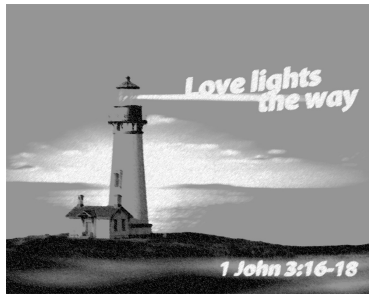


THE PRICE OF LOVE

John 12:20-36



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.

LOOKING AHEAD

Alternative Christmas: Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 & 24

Sunday, December 17, 3:00 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 19, 2017**

Attendance: SS - 89; Worship - 99  
 Offering: Budget: \$2,902.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$1,020.00  
 Outreach & Service: \$90.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico: \$100.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$100.00  
 Primary SS Offering: \$5.00  
 Thanksgiving/People to People: \$120.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$10.00  
 Sonnenberg Station: \$315.00  
**TOTAL: \$4,662.00**

- No Scrip Sales 11/19/2017; 2017-18: \$15,075.00
- 2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00  
 -Short for November 15 payment: \$(1,777.48)

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

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Donna Johnston, Caring Fund Dave Ross, Secretary



**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 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

♪ Sing to the Lord of Harvest

WB 98

♪ Praise to God, Immortal Praise

WB 91

♪ We Plow the Fields and Scatter

WB 96

Offering/Offertory

Dismissal for Children's Church

**Hearing God's Word**

♪ Unless a Grain of Wheat

SS 56

Scripture: John 12:20-36

Message: *The Price of Love*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ Longing for Light

SJ 54

Congregational Prayer

Benediction

♪ We Will Follow

SS 40

MYF Coffee Bar: Ron & Laura Petite, Rebekah Amstutz & Emma Zuercher  
Prelude/Offertory: Sarah Ressler and Joanna Spiker  
Worship Leaders: Jeremy & Michele Patterson  
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Children's Church: Rebekah Amstutz & Emma Zuercher  
Sound & Lights: Brandon King  
Digital Arts: Phil Raber  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen  
Nursery: Michael & Lisa Amstutz  
Guestbook Greeters: Steve & Lisa Zuercher  
Altar Arrangement: Shirley Sommerfeld, Lisa & Emma Zuercher  
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

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### Today's Activities

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales.** See Susan Neuenschwander at the Welcome Center today. \*\*Updated copies of the Vendor List are also available at the Welcome Center.\*\*

No **Health Ministry** today.

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **MYF Movie Night** at Shetler's

### Thursday

9:30-10:15 a.m. **Men's Coffee & Fellowship** at Kidron T&C

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:00-9:30 AM Alternative Christmas Celebration** – a Sunday School Class (yet to be determined) will be providing food; the MYF will be providing hot drinks.

(see announcement)

#### **9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** - *Advent 1, Yes! Let it Be? Let it Be*, Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-31

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales** at the Welcome Center

MYF Coffee Bar: Michael & Lisa Amstutz, Bethany Masters and Abby Ross  
Altar Arrangement: Donna Johnston & Michele Patterson  
Guestbook Greeters: John & Rozella Lehman  
Pastoral Team: Ora Shetler  
Nursery: Jeremy & Michele Patterson  
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

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## 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 three more weeks because it is not healing as expected; **Esther Neuenschwander** is recovering at home from surgery on her left carotid artery; **Janice Geiser** is recovering at home from a full knee replacement, and **Dottie Hathaway** is recovering at home from a partial knee replacement.*

**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:** *Join in a thanksgiving prayer adapted from the Message's version of Psalm 111: "I give thanks to God with everything I've got, wherever good people gather. God's works are so great, worth a lifetime of study and endless enjoyment! Splendor and beauty mark God's creation; God's generosity never gives out."*

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### THANK YOU

- *Thank you so much for your kindness in remembering our family in the recent death of our mother. The peace lily you sent in celebration of her life meant a lot to us.*  
–The Pauline Kapper family
- *Thank you so much for the \$1,000 you sent me from the catfish fry. During September, October, and the first half of November, I had been running on empty. When your \$1,000 showed up in my bank account, it was cause for CELEBRATION! Thank you very much for the financial support. It is very much appreciated. Thank you also for your faithful prayer support and continuing friendship.*  
–Love in Christ, Linda Horn

**SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Please note that if you have announcements or prayer concerns from now through Advent, please jot them down and give them to the worship leader or to Pastor Mel Hathaway prior to the worship service.

**WINTER SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER** begins next Sunday, December 3. For adult classes using the winter Adult Bible Study materials, you will find teacher and student guides in your classrooms today.

### **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 will be able to 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 this coming Tuesday, 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 regular offering or ask one of the children's families to buy a gift for you.

### **OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY:**

- **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** begins next Sunday, December 3, from 9-9:30 a.m., and continues on December 10, 17 & 24. Plan to join in this time of fellowship and enjoy the Alternative Christmas displays, good music, World Crafts table, food provided by the Sunday School classes, and hot drinks by the MYF. Contributions will be accepted for the food and drinks and your contributions will also be accepted each Sunday at the Welcome Center for MCC projects.
- **PENNY POWER OFFERING** will be taken again next Sunday, December 3. With an offering of \$135.50 in November, the total to date is \$349.00.

**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. Scrip on hand will still be available for sale during this time.

**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.