

LIVING WITH PURPOSE

Celebration of Communion & Introduction of 2018 Theme
Ephesians 2:1-10

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel Hathaway):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- ✦ Attending pastor's meeting at Berlin Mennonite Church all day on Thursday.

Youth Pastor (Ora Shetler):

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- ✦ On vacation, returning home next Sunday, January 21

Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):

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

LOOKING AHEAD

2018 4F dates: January 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 - January 7, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 75; Worship - 92  
 Offering: Budget: \$2,925.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$976.00  
 Primary SS Offering: \$3.50  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$10.00  
 Marriage Retreat: \$120.00  
 Penny Power Offering: \$62.00  
**TOTAL: \$4,096.50**

- **Scrip Sales** 01/07/18: \$200.00; 2017-18: \$24,950.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
-Balance in fund for January 15 payment: \$6,706.52

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

**Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation  
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 Donna Johnston, Caring Fund Dave Ross, Secretary



**Sonnenberg  
Mennonite  
Church**

January 14, 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;*



**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

♪ *Here in this Place*

WB 6

♪ *Here I Am to Worship*

Offering/Offertory: *It's Just Like His Great Love*

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

**Hearing God's Word**

♪ *You Are Holy*

Scripture: Ephesians 2:1-10

Message: *Living with Purpose*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *Take My Life*

Celebration of Communion

Benediction

♪ *Heart with Loving Heart United*

WB 420

MYF Coffee Bar: Jim & Donna Johnston, Rebekah & Levi Amstutz  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Worship Leader: Phil Raber  
Song Leader: Michael Amstutz  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander  
Digital Arts: Darren Geiser  
Nursery: Ron & Laura Petitte  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston  
Altar Arrangement: Janice Geiser  
Guestbook Greeter: Ada Amstutz  
Valet: Phil Raber  
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  
**2:30 PM Quiz Meet:** Genesis 7-9, 11:1-9 & 12

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## **THE CHURCH THIS WEEK**

### Monday

7:00 p.m. **Congregational Leadership Team**

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study** at Dottie Hathaway's

### Food, Family, Faith, Fellowship Night

5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal; vegetable-beef soup will be served. Jubilee SS class will be helping with set-up/clean-up and providing salads and desserts.

7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry meeting for all persons involved in worship (see announcement) and game night for everyone else, children through adults.

### Thursday

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** - World Fellowship Sunday;

*The Holy Spirit at Work*, Joel 2:23-29 & Acts 1:6-11

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

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet** over Genesis 13-17:1-8

### Next Sunday, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Jeremy & Michele Patterson, Abby & Ethan Ross

Altar Arrangement: Eileen Lehman

Guestbook Greeters: Galen & Jeanette Miller

Pastoral Team Greeter: Michael Amstutz

Nursery: Barb Ressler & Hannah Amstutz

Valet: Keith Sommerfeld

Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

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## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Keith Sommerfeld* was released from the hospital last Saturday and is recovering at home. His blood count has improved and his medications have been adjusted. Praise that his bleeding ulcer is healing.

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Tomorrow, on Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, remember how he called the church to be the "conscience of the state." Pray that each of us may use our voice to speak God's truth to those in power on behalf of those in our world who suffer injustice.*

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**NEW GRANDCHILD:** *Corban Lee was born to Matthew and Amanda Eshleman of Polk, Ohio, on Tuesday, January 9. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz., and joins his older sister, Isabelle. Happy grandparents are Bob and Jan Eshleman. Congratulations!*

**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.

### **BUDGET & CCS TUITION UPDATES:**

- **CCS Tuition:** The first four payments have been made with the fifth payment due January 15. The balance in the account as of January 7 is \$6,706.52. Thanks to your generous giving, we are now \$693.48 away from meeting the January payment. Thank you for your continued support of this fund!
- **Year End Giving:** Thanks to the additional year-end giving, budget offerings year-to-date are back on track. Thank you for your continued generosity and giving!

## **OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY**

- **Penny Power** offering last Sunday totaled \$62.00. Our Penny Power total to date is \$515.50.

**4F NIGHTS** will continue this coming Wednesday, January 17.

Worship Ministry will host a meeting for 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.

On Wednesday, January 24, we will have a comforter knotting bee to knot comforters that were not completed at the bee held in the fall. A group from Lee Heights plans to join us for this event.

**4F-Looking ahead:** Pinewood Derby race will be held Wednesday, February 7, at 7:00 in the church sanctuary. Venture Club is inviting all past derby racers (no matter how long it has been) to dig out your old cars and bring them with you to weigh-in and join the competition after our club members have their race. Maximum car weight is 5 ounces. If you have questions, see Joyce Taylor or Conrad Neuenschwander.

\*\*See the flyer in church mailboxes today about additional 4F evening events.\*\*

**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.

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**OHIO CONFERENCE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY** is scheduled for March 9-10 at Bluffton College in Bluffton, Ohio. Prior to the annual conference assembly, Ohio Conference invites you to attend a missional conference, *Gathered and Sent*, with Meghan Good and Marvin Lorenzana on March 8-9. See flyers in church mailboxes this morning with additional information.