

FRUITFUL LIVING
2 Peter 1:5-11



Living with Jesus

****ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS:** 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 service.**

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel Hathaway):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- ✦ Mel will be on vacation from Friday, February 9-Tuesday, February 13

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: 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 28, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 82; Worship - 104  
Offering: Budget: \$6,563.12  
CCS Tuition: \$1,150.00  
Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$100.00  
Maple Syrup Missions: \$10.00  
Marriage Retreat: \$480.00  
**TOTAL: \$8,303.12**

- **Scrip Sales** 01/28/18: \$645.00; 2017-18: \$27,095.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
-Balance in fund for February 15 payment: \$2,622.52

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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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**PASTORAL TEAM**

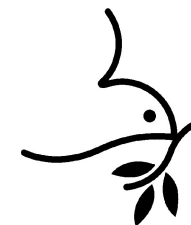
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**Sonnenberg  
Mennonite  
Church**

February 4, 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**

♪ *Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing* WB 12  
Welcome & Announcements  
Call to Worship  
♪ *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* SJ 95  
♪ *I Saw a Tree By the Riverside* SS 116  
Moment for Mission: Linda Horn-Vision for an Orphanage  
Prayers of the Congregation  
Offering/Offertory: *The Love of God*  
Penny Power Offering

**Hearing God's Word**

♪ *Blessed Are They* SS 41  
Scripture: 2 Peter 1:5-11  
Message: *Fruitful Living*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *I'm Pressing on the Upward Way* SJ 96  
Benediction  
♪ *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me* WB 507

MYF Coffee Bar: Phil & Myriam Raber, Bethany Masters, Abby Ross  
Worship Leaders: Jeremy & Michele Patterson    Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler                      Sound & Lights: Ron Taylor  
Message: Mel Hathaway                            Digital Arts: Steve Zuercher  
Moment for Mission: Trent Metcalf            Valet: Phil Raber  
Altar Arrangement: Conrad Neuenschwander  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen  
Guestbook Greeters: Bob & Jan Eshleman  
Nursery: Lisa & Emma Zuercher, Bethany Masters  
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

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### **Today's Activities**

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales** at the Welcome Center  
**2:30 PM Quiz Meet:** Genesis 20, 21, 22:1-19, 23

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## **THE CHURCH THIS WEEK**

### **Monday**

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

### **Tuesday**

6:30 p.m. **Outreach & Service Ministry**  
6:30 p.m. **Children's Ministry**

### **Wednesday**

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study** at Dottie Hathaway's  
Noon **Women's Fellowship Meal** at Dutch Kitchen. Let  
Marjean Lehman know if you are planning to attend.

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

5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal; Pizza will be served.  
Encouragers and Spiritual Vitality SS classes will provide salads  
and desserts and help with set-up/clean-up.

7:00 p.m. Pinewood Derby; 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. Questions? See Joyce Taylor  
or Conrad Neuenschwander.

### **Saturday**

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

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** *20 Seconds*, Esther 8:3-8; 9:29-32, by guest  
speaker Elizabeth (Miller) Hand, daughter of Ellis/Rita Miller

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

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet** over Genesis 24:1-33; 24:47b-67 & 25

**7:00 PM Care Facilities Hymnsing** at OrrVilla

### **Next Sunday**, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Ron & Laura Petite, Levi Amstutz, Ethan Ross  
Altar Arrangement: Jeanette Miller  
Guestbook Greeters: Veryl & Miriam Kratzer  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Ora Shetler  
Nursery: Brandon & Jess King  
Valet: Jim Johnston  
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

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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;  
Ada Amstutz was admitted to Aultman Hospital on Wednesday  
and is being treated for pneumonia; George Hann is at Shady  
Lawn for five days of respite care, returning home on Monday;  
Ora Shetler had minor surgery on his foot on Friday to close  
the wound which hasn't been healing correctly.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *The Meserete  
Kristos Church in Ethiopia continues to grow rapidly. Pray for  
the 310,877 baptized members in more than 1,000  
congregations who share the good news of Jesus despite  
opposition from Orthodox and Muslim neighbors. Ask God to  
provide leaders for the churches and safe places to worship.*

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**THE FLORAL ARRANGEMENT** *in the front of the sanctuary  
this morning is shared with us by Conrad Neuenschwander in  
memory of his wife, Deb, who passed away eleven years ago,  
on February 1, 2007.*

**4F NIGHTS—LOOKING AHEAD:** On February 14, Pastoral  
Team will lead us in an Ash Wednesday service, which marks  
the beginning of the 2018 season of Lent.

**MY NEIGHBOR CREDIT CARD:** Thank you to those that  
selected Sonnenberg Mennonite Church to receive the  
donations from your My Neighbor Credit Card through  
Everence. The church received \$960.12 from this program for  
2017! If you have questions about this program please see  
Susan Neuenschwander or stop in at Everence.

**DONATION RECEIPTS:** If you received a second donation  
receipt from Sonnenberg, it is because we missed including the  
April 9 offering in our donation tracking program. The second  
receipt is IN ADDITION TO the original receipt, so please  
attach it to your first receipt. **\*\*Only those that gave in the  
April 9 offering received a second donation receipt.\*\***

### **OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY:**

- **Penny Power Offering** will be taken today, the first  
Sunday of February. Our total to date is \$515.50.
- **Linda Horn/Thailand:** Linda Horn, member here at SMC,  
has been in Thailand since 1997 working in a number of  
capacities including teaching English language classes,  
helping to plant a church and being a light for Jesus in a  
difficult place. Linda has a tremendous heart for the people  
and is trying to find ways to break the spell of the Buddhist  
culture with the light of the Gospel of Christ. She has had a  
vision for an orphanage to train children from infancy, before  
they are exposed to the darkness of Buddhism. This month  
O&S would like to acknowledge Linda's faithfulness to the  
call on her life to Thailand lifting her in prayer and blessing  
her with some additional money. Please consider earmarking  
a gift for Linda in the next few weeks. Thank you!

**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 TODAY, February 4. Payment is due by  
next Sunday, 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 is a baby bottle in the singing room to collect the  
children's offering; families may also 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  
foyer to collect the baby items. Anyone may also make a  
donation for this project, just earmark it for Children's Ministry  
project and place it in the regular offering.