

**CHRISTMAS 1**  
**BURSTING IN & BREAKING OUT**  
**LET ALL CREATION PRAISE GOD!**  
*In Response to Christmas*  
 Psalm 148



**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Pastor (Mel):**

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- ✦ During this holiday week, Mel will be working on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday (not in the office on Tuesday, Friday or Saturday).

**Secretary (Ellen):**

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✦ During this holiday week, Ellen will be working only on Tuesday and Thursday. \*\*All bulletin announcements need to be in by Thursday, 9:00 a.m. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday afternoon.\*\*

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. Congregational Listening Meeting  
 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, December 20, 2009**

Attendance: SS - 119; Worship - 162  
 Offering: Budget: \$2,412.50  
 CCS Tuition: \$1,990.00  
 Mutual Caring Fund: \$10.70  
 Joel Miller, Dayspring, Mexico: \$50.00  
 Sonnenberg Station: \$2,066.70

**CCS Tuition:**

- Needed each month (2009-2010 school year): \$13,996.00
- Short for December 15 payment: \$5,543.79
- Needed for January 15: \$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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**Sonnenberg**  
**Mennonite**  
**Church**

December 27, 2009

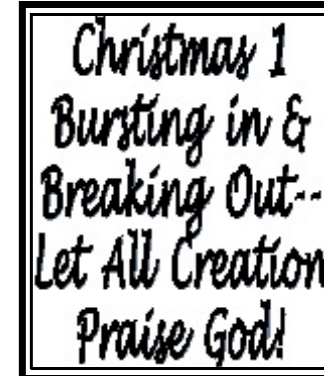
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A special welcome to our guests. Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register in the guest book in the foyer.

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

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



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

Prelude

**WE PRAISE GOD**

♫ *O Come, All Ye Faithful* WB 212  
 Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship  
 Advent Candlelighting  
 ♫ *Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* SS 32  
 ♫ *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* WB 206  
 ♫ *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* WB 211  
 Offertory  
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People

**WE LISTEN**

♫ *On This Day Earth Shall Ring* WB 192  
 Scripture: Psalm 148  
 Message: *In Response to Christmas*

**WE RESPOND**

♫ *Let the Whole Creation Cry* WB 51  
 Benediction  
 ♫ *Sending Song: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* WB 201

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Prelude/Offertory: Kandace Helmuth  
Song Leader: Martha Coleman  
Worship Leader: Dottie Hathaway  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Digital Arts: Ned Mast  
Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander  
Host/Greeters: Don & Ellen Nussbaum  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Alice Metcalf  
Nursery: Lisa, Rowena & Emma Zuercher  
Altar Arrangements: Advent c/o Julia Dunster  
Ushers: Ron Geiser, Mike & Mim Lehman, Mark Johnston, Lloyd Miller  
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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### **Wednesday**

6:00-8:45 p.m. **Venture Club Pizza & Swimming.** Meet at East of Chicago Pizza in Orrville for supper at 6:00. Parents can pick up their children at 8:45 at the Orrville YMCA. Bring your swim gear and a friend! If bringing a friend, contact Lisa Zuercher by Tuesday.

### **Friday**

#### **NEW YEAR'S DAY**

*God's Peace & Joy to everyone in the New Year!*

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**8:45 AM Prayer Time**

**9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP** - Epiphany--*Bursting in and Breaking Out--Arise! Shine! Reveal the Mystery, Breaking Out, Isaiah 60:1-6*, by Pastor Mel Hathaway

**2:30 PM Wayne County Quiz Meets** begin here at Sonnenberg

Nursery: Kristina, Carrie & Andrea Hamsher  
Altar Arrangement: Advent c/o Julia Dunster  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Matt Hamsher  
Host/Greeter: Velma Geiser  
Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross

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

**Happy 88<sup>th</sup> birthday to Paul Neuenschwander, Thursday, December 31**

\*\*Christmas bulletins are available today for children, ages 3-6 & 7-12. Children, be sure to pick up a copy from one of the ushers.\*\*

## 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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**THANK YOU** for your thoughts, prayers, cards, flowers, visits, cards, use of the fellowship hall, as well as a special thank you to those who helped us out in other special ways after the recent death of George's sister, Evelyn Kellarney. Your thoughtfulness is much appreciated. We couldn't have a nicer church family! —George & Belvia Hann

**THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with the clean-up of my home. Your help was much appreciated!  
Arden Nussbaum, nephew of Ada Amstutz

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the Alternative Christmas celebration. A special thanks to the Sunday school classes for providing all the wonderful goodies and to Steve and Lisa Zuercher for providing the World Crafts coffee. There will be a lot of people helped by your generosity. We will send \$2,918.45 to MCC with your designations, but the door isn't closed. Just mark your gift "Alternative Christmas" and place it in the offering or hand it to a member of the Outreach & Service Ministry (Ken Neuenschwander, Chip Coleman, Steve Zuercher, Bill Helmuth). Thank You! —Outreach & Service Ministry



**AN INSTRUCTION CLASS** working toward baptism will be held for our youth beginning in mid-January, meeting during Sunday School for 8-10 weeks. Pastor Mel will be leading the class using the book, *God's Story, My Story*, by Michelle Hershberger. If you have a copy of this book that you would be willing to make available for use in this class, please contact Ellen Nussbaum.

**4F 2010 ~ Welcome to the Table ~** Food-Faith-Family-Fellowship 2010 (4F) will meet on Wednesday evenings January 13 through February 17. Each evening will begin with a hot, simple meal, serving starting at 5:45 p.m., followed by classes from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Plan to join in this opportunity for building relationships through fellowship, learning, fun, and working together.

Six 4F classes are being offered this year:

- How to...Developing Better Computer Skills, c/o Michael Amstutz
- *Jewels of Friendship* Piecing and Quilting, c/o Ellen Nussbaum
- Mind, Heart and Hands, c/o Outreach & Service Ministry
- Organic Singing Sessions c/o Ellis Miller
- Proverbs: Wisdom for Today, c/o Pastor Mel Hathaway
- Ready, Set...PLAY! c/o MYF and Venture Club (This will be the main inter-generational class this year.)

Fliers were in mailboxes last Sunday and sign-up sheets will be available on a table in the foyer today, December 27, and the next two Sundays, January 3 and 10. For more information, see last Sunday's issue of *Sojourns*. Extra copies of the flier are on the counter under the church mailboxes. Take copies and use them to invite others to join us.

### **CHURCH LIBRARY:**

- Library Christmas audio contest winners are Emma Zuercher and A.J. Conrad. They tied with the correct number of 30 Christmas audios (videos, DVD's, CD's, cassettes) in the church library.
- Daily time with the Lord can be aided by a good devotional book. Stop by the library to see our selection on the center table. Some are for the full year and others are for shorter terms. We have devotionals for children and adults. We invite your donations too. If you would like to share your own book, but want the book back at the end of the year, we will supply you with a sign-out card. You may bring in and sign out books today, December 27, and next Sunday, January 3.