

**EPIPHANY**  
**Yes! Let it Be!**  
**Let it Be Declared!**  
Matthew 2:1-12

**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):**

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- ✦ On Vacation, January 11-21

**Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):**

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✦ Will not be in the office on Tuesday; office hours this week will be Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.-noon, 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 31, 2017**

Attendance: SS - 67; Worship - 120  
Offering: Budget: \$12,228.00  
CCS Tuition: \$8,940.00  
Primary SS Offering: \$5.00  
Bessie Nussbaum Memorial: \$25.00  
Alternative Christmas: \$600.00  
Building Rental: \$810.00  
**TOTAL: \$22,608.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 12/31/2017: \$850.00; 2017-18: \$24,750.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**
  - Praise that the December payment has been met!
  - Balance in fund for January 15 payment: \$5,730.52

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

Donna Johnston, Caring Fund      Dave Ross, Secretary



**Sonnenberg  
Mennonite  
Church**

January 7, 2018

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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;*

**Yes!  
Let it Be!**

Epiphany

**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

♪ *God Is Here Among Us* WB 16  
Welcome & Call to Worship  
♪ *Arise, Your Light Has Come* SS 30  
♪ *Will You Come and Follow Me* SS 39

Announcements

Offering/Offertory: *Jesus, the Son of God*

Penny Power Offering

Moment for Mission

Congregational Prayer

**Hearing God's Word**

♪ *As with Gladness Men of Old* WB 218  
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12  
Message: *Let it Be Declared*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *Let there Be Light, Lord God* WB 371  
Dialogue between Wisdom and Wonder  
Benediction  
♪ *O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem* SS 32

MYF Coffee Bar: Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Emma Zuercher, Bethany Masters  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Worship Leader: Dottie Hathaway  
Song Leader: Sarah Ressler  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Moment for Mission: Ken Neuenschwander  
Visual: Donna Johnston & Michele Patterson  
Guestbook Greeter: Corrine Helmuth  
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

Sound & Lights: Ron Taylor  
Digital Arts: Darren Geiser  
Nursery: Phil & Myriam Raber  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Ora Shetler  
Valet: Jim Johnston

### Today's Activities

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales**—See Jan Eshleman at the Welcome Center today.

**2:30 PM Quiz Season** begins here at Sonnenberg over the book of Genesis; Today's scriptures: Genesis 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:1-5 & 6.

## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Monday

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

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **SMW Sewing** – Come for all or part of the day to quilt and knot comforters. Offering taken at the 11:30 meeting/devotional time will go to CAMO (Central American Medical Outreach). For the noon meal, soup will be served. Women with last names beginning with A-L should bring desserts and M-Z should bring salads.

### Food, Family, Faith, Fellowship Night

5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal with chicken enchilada casserole (is gluten-free and there will be a dairy-free option as well) with Parable People helping with set-up/clean-up and providing salads and desserts.

7:00 p.m. Terry & Kay Shue will be sharing about their *Pilgrimage on the Camino de Santiago: What it is, why we went and what we learned*. Children's activities provided.

### Thursday

6:30 p.m. **Children's Ministry**

### Saturday

6:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** at Kidron T&C

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** - Communion & Introduction of 2018 Congregational Theme; *Living with Purpose*, Ephesians 2:1-10

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

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet** over Genesis 7-9, 11:1-9 & 12

MYF Coffee Bar: Jim & Donna Johnston, Rebekah & Levi Amstutz  
Altar Arrangement: Janice Geiser  
Guestbook Greeter: Ada Amstutz  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston  
Nursery: Ron & Laura Petite  
Valet: Phil Raber  
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

## 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; Keith Sommerfeld was hospitalized at Aultman-Orrville Hospital on Wednesday—he has been diagnosed with a bleeding ulcer and will be in the hospital until his blood count has improved.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Praise God for the family of Alfonsina and José Oyanguren, especially for their four children who are joining in ministry as they become young adults. Pray for Felipe who is studying law to better protect the rights of indigenous people, and for Emilia who teaches children.*

**THANK YOU** so much for your generosity through year-end giving! *It is much appreciated!*

### **THE 2018 WAYNE COUNTY MENNONITE CHURCHES QUIZ SEASON**

begins today, January 7, here at Sonnenberg. There are five teams participating this year. Quiz material will be over the book of Genesis. Sonnenberg quizzers include Silas Coleman, Greta Patterson, Brayden Neuenschwander, Bethany Masters, Hannah, Levi, and Rebekah Amstutz. Coaches are Winfred and Barb Ressler (with help from Anna and Sarah when they are home from college). Coaches will also be assisted by Jan Eshleman who will write practice questions and Michael Amstutz who will do key words. Everyone is welcome to attend the meets which will be held each Sunday through March 11, at 2:30 p.m., with matches taking place in both the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

**PRAYER CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:** 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 very generous contributions to MCC projects and World Crafts during our Alternative Christmas celebration!* 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: \$3,865.70; Total of \$5,009.27
- **PENNY POWER** offering will be taken today, January 7. Your change today will add to our Penny Power total to date of \$453.50.

## **PRIMARY LIBRARY CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT**

**READERS:** If you have not already turned in your December reading record, you can still do that today in the library following the worship service to find your treasure. Virgene Steffen will collect your records and give you your clues.

**4F NIGHTS** will begin this coming Wednesday, 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 hike on the Camino de Santiago Trail. Children's activities are also planned and will be led by Laura Petite.

On Wednesday, January 17, Worship Ministry will host a meeting for all persons involved in worship. This includes worship and song leaders, as well as persons who work with or provide prelude/offertory, visual arts, altar arrangements, digital arts and sound. The primary focus of the meeting will be to look at scheduling from April through September, 2018. For those not participating in the worship meeting, there will be a game night for children, youth & adults.

## **2018 MARRIAGE RETREAT**

will be held February 23-24 at the Comfort Inn in Berlin, Ohio, with resource persons, Don & Em Yoder, sharing about "The Five Love Languages—Discover Yours." Cost is \$120/couple which includes lodging for one night, input sessions, snacks, hot breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and The Five Love Languages book. Sign up at the Welcome Center by February 4. Payment is due by February 11. Financial assistance is available. Contact Adult Ministry Members: Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Eileen Lehman or Priscilla Spiker if you have questions or are in need of financial assistance.