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BURSTING IN & BREAKING OUT-GET READY!
GUIDE MY FEET
 Luke 1:68-79



OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel):

- 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

December 13, 3-5:00 p.m. All-Church Christmas Caroling
 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)
 March 5-6, 2010, Marriage Retreat



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, November 29, 2009

Attendance: SS - 112; Worship - 159
 Thanksgiving Service - 119
 Offering: Budget: \$2,936.90
 CCS Tuition: \$1,423.00
 College Student Aid: \$300.00
 Primary SS Offering: \$3.00
 Thanksgiving Offering: \$3,547.10
 Haiti Community School: \$886.78
 Open Arms Hispanic Ministry (local): \$886.78
 Lighthouse Ministry (First Mennonite): \$886.78
 Sonnenberg Mennonite Mutual Caring Fund (Local needs): \$886.76

CCS Tuition:

- Needed each month (2009-2010 school year): \$13,996.00
- November payment has been met
- Needed for December 15 payment: \$12,126.79

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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**Sonnenberg
 Mennonite
 Church**

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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
9:00 AM Alternative Christmas
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

♫ *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now* WB 22
 Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship
 Advent Candlelighting
 ♪ *Oh, How Shall I Receive Thee* WB 182
 ♪ *Comfort, Comfort, O My People* WB 176
 Offertory
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People

WE LISTEN

♫ *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* WB 174
 Scripture: Luke 1:68-69
 Message: *Guide My Feet*
 Litany of Response

WE RESPOND

♫ *Guide My Feet* WB 546
 Moment for Mission: Alternative Christmas
 Benediction
 ♫ Sending Song: *Go Now in Peace* WB 429

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Prelude/Offertory: Women's Ensemble      Digital Arts: Michael Amstutz  
Song Leader: Lorene Amstutz                Sound & Lights: Winfred Ressler  
Worship Leader: Jim Johnston              Host/Greeters: Ron & Bonnie Geiser  
Message: Mel Hathaway                      Pastoral Team Greeter: Matt Hamsher  
Moment for Mission: Michael & Lisa Amstutz  
Nursery: Barb, Anna & Sarah Ressler  
Altar Arrangements: Advent c/o Julia Dunster  
Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross  
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Today's Activities

PM Home Fellowship Groups

7:00 PM Orrville Community *Messiah* at CCS

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

6:30-8:30 p.m. **SMW Extended.** All women and girls are encouraged to attend—there are a variety of activities. (See information in church mailboxes today)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **SMW Sewing.** Offering will be taken for the Pregnancy Care Center. Everyone should bring a can of soup (non-cream soup) for the noon meal. Women with last names beginning with A-L should bring salads or desserts.

7:00 p.m. **MYF Shopping for Care Package Items**

7:00 p.m. **Venture Club Christmas Caroling**

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

Thursday

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

Friday

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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 AM Prayer Time

9-9:25 AM Alternative Christmas (See announcement)

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM WORSHIP - Third Sunday of Advent—*Bursting in and Breaking Out—Rejoice! Turning Around*, Luke 3:7-18, by Pastor Mel Hathaway

3-5:00 PM All-Church Christmas Caroling

7:00 PM Sonnenberg Station at Dalton High School

Next Sunday, continued

Nursery: Corrine Helmuth & Chloe Raber
Altar Arrangement: Advent c/o Julia Dunster
Pastoral Team Greeter: Don Nussbaum
Host/Greeters: Steve & Goldie Yoder
Ushers: Ron Geiser, Mike & Mim Lehman, Mark Johnston, Lloyd Miller
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## 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.*

**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.*

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ENGAGED: *Congratulations to Amanda Kauffman and Shane Kurtz who have announced their engagement. Shane is from Plymouth, Indiana, and is a sports management and business major at Goshen College. Amanda and Shane will both be graduating from Goshen College in April, 2010. They plan to get married next summer!*

THANK YOU: *The MYF wants to thank everyone for your generous donations for our Thanksgiving café. We are planning to use the money to help cover expenses for our mission trip this summer. Thank you for your support.*

SMW DECEMBER OFFERING PROJECT is for the Pregnancy Care Center. In addition, SMW is sponsoring a diaper shower. Your donations of diapers, newborn to size 5 are welcome and can be placed in the basket provided in the foyer by today. If you have additional baby items to donate to PCC, contact Liz Gerber by Wednesday, December 9.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING is planned for next Sunday, December 13, 3-5:00 p.m. Plan to join in this time of celebrating Christ's birth through caroling for others.

POINSETTIAS: If you ordered poinsettias from the Venture Club, they will be available to take home following the worship service today, December 6. *Thank you to the Venture Club for purchasing five double poinsettias for the church.* These poinsettias are not available to take home.

WINTER QUARTER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN TODAY, DECEMBER 6:

- **Inter-generational class** studying the book, Jesus for President, by Shane Claiborne and Chris Haw, will begin meeting today, December 6 in the middle room of the fellowship hall. 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 has a few extra books available. The cost per book is \$10.00.
- **Adult Bible Study:** If you are part of a class using the Adult Bible Study during the winter quarter, quarterlies are available in your classes or on the counter in the foyer. The combined Adult Bible Study Class (Parable People/Faith Quest/Kindred Minds) will meet in the east room of the Fellowship Hall.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS: Give someone an alternative gift of love this Christmas. **December's Mission Emphasis** will focus on alternative Christmas gift giving today December 6, and on December 13 & 20. Light snacks and a drink to compliment fair trade coffee offered through World Crafts will be provided in the foyer from 9:00-9:25 a.m. Feel free to bring your own mug. A booth will be available to purchase consumable products from World Crafts. Tables will be set up with information about MCC projects to support at home and abroad. MCC keeps donations for specific projects separate so memo your checks accordingly. Undesignated funds will be assigned to projects by Outreach and Service Ministry.

SEND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS to our partners in mission. Pick up an card and addressed envelope on the black board in the foyer to let our missionaries know we are thinking of them during this Christmas season.