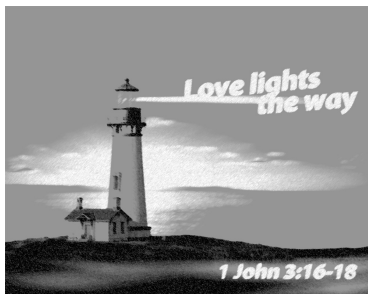


ADVENT 1
Yes! Let it Be!
Let it Be
 Isaiah 64:1-9 & Mark 13:24-31



OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel Hathaway):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- + Attending Healthy Boundaries Training at Spring Haven in Mt. Eaton all day on Saturday, December 9

Youth Pastor (Ora Shetler):

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- + Attending Healthy Boundaries Training at Spring Haven in Mt. Eaton all day on Saturday, December 9

Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

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 26, 2017**

Attendance: SS - 77; Worship - 110  
 Thanksgiving Service - 88  
 Offering: Budget: \$4,991.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$1,611.00  
 Outreach & Service: \$90.00  
 Primary SS Offering: \$2.54  
 Thanksgiving Missions Offering: \$2,713.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$156.00  
 Caring Fund: \$25.00  
 Building Rent: \$60.00  
 Venture Club Poinsettias: \$60.00  
**TOTAL: \$9,708.54**

- **Scrip Sales** 11/26/2017: \$2,740.00; 2017-18: \$17,815.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
 -Short for November 15 payment: \$(166.48)

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 **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.

9:00-9:30 AM Alternative Christmas Celebration
9:30 AM Sunday School

*Classes for all ages;
 Nursery through Adult;*

**Yes!
 Let it Be!**

Advent 1

10:20 AM Prelude
10:30 AM WORSHIP

Gathering as Community

Welcome & Announcements
 Lighting of Advent Candle
 ♪ *O Come, O Come, Immanuel* WB 172
 ♪ *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* SS 1
 Call to Worship: Isaiah 64:1-9
 ♪ *O Savior, Rend the Heavens* WB 175
 Offering/Offertory: *That Beautiful, Wonderful Night*
 Penny Power Offering
 Children's Story
 ♪ *Bless'd Be the God of Israel* WB 174

Hearing God's Word

Scripture: Mark 13:24-31
 Message: *Let it Be*

Responding and Sending

♪ *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* WB 178
 Confession and Words of Assurance
 Congregational Prayer
 Dialogue between Wisdom and Wonder
 Benediction
 ♪ *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born* WB 18, vs. 1

MYF Coffee Bar: Michael & Lisa Amstutz, Bethany Masters and Abby Ross
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor
Worship Leader: Margaret Wenger
Song Leader: Paul Wenger
Message: Mel Hathaway
Dialogue: Virgene Steffen & Bethany Masters
Guestbook Greeters: John & Rozella Lehman
Advent Visual: Donna Johnston & Michele Patterson
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

Today's Activities

11:45 AM Scrip Sales at the Welcome Center today.
Christmas orders need to be in by next Sunday, December 10. **Updated copies of the Vendor List are also available at the Welcome Center.**

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Monday

6:30 p.m. **Pastoral Team**

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study** at Hathaway's
Noon **Women's Fellowship Meal** at Dutch Kitchen—let Marjean Lehman know if you are able to attend
7:00 p.m. **Adult Ministry**
7:00 p.m. **MYF Faith Night**

Thursday

7:00 p.m. **Praise & Prayer** at Eileen Lehman's
7:00 p.m. **Facilities Ministry**

Saturday

6:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** at Kidron T&C—come ready to share about Christmases past, present and hopes for the future.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00-9:30 AM Alternative Christmas Celebration – Jubilee Sunday School class will be providing food, and the MYF will be providing hot drinks
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:30 AM Worship - *Advent 2, Yes! Let it Be? Let it Be So,* Isaiah 40:1-11 & 2 Peter 3:8-15a
11:45 AM Scrip Sales at the Welcome Center
7:00 PM Community Christmas Hymn Sing at the Church in the Sonnenberg Village. Everyone is welcome.

Next Sunday, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Ed & Joyce Taylor, Ethan Ross, Levi Amstutz
Altar Arrangement: Donna Johnston & Michele Patterson
Guestbook Greeters: Gordon & Lorene Amstutz
Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston
Nursery: Chip & Martha Coleman
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: *Ora Shetler will have a scan done on Friday to see how his ankle is healing; Praise that Esther Neuenschwander's, Janice Geiser's and Dottie Hathaway's recoveries are going well.*

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—both Anna & Rowena are returning home next weekend.*

WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS: *Praise God for the SOOP volunteers who have already committed to working in Puerto Rico in the coming months. Pray for others willing to give time to encourage the inhabitants of the island who lost so much in Hurricane Maria.*

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to the family and extended family of Bessie Nussbaum, including Steve & Delo Gerber, Robert & Glenda Masters family, and Aldine Nussbaum from Sonnenberg. *Bessie passed away on Wednesday morning. Services were held here at Sonnenberg yesterday morning. May God grant the family comfort in the loss of their loved one.*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY CHRISTMAS PROJECT: *Thank you to everyone who helped make Christmas special for children in Canton through Lighthouse Ministries. We appreciate everyone who helped with our Christmas project!*
—Primary SS Children

CANCELLED LANDLINE: Ron & Janice Geiser have cancelled their landline and are only using their cell phones. Please make this correction in your directories.

SHARING/ANNOUNCEMENTS: Please note that if you have announcements or prayer concerns during 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 today.

Winter Adult Bible Study materials are available in classrooms.

ADVENT AT HOME WORSHIP GUIDE, titled *Yes! Let it Be!*, is designed for parents to use at home with their children between December 3 and January 6. The worship guide includes a daily Bible reading, short litany, songs, hands-on activities and questions to ponder together. Copies of the guide are available at the Welcome Center.

OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY:

- **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION** begins today, 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 (today is Parable People), 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 today, Sunday, December 3. The total collected to date is \$349.00.

PRIMARY LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT:

Children are encouraged to stop in the library today to pick up a form to participate in a Christmas reading treasure hunt from now until December 31. Enjoy reading Christmas stories from our library and collect a treasure by the end of the month.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS which were ordered from the Venture Club will be available to take home next Sunday, December 10, following the worship service. Extra poinsettias have been ordered if you are still interested in purchasing one. Cost is \$10 each. See Joyce Taylor.

SCRIP CARDS make great Christmas gifts/stocking stuffers. **The last Sunday to place orders in time to get your cards before Christmas is next Sunday, December 10.** You will receive cards ordered that day by Sunday, December 17. There are no outside orders on December 17 & 24 due to the holiday break. Scrip on hand will be available for sale during this time.

BELL RINGERS FOR SALVATION ARMY: Salvation Army has asked Sonnenberg to cover seven 1-hour slots next Saturday, December 9, at Kidron Town & Country. Three slots are still open. This would be a fun project for mentor pairs or families with children. 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.