekend. Your kindness and generosity is truly a blessing. Pastor Mel and Dottie

**WINTERING IN ARIZONA:** *Palmer & Joan Steiner and Herb & Carolyn Jackson have returned to their winter homes in Arizona. Keep them in prayer while they are away from us.*

**THANKSGIVING MYF CAF ** will be held today at noon. Stay and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal (all the good stuff!) served by our youth. Your donations will be accepted at the door and will go to support their summer service project.

**VENTURE CLUB POINSETTIA SALES:** Stop in the foyer and place your poinsettia order by today. Poinsettias can be taken home following the worship service on December 6.

**NEW 2009-2010 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are in church mailboxes today, one per household. Extra copies are available on the counter in the foyer for \$1.00. Place money in box provided. Please update information as follows:

- New e-mail addresses for **Merle & Bonita Kauffman:**
  - merlekauffman@gmail.com
  - bonitakauffman@gmail.com
- **John & Rozella Lehman** no longer have a landline phone, so use the cell phone numbers as listed in the directory;
  - new e-mail address is: jalehman@verizon.net

**NOVEMBER MISSIONS EMPHASIS...Fill a grocery bag for People to People.** From now through Thanksgiving, Outreach & Service Ministry is collecting cans of pork & beans, dry cereal and powdered laundry detergent for needy families in Wayne County. Grocery bags were placed in mailboxes for your convenience. If you'd rather not use the bag, please place under the mailboxes. Monetary gifts are also accepted. Make checks payable to Sonnenberg Mennonite and earmark for "People to People".

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE/OFFERING:** Our annual Thanksgiving service will be held on Thursday, November 26, 10-11:00 a.m. A special offering will be taken during the Thanksgiving Service which will be divided equally between Open Arms Ministry, Haiti Community School, Lighthouse Ministry and Sonnenberg's Mutual Caring Fund.

**SEND THANKSGIVING GREETINGS** to our partners in mission. Select a card and addressed envelope in the foyer to let our missionaries know we are thinking of them.

**SMW DECEMBER OFFERING PROJECT** is the Pregnancy Care Center. In addition, SMW is sponsoring a diaper shower. Your donations of diapers, newborn to size 5 are welcomed and can be placed in the basket provided in the foyer. See additional information in church mailboxes today.

**BORROWED BOOKS:** If you borrowed any books from Larry Augsburg during the time he served as our Transitional Pastor he would appreciate having them back. Return them to the church office by today Sunday, November 15.