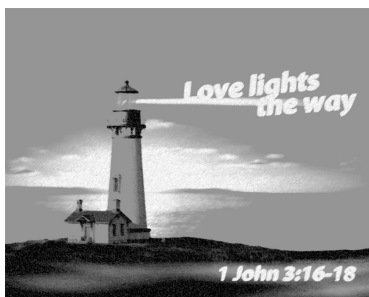


A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST
2 Corinthians 9:6-15



OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel Hathaway):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon

Youth Pastor (Ora Shetler):

- Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✦ Ellen will be gone over the Thanksgiving weekend, so will only be working on Tuesday and Wednesday next week.
****The bulletin for next Sunday will be printed on Wednesday, November 22—please have all announcements to the church office by Tuesday if possible or no later than Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.****

LOOKING AHEAD

Alternative Christmas: Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 & 24
Sunday, December 17, p.m. Christmas Caroling
Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
2018 4F dates: January 10, 17, 24 & 31, February 7 & 14
February 23-24, 2018, Sonnenberg Marriage Retreat
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\*\*Sami Squad Contact: Gordon Amstutz, 330/465-8007\*\*



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - November 12, 2017**

Attendance: SS - 68; Worship - 90  
Offering: Budget: \$1,937.00  
CCS Tuition: \$1,266.00  
Outreach & Service: \$90.00  
Primary SS Offering: \$3.00  
Sonnenberg Station: \$200.00  
**TOTAL: \$3,496.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 11/12/2017: \$1,175.00; 2017-18: \$15,075.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
-Short for November 15 payment: \$2,797.48

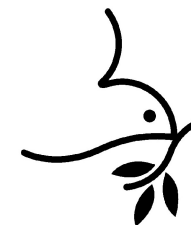
*\*\*If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please contact the church office.\*\**

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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 at the guest book in the foyer.

**9:15 AM MYF Coffee Bar**  
**9:30 AM Sunday School**

*Classes for all ages;  
Nursery through Adult;*

**10:20 AM Prelude**  
**10:30 AM WORSHIP**  
**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship

♪ *For the Fruit of All Creation* WB 90  
♪ *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* WB 260  
Offering/Offertory

**Hearing God's Word**

♪ *Seed, Scattered and Sown* WB 454  
Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Message: *A Bountiful Harvest*  
Congregational Prayer

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *God, Whose Giving* WB 383  
Benediction  
♪ *Grant Us, Lord, the Grace* WB 388

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH WILL NOT MEET TODAY, and has been rescheduled for next Sunday, November 26.**

*SOW  
generously  
GIVE  
cheerfully  
ABOUND  
in every  
good work*

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2 Corinthians 9:6-8

MYF Coffee Bar: Phil & Myriam Raber, Levi Amstutz, Ethan Ross
Prelude/Offertory: MYF
Worship Leaders: Jeremy & Michele Patterson
Song Leader: Martha Coleman
Message: Mel Hathaway
Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander
Digital Arts: Steve Zuercher
Pastoral Team Greeter: Dave Ross
Nursery: Don & Ellen Nussbaum
Guestbook Greeters: Todd & Angela Zuercher
Altar Arrangement: Shirley Sommerfeld, Lisa & Emma Zuercher
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

Today's Activities

11:45 AM Scrip Sales at the Welcome Center (no outside orders this week due to the Thanksgiving break)

5:00 PM Cantate Singers will be in concert here at Sonnenberg. The theme of the concert is *Make Our Garden Grow - Planting Seeds of Faith, Hope, and Love*, and features works by John Rutter, Johannes Brahms, Leonard Bernstein, and Alice Parker. The ensemble is in its 25th year and is under the direction of Laurel Labbe. Kenneth Shafer serves as their accompanist. Everyone is welcome. A freewill offering will be received.

