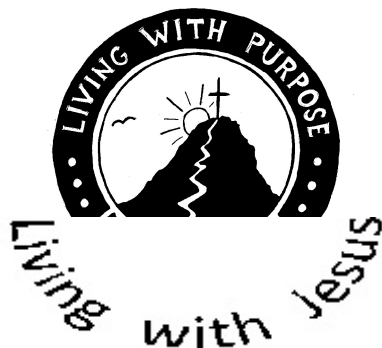


GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY

Lent 1

It's a Promise

Genesis 9:8-17



****ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER CONCERNS:** If you have announcements or prayer concerns, please jot them down and give them to the worship leader 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

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

Sunday evening, March 25, 6:00 pm Mt. Vernon Nazarene University Treble Singers in concert here at Sonnenberg

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 - February 11, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 71; Worship - 86  
 Offering: Budget: \$4,017.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$1,650.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$325.00  
 Primary SS Offering: \$133.00  
 Marriage Retreat: \$780.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$10.00  
**TOTAL: \$6,915.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 02/11/18: \$2,285.00; 2017-18: \$29,705.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
-Short for February 15 payment: (\$151.48)

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

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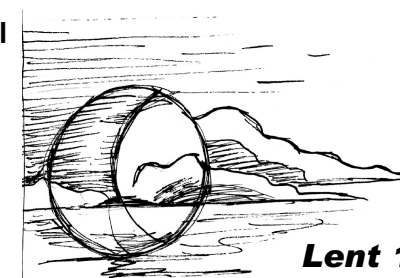
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A special welcome to our guests! Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register at the guest book in the foyer.

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

*Classes for all ages;  
Nursery through Adult;*



**Lent 1**

**GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY**

**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements

♪ *Just As I Am*

*WB 516, verses 1, 3 & 5*

Call to Worship

♪ *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

*WB 327*

♪ *To God Be the Glory*

*WB 102*

Prayers of the Congregation

Offering/Offertory: *Sweet Beulah Land*

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story

♪ *Obey My Voice*

*WB 163*

Scripture: Genesis 9:8-17

Message: *It's A Promise*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *Standing on the Promises*

Benediction

♪ *Blessed Assurance*

*WB 332, verses 1 & 3*

MYF Coffee Bar: Michael & Lisa Amstutz, Rebekah Amstutz & Emma Zuercher  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Worship Leader: Michael Amstutz  
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler  
Children's Story: Rebekah Amstutz  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Sound & Lights: Brandon King  
Digital Arts: Phil Raber  
Lent Visual: Emma Zuercher & Planning Team  
Nursery: Brandon & Jess King  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston  
Guestbook Greeter: Aldine Nussbaum  
Valet: Jim Johnston  
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

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### **Today's Activities**

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales**—see Susan Neuenschwander at the Welcome Center today.

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet:** Genesis 26, 27, 28:1-9

**NOON MYF Café** (see announcement)

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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

7:00 p.m. **MYF Fun Night** – Minute to Win It Games

### **Thursday**

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

### **Friday-Saturday**

**Marriage Retreat** at Comfort Inn in Berlin (see announcement)

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent; 2018 Theme is *God's Covenant, God's Community; Generation after generation, God's promise and God's love grow longer*, Psalm 22:23-31 and Mark 8:31-38, by Don Yoder

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

**11:45 AM Health Ministry**; nurse will be Janice Geiser

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet** over Genesis 28:10-22, 29 & 30

**Next Sunday**, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Ed & Joyce Taylor, Abby Ross, Bethany Masters

Guestbook Greeters: Trent & Alice Metcalf

Pastoral Team Greeter: Michael Amstutz

Nursery: Jeremy & Michele Patterson

Valet: Galen Miller

Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

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## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Keith Sommerfeld is consulting with doctors regarding health issues; Ora Shetler will go back to the doctor in two weeks to have the staples removed in his ankle.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Praise God for the growth of Christ's body in Israel. A mission worker reports that when the nation was founded in 1948, only 12 Jewish people counted themselves believers. Now, there are about 25,000–30,000 believers in approximately 300 Arab and Messianic congregations.*

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**MYF CAFÉ** will be held today noon. Everyone is encouraged to stay and enjoy a delicious meal of Poor Man's Steak and mashed potatoes, all topped off with pie and ice cream. Your generous donations will be accepted at the door.

**SONNENBERG CARES—Caring and Remembering Each (college) Student:** Help share our love with our eleven college students by helping us fill care packages for them during this spring semester. Donate food/snacks, Scrip gift cards, encouraging notes...to fill each of their boxes which will be in the foyer today and next Sunday, February 18 & 25. Thank you for caring for our college students in this way.

**CHILDREN'S STORY—FAITH THE COW**, by Susan Bame Hoover, which was read in the children's story last Sunday, February 11, is published by Brethren Press who granted permission for us to scan and project the illustrations from the book which were shown along with the story. The book, *Faith the Cow*, a story about the beginning of the Heifer Project, is also available in the library to check out for anyone interested.

**2018 MARRIAGE RETREAT** is next weekend, February 23-24, 2018, at the Comfort Inn in Berlin, Ohio, with resource persons, Don & Em Yoder, sharing about "The Five Love Languages—Discover Yours." Schedules and a copy of the book are in church mailboxes of those who are attending the retreat. Don Yoder will also be bringing the message during our worship service next Sunday morning. **\*\*Please note that the retreat will be held at the Comfort Inn in Berlin (not Millersburg) this year.\*\***

**VENTURE CLUB** will be meeting on Wednesday, February 28 for "Exploding Science" events. Plan to meet at 7:00 in the fellowship hall. Children should be picked up at 8:00.

### **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.

### **OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY—Linda Horn/Thailand:**

Linda Horn has been serving 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. 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!

### **MCC GREAT LAKES BOARD MEETING**

will take place here at Sonnenberg on Friday, March 2-Saturday, March 3. In addition, Cyneatha Millsaps, Program Director for MCC Great Lakes, will be sharing with us during the SS hour on Sunday, March 4. We will need to provide lodging for ten persons, mostly on Friday-Saturday, with one coming in on Thursday. Hosts will also need to provide breakfast for your guests, and some may need transportation to and from the church. Other meals are taken care of. Please let Ellen Nussbaum know if you would be willing to host one or more persons while they are in Kidron for these meetings.