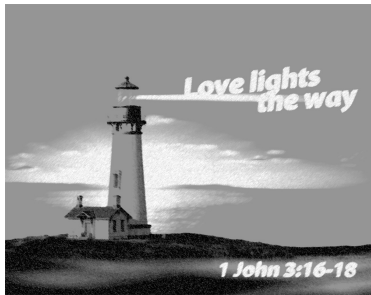


**CHRISTMAS**

**Yes! Let it Be!**

**Let it Be New!**

Luke 2:22-40 and Galatians 4:4-7



**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Pastor (Mel Hathaway):**

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- ✦ Will not be in the office on Monday–New Year’s day

**Youth Pastor (Ora Shetler):**

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- ✦ Will not be in the office on Monday–New Year’s day

**Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):**

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✦ Will be in the office only part of the day on Tuesday, as well as regular hours on Thursday and Friday

**LOOKING AHEAD**

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 - December 24, 2017**

Attendance: SS - 98; Worship - 126  
 Christmas Eve Service - 128  
 Offering: Budget: \$17,076.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$926.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$146.00  
 Outreach & Service Ministry: \$90.00  
 Alternative Christmas–Food: \$29.00  
 Building Rental: \$30.00  
**TOTAL: \$18,297.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 12/24/2017: \$640.00; 2017-18: \$23,900.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
–Short for December payment: (\$3,209.48)

*\*\*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.

**9:30 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

Lighting of Advent Candle

Responsive Reading

♪ *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

*WB 212*

♪ *The First Noel, the Angel Did Say*

*WB 199*

♪ *What Child Is This*

*WB 215*

♪ *My Soul Is Filled with Joy*

*SJ 13*

♪ *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

*WB 195*

♪ *Joy to the World*

*WB 318*

Offering/Offertory

Children’s Story



**Hearing God’s Word**

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40 & Galatians 4:4-7

Message: *Let it Be New*

**Responding and Sending**

Confession & Words of Assurance

♪ *Let All Together Praise Our God*

*WB 213*

Congregational Prayer

Dialogue between Wisdom and Wonder

Benediction

♪ *Neujahrs Leid*

*Hymnal Insert*

MYF Coffee Bar: Chip & Martha Coleman, Bethany Masters, Ethan Ross  
Prelude/Offertory: Instrumental Ensemble  
Worship Leader: Joanna Spiker & Rowena Zuercher  
Song Leader: Ellis Miller & Jess King  
Children's Story: Trent Metcalf  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Sound & Lights: Winfred Ressler  
Digital Arts: Phil Raber  
Nursery: Jeanette Miller, Cassandra Johnston  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen  
Guestbook Greeter: Eileen Lehman  
Advent Visual: Donna Johnston & Michele Patterson  
Valet: Galen Miller  
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

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### Today's Activities

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales** at the Welcome Center today. Outside orders will be taken again today.

**11:45 AM Health Ministry** in the library; nurse is Janice Geiser

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Monday

*New Year's Day*

### Tuesday

6:30 p.m. **Pastoral 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 planning to attend.

6:30 p.m. **Venture Club** gathering at Hathaway's  
(see announcement)

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

7:00 p.m. **MYF Ring in the New Year**

### Thursday

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

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** - *Epiphany, Yes! Let it Be! Let it Be Declared*, Matthew 2:1-12

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

**2:30 PM Wayne County Quizzing Season** begins here at Sonnenberg, quizzing over the book of Genesis; Next Sunday's scriptures are Genesis 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:1-5, & 6

MYF Coffee Bar: Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Emma Zuercher, Bethany Masters  
Altar Arrangement: Donna Johnston & Michele Patterson  
Guestbook Greeter: Corrine Helmuth  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Ora Shetler  
Nursery: Phil & Myriam Raber  
Valet: Jim Johnston  
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Ora Shetler as he recovers from surgery on his ankle—praise that he is able to put weight on his foot again.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *In many African-American communities, this is Watch Night, anticipating freedom. At midnight on January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though it is 154 years old, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Let today's prayer be one of committing to the struggle for justice for all people.*

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to Spencer Mason and Ashley Roberts who have announced their engagement and are planning to be married in March, 2018. *Keep them in your prayers as they make plans for their life together.*

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

### OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY

- **ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS:** Thank you for your contributions to MCC projects and World Crafts during our Alternative Christmas celebration. Contributions will still be accepted today for MCC projects. See the table in the foyer. Total received to date for MCC and World Crafts is as follows: Food Table: \$183.00; World Crafts: \$545.57; MCC - CD's: \$415.00; MCC - giving: \$3,265.70; Total of \$4,409.27
- **PENNY POWER** offering will be taken again next Sunday, January 7. Bring your change to add to our Penny Power total to date of \$453.50.

**2017-2018 BUDGET UPDATE/YEAR-END GIVING:** Fiscal year to date budget giving is \$69,423, as compared to budget for the first four months of \$75,159, which means budget giving is running behind by \$5,736 or 7.6% below budget. Thank you for your generosity to bring us so much closer to budget. Our giving/rental income is now more than our current year to date expenses by approximately \$2,000 (this is subject to change with budget giving today and any other December expenses that come in). CCS Tuition is still running behind, currently at (\$3,209.48) after December's payment. As you think about year-end giving, prayerfully consider additional giving toward our budget and CCS Tuition fund needs. Year-end giving needs to be in by today, December 31, and can be placed in the offering or given to Ed Taylor or Susan Neuenschwander by this evening.

### PRIMARY LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT

**READERS:** Hurry to the library after today's worship service with your December reading record and find your treasure. Rebekah Amstutz will collect your records and give you your clues.

**VENTURE CLUB** (Grades 3-8) will be starting up in January.

Our first meeting will be this coming Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 p.m., at the home of Mel & Dottie Hathaway. We are inviting parents to this meeting to look at the schedule and talk about the rest of the year. We will have activities and refreshments. Please RSVP to Dottie to let her know if you will be attending.

**4F NIGHTS** will begin on January 10, scheduled for six evenings, going through February 14. January 10 will start us off with an evening with Terry & Kay Shue sharing about their pilgrimage walk on the El Camino Trail. Children's activities are also planned and will be led by Laura Petite. Come for the meal (donations welcomed at the door) from 5:45-6:45 p.m., with activities following from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Watch for more details.