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Monday

6:30 p.m. **Outreach & Service Ministry**

6:30 p.m. **Youth/Young Adult Ministry**

Tuesday

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

Thursday

10:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving service.** *Praise is due to you O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed* (Ps. 65:1 NRSV). Join us as we gather together for worship, scripture reading, singing, praying, giving and listening. We are known by our gratitude. An offering will be taken for our mission projects. See announcement about People to People Grocery drive.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 AM MYF Coffee Bar

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship - *The Price of Love*, John 12:20-36

11:45 AM Scrip Sales at the Welcome Center

No **Health Ministry** in November

Next Sunday, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Ron & Laura Petite, Rebekah Amstutz & Emma Zuercher
Altar Arrangement: Shirley Sommerfeld, Lisa & Emma Zuercher
Guestbook Greeters: Steve & Lisa Zuercher
Pastoral Team: Virgene Steffen
Nursery: Michael & Lisa Amstutz
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: *Ora Shetler is recovering from surgery on his ankle—he is not able to put weight on his foot for two more weeks; Esther Neuenschwander is recovering at home from surgery on her left carotid artery; Janice Geiser is recovering at home from a full knee replacement on Tuesday, and Dottie Hathaway is recovering at home from a partial knee replacement on Friday.*

THOSE IN MISSION: *Linda Horn, Thailand; Joel/Ruthy Miller, Mexico; José/Alfonsina Oyanguren family, Argentine Chaco.*

YOUNG ADULTS ABROAD: *Anna Ressler, EMU Cross-Cultural Experience in Israel/Palestine; Rowena Zuercher, Bluffton Cross-Cultural Experience in Guatemala.*

WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS: *Oyangurens share a praise in their November newsletter that they are celebrating two years of carrying news to the Toba-Qom communities via the radio station. Their expectations have been surpassed and it is an enormous joy for them. The Word of God is broadcast each day, as well as Christian and traditional music.*

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Bob Kapper in the death of his mother, Pauline Kapper of Massillon last Saturday, November 11. *Services were held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Massillon on Wednesday. May God grant Bob and the extended Kapper family comfort in the loss of their loved one.*

THANK YOU for the box of goodies I received recently. *It made my day! My hall mates and I are still enjoying the great snacks you sent me. I am grateful for each and every one of you and I feel blessed to have such amazing people in my life. I am hoping to come visit some time soon. Thanks again!*

—Jessica Vieux

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

Children are providing gifts to supply the Lighthouse Ministries Christmas store as their fall mission project. Parents of the Lighthouse children can purchase gifts for their children but at a very reduced price. We invite anyone in the church to take a tag from the board at the Welcome Center and purchase the gift listed on the tag for the Lighthouse. Please bring your gifts to church by November 28 and put them by the board to be delivered to Lighthouse Ministries on November 29. Do not wrap the gift (parents will do that) and put the purchase price on a paper taped to the present. If you prefer to give some money instead of buying a gift, you can designate that in the offering or ask one of the children's families to buy it for you.

OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY:

- **People to People Food Drive** during November: During the month of November we are collecting Thanksgiving meals and having a food/grocery drive for People to People Ministries. Groceries should be brought to the church by the Thanksgiving service this coming Thursday, November 23. If you signed up to bring a Thanksgiving meal(s), they need to be at the church by today, Sunday, November 19.
- **Thanksgiving offering** for missions at our 10:00 a.m. Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 23
- **Alternative Christmas Sundays:** December 3, 10, 17 & 24

FUN FACTS: Thanks to everyone who has returned their Fun Facts form. Others can be returned anytime. ****Remember, there is no space for your name on the form, so please be sure to add your name.**** Thanks!

SCRIP CARDS make great Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers. Check with Ellen Nussbaum for a listing of vendors available. **The last Sunday to place orders in time to get your cards before Christmas is Sunday, December 10,** and you will receive cards ordered that day by the next Sunday, December 17. There are no outside orders on December 17 & 24 due to the holiday break.

BELL RINGERS FOR SALVATION ARMY: Salvation Army has added another location for their holiday collection sites at Kidron Town & Country during the month of December. They have asked Sonnenberg to cover seven 1-hour slots on Saturday, December 9. Please sign-up on the sheet at the Welcome Center if you would be available to give an hour or two of your time to help out in this way.