

**LIVING WITH PURPOSE WITH JESUS**

Hebrews 12:1-11



**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.

**Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

2018 4F dates: January 31, February 7 & 14

Sunday noon, February 18, MYF Café

February 23-24, 2018, Sonnenberg Marriage Retreat

April 14, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Maple Syrup Missions Festival

May 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. CCS Tuition Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

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\*\*Sami Squad Contact: Gordon Amstutz, 330/465-8007\*\*



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - January 21, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 78; Worship - 99

Offering: Budget: \$2,614.00

CCS Tuition: \$866.00

Joel/Ruthy Miller/Dayspring, Mexico: \$250.00

Outreach & Service Ministry: \$90.00

Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$100.00

Maple Syrup Missions: \$108.00

Caring Fund: \$100.00

Marriage Retreat: \$120.00

**TOTAL: \$4,248.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 01/21/18: \$900.00; 2017-18: \$26,450.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
-Balance in fund for February 15 payment: \$1,472.52

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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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Virgene Steffen, Visitation Team Coordinator

Donna Johnston, Caring Fund                      Dave Ross, Secretary



**Sonnenberg  
Mennonite  
Church**

January 28, 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

♪ *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*                      SS 1

Call to Worship

♪ *Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley*                      SS 80

♪ *Jesus, Be the Center*                      SS 31

Responsive Reading                      SS 142

Prayers of the Congregation

Offering/Offerory: *Til the Storm Passes By*

**Hearing God's Word**

♪ *My Life Flows On*                      WB 580

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-11

Message: *Living with Purpose with Jesus*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *Be Thou My Vision*                      WB 545

Benediction

♪ *The Lord Lift You Up*                      SJ 73

MYF Coffee Bar: Jeremy & Michele Patterson, Rebekah Amstutz, Emma Zuercher  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Worship Leaders: Henry & Julie Beun  
Song Leader: Martha Coleman  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Sound & Lights: Winfred Ressler  
Digital Arts: Michael Amstutz  
Nursery: Todd & Angela Zuercher  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Dave Ross  
Altar Arrangement: Lorene Amstutz & Eileen Lehman  
Guestbook Greeters: Ora & Marilyn Shetler  
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

**11:45 AM Health Ministry** in the library; nurse is Alice Metcalf

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet:** Genesis 17:9-27, 18 & 19

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Wednesday

#### Food, Family, Faith, Fellowship Night

5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal; Soup & Sandwiches will be served. Kindred Minds SS class will provide salads and desserts and help with set-up/clean-up.

6:15 p.m. Pinewood Derby Weigh-in for Venture Club members

7:00 p.m. Semillas de Paz Documentary: *Seeds of Peace—The Story of Semilla*, will be shown. Semilla is the Anabaptist Seminary of Latin America located in Guatemala. Marlin Yoder who serves on their board of directors will be with us to answer questions. Activities are being planned for the children.

### 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**

*Fruitful Living*, 1 Peter 1:5-11

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

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet** over Genesis 20, 21, 22:1-19, 23

### Next Sunday, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Phil & Myriam Raber, Bethany Masters, Abby Ross

Altar Arrangement: Jan Eshleman

Guestbook Greeters: Bob & Jan Eshleman

Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen

Nursery: Lisa & Emma Zuercher, Bethany Masters

Valet: Phil Raber

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

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Iva Geiser is recovering from a fall at her home—she needed stitches for a cut on her forehead and broke a finger in her right hand, so is wearing a splint; Pam Taylor's wrist is healing nicely, so praise that she will not need to have surgery—she will have her cast on for three more weeks.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Starting this Wednesday DOOR staff will join in a three-day gathering of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators in Louisville, Kentucky. Pray for them as they talk with participants about opportunities to grow in their walk with Jesus while serving and learning.*

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**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to *Brandon & Jess King in the death of Brandon's grandmother, Dorothy King of Orrville, who passed away on Monday. Dorothy is the wife of Eldon King, former interim pastor here at Sonnenberg. Services were held at Kidron Mennonite Church on Friday morning. May God bring comfort to the King family in this time of loss of their loved one.*

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**2018 THEME—LIVING WITH PURPOSE:** *Thank you to Emma Zuercher for drawing the visual for our theme this year!* An insert about our 2018 theme for your pictorial church directories was in church mailboxes last Sunday. Please add it into the front section of your directories. Bracelets are available at the Welcome Center as a reminder of our 2018 theme, if you did not receive one already, or if you would like an extra one.

**4F NIGHTS—LOOKING AHEAD:** The Pinewood Derby race will be Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Venture Club weigh-in for their cars will be this Wednesday, January 31, 6:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall basement. 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 on February 7, to weigh-in and join the competition after our club members have their race. Maximum car weight is 5 ounces. Questions? See Joyce Taylor or Conrad Neuenschwander.

**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 next Sunday, 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.

### **PRIMARY SS PROJECT—PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

Our children's Sunday School project for January through May will be to collect money and baby items for the Pregnancy Care Center. There will be a baby bottle in the singing room to collect the children's offering or families may pick up a bottle at the welcome center. Other items that could be donated are pacifiers, baby lotion, diapers, powder, baby clothes or toys. There will be a doll bed in the singing room and a box in the lobby to collect the baby items. Anyone may make a donation for this project, just earmark it for Children's Ministry project and place it in the regular offering.

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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, also at Bluffton College. Extra brochures are in the rack by the mailboxes.

For anyone interested in attending Ohio Conference, in addition to our delegates who have already received registration information, you are welcome to attend those meetings Friday-Saturday, March 9-10. The theme of the annual assembly is also “Gathered and Sent, based on 1 Peter 2:9-10 and Luke 10:1-12. Registration information is available online at the conference website, or you can get a copy from Ellen Nussbaum in the church office.