

**WELCOME TO THE TABLE**  
Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 15:11-24

**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Pastor (Mel):**

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- ✦ Mel and Dottie will be spending Thanksgiving with family in Pennsylvania, leaving on Wednesday, November 25, returning home Sunday, November 29

**Secretary (Ellen):**

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✦ Ellen will be in the office on Tuesday and Wednesday during this holiday week. She and Don will be spending time with Elena in Kansas over Thanksgiving. **The bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, so please have all announcements to the church office by Wednesday morning, 9:00 a.m.**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m., SMW Extended  
December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
4F (Food, Faith, Family, Fellowship) Nights  
January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17 (snow date February 24)



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, November 15, 2009**

Attendance: SS - 104; Worship - 153  
Offering: Budget: \$2,835.15  
CCS Tuition: \$1,785.00  
Maple Syrup Missions: \$20.00  
Mutual Caring Fund: \$264.60  
People to People Ministries: \$50.00

**CCS Tuition:**

- Needed each month (2009-2010 school year): \$13,996.00
- Short for November payment: \$3,320.53
- Needed for December 15 payment: \$13,996.00

*\*\*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!*

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

**WE PRAISE GOD**

♪ *O Worship the Lord* WB 124  
Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship  
♪ *Come, Ye Thankful People* WB 94  
♪ *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* WB 145  
Offertory  
Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People

**WE LISTEN**

♪ *Break Thou the Bread of Life* WB 360  
Scripture: Genesis 18:1-8; Luke 15:11-24  
Message: *Welcome to the Table*

**WE RESPOND**

♪ *You've Got a Place* SJ 4  
*Celebration of Communion*  
Benediction  
♪ *Sending Song: Love the Lord Your God* SS 55



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Prelude/Offertory: Michael & Lisa Amstutz Family  
Song Leader: Ellis Miller  
Worship Leader: Ora Shetler  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Host/Greeters: Merle & Bonita Kauffman  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Eileen Lehman  
Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Mike & Mim Lehman, Mark Johnston  
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### Today's Activities

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

**7:00 PM** There is power in prayer! Come to Kidron Mennonite Church to view the award-winning documentary on how Liberian women stopped the recent civil war through non-violent means. Rev. Jackson Weah, co-founder of Bridge of Hope Girls' School, will be present to lead a short discussion and to update us on the girls' school.

## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Wednesday

No MYF  
7:00 p.m. **Praise & Prayer**

### Thursday

10-11:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Service** (See Announcement)

### NEXT SUNDAY

**8:45 AM Prayer Time**

**9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP** - *First Sunday of Advent–Bursting in and Breaking Out–Take Heart; Eyes on Bethlehem*, Jeremiah 33:14-16, by Henry Beun

**11:45 AM Health Ministry** in S-1; nurse is Angela Kratzer

**7:00 PM Sonnenberg Station** in concert at Maple Grove Mennonite Church, Hartville

Nursery: Rhonda & Michelle Conrad  
Altar Arrangement: Advent c/o Julia Dunster  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Alice Metcalf  
Host/Greeters: Bill & Corrine Helmuth  
Ushers: Ron Geiser, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross, Lloyd Miller

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

**Happy 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary to Palmer/Joan Steiner, Tues., November 24**

**Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to Clayton Geiser, Saturday, November 28**

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Iva Geiser is taking oral cancer medication; Lois Berry and Anna Knutson are both continuing with maintenance chemotherapy for several more months; Jeanette Miller completed her radiation treatments this past week.*

**THOSE IN MISSION:** *Linda Horn, Interlink, Thailand; José & 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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**CHILDREN'S BULLETINS** are available from the ushers today for children ages 3-6 and 7-12.

**NEW 2009-2010 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** were in church mailboxes last Sunday, 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; use the directory cell phone numbers
  - new e-mail address is \*\*note the change from last week\*\*: jalehman42@hotmail.com

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE/OFFERING:** Our annual Thanksgiving service will be held this coming 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. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join together in this service of praise and thanksgiving for all God has given us.

**NOVEMBER MISSIONS EMPHASIS...Fill a grocery bag for People to People.** Outreach & Service Ministry is collecting cans of pork & beans, dry cereal and powdered laundry detergent for needy families in Wayne County. If you have not already done so, please bring your donations to the Thanksgiving service. 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 through our offering. Make checks payable to Sonnenberg Mennonite and earmark for "People to People".

**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.

**WINTER QUARTER INTER-GENERATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** studying the book, Jesus for President, by Shane Claiborne and Chris Haw, will begin meeting on Sunday, December 6. The class will be taught by Matt Hamsher, assisted by Shirley & Vern Hochstetler. If you are in the class and you need a book, let Ellen Nussbaum know. She will have six books available to sell from the church office and will work at ordering additional books online if needed. The cost per book will be around \$10.00.

**BIBLE MEMORY FOR WINTER QUARTER** will be Luke 2:8-14. One learning schedule has been placed in the family mailbox of each child. Extra learning sheets are located on the counter under the church mailboxes.

**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. Additional information was in church mailboxes last Sunday.

**A FACEBOOK PAGE** has recently been launched for Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. There is a main page that will have happenings at Sonnenberg and will allow friends of the site to also post church related things. There is also a Sonnenberg members group page that will allow posting of more personal material that will only be seen by members. See the e-mail that was sent with detailed information or contact Mark Miller or Ed Taylor with questions.