

GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY
Lent 3 - Keeping the Covenant - Exodus 20:1-17

Cyneatha Millsaps completed her undergraduate study at Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN, in 2000 with a double major in Psychology and Sociology, then went on to graduate from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart with a Master of Divinity in May, 2008.

Cyneatha serves as the MCC Great Lakes Regional Program Director, and is responsible for domestic programming in the areas of immigration, restorative justice, and relief work such as providing relief kits for refugees and impoverished counties around the world. Cyneatha is also the lead pastor of a multicultural congregation just outside of Chicago. She is working with multicultural churches in the Mennonite community providing education and information about the blessings and challenges of worshiping in diverse communities of faith. Cyneatha spent several years working directly with victims of domestic violence, and has trained specifically in the area of dating and family violence. Cyneatha is also a quarterly columnist for "The Mennonite".

Cyneatha is married to her loving husband of twenty-five years, Steven. Together they have seven children and twenty grandchildren.



****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
- ✚ Attending Ohio Conference Missional Conference and Annual Conference Assembly from Thursday-Saturday, returning home Saturday morning for afternoon wedding of Spencer Mason & Ashley Roberts.

Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):

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

LOOKING AHEAD

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

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

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

June 10-13, Vacation Bible School with Kidron Mennonite Church and held at Kidron

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



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - February 25, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 86; Worship - 109  
 Offering: Budget: \$12,332.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$5,850.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico (tires): \$310.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$400.00  
 Marriage Retreat: \$60.00  
 College Student Aid: \$2,000.00  
 MYF: \$1,050.00  
 Sonnenberg Mennonite Women: \$300.00  
 Sonnenberg Station: \$300.00  
**TOTAL: \$22,602.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 02/25/18: \$800.00; 2017-18: \$31,255.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in account for March 15 payment: \$6,474.52

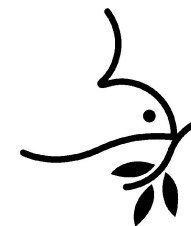
*\*\*If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please contact the church office.\*\**

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 Donna Johnston, Caring Fund                      Dave Ross, Secretary



**Sonnenberg  
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March 4, 2018

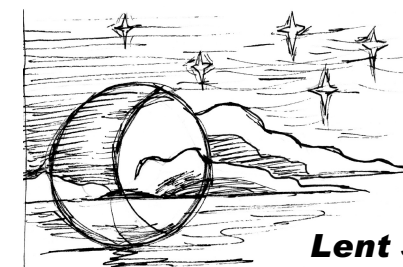
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A special welcome to our guests! Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register at the guest book in the foyer.

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

Combined Youth/Adult SS  
 class in sanctuary with  
 Cyneatha Millsaps, MCC  
 Great Lakes Program  
 Director



**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements  
 ♪ *Our God Is an Awesome God*  
 Call to Worship  
 ♪ *Jesus, Help Us Live in Peace*                      SJ 52  
 ♪ *God, Fill Me Now*                                      SJ 63  
 Prayers of the Congregation  
 Recognition of Ora Shetler, Youth Pastor  
 Offering/Offertory: *When the Morning Dawns*  
 Penny Power Offering

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story  
 ♪ *Teach Me, O Lord*                                      WB 487  
 Scripture: Exodus 20:1-17  
 Message: *Keeping the Covenant*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *Obey My Voice*                                      WB 163  
 Benediction  
 ♪ *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*                      SJ 95

MYF Coffee Bar: Brandon & Jess King, Ethan Ross & Levi Amstutz  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Worship Leader: Lisa Zuercher  
Song Leader: Lent Team  
Children's Story: Rebekah Amstutz  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Lent Visual: Emma Zuercher & Lent Team  
Guestbook Greeter: Agnes Steiner McComas  
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander  
Digital Arts: Darren Geiser  
Nursery: Chip & Martha Coleman  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Dave Ross  
Valet: Jim Johnston

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### **Today's Activities**

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

**No Quiz Meet**—one week break before local tournament which will be held on Sunday, March 11

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## **THE CHURCH THIS WEEK**

### **Monday**

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

### **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.

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

6-8:00 p.m. **Venture Club/MYF** and families swimming at Evergreen Park in Mt. Eaton (meet at the church at 5:45 to carpool)

### **Thursday**

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

**Praise & Prayer** group will not be meeting this week

### **Saturday**

**Wedding of Spencer Mason & Ashley Roberts**

**NEXT SUNDAY**—\*\*Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday morning, 12:00 a.m. Remember to move your clocks forward one hour.\*\*

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** Lent 4; 2018 Theme: *God's Covenant, God's Community; Facing the Darkness*, Numbers 21:4-9

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

**2:30 PM Quizzing local tournament**

MYF Coffee Bar: Rod & Susan Neuenschwander, Emma Zuercher, Abby Ross

Guestbook Greeters: Evelyn Amstutz & Pam Coleman

Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen

Nursery: c/o Rebekah Amstutz

Valet: Phil Raber

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

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Keith Sommerfeld is consulting with doctors regarding health issues; Ora Shetler had a pain stimulator put in his back in an outpatient procedure on Wednesday; Doris Cartwright is recovering from a fractured vertebrae which was caused by a recent fall.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Pastors and their wives who minister in Ukraine's militarized zone look forward to a retreat this month. Mary Raber, one of the resource people, requests prayer for a restful and inspirational gathering for those who have given their all to congregations and surrounding communities for several stress-filled years.*

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**THANK YOU TO ORA SHETLER,** *whose last day as our youth pastor is today, March 4. Thank you so much, Ora, for the time, energy and resources you gave to our church serving our youth these past three years. Your caring for and commitment to our youth has been greatly appreciated! Wishing you and Marilyn rest, recuperation and time together as you continue your walk, and take the next steps in your journey with Christ. Blessings, Pastoral Team, on behalf of our Sonnenberg Mennonite Church Family*

**THANK YOU to Cyneatha Millsaps,** *Program Director for MCC Great Lakes, for sharing with us during the SS hour this morning. MCC Great Lakes held their board meetings here at Sonnenberg on Friday & Saturday. Also welcome, to any other MCC Great Lakes Board members who are worshipping with us today. See more information about Cyneatha on the sermon page of the bulletin.*

**NEW CONTACT INFORMATION** for Pam Coleman:

cell phone: 330/201-8033

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**SONNENBERG CARES—Caring and Remembering Each (college) Student:** Thank you for helping to share our love with our eleven college students by helping us fill care packages for them during this spring semester. Boxes are now on their way to our students.

## **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. Thank you!
- **PENNY POWER OFFERING** will be taken again today, March 4. Add your change to our present total of \$619.00 which has been collected to date for the My Coins Count collection at the 2018 Ohio Relief Sale.
- **MAPLE SYRUP MISSIONS FESTIVAL:** Note that the date has been changed to Saturday, April 7, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Between the pancake & sausage breakfast held here and the SMW food trailer at the Kidron Machinery Sale that same day, lots of help will be needed. Sign-up will be available soon to indicate your willingness to help at the Festival or at the Machinery Sale food trailer. Posters and flyers for the Maple Syrup Festival for Missions are available at the Welcome Center. Please take some and help distribute them to friends, family, neighbors...to join us for this event.
- **GIFT FOR JOEL/RUTHY MILLER FAMILY:** Galen & Jeanette Miller traveled to Mexico on Wednesday to visit their son, Joel & his family. Outreach & Service Ministry has decided to gift Joel & Ruthy with a new set of tires which they need. The cost is around \$500, and donations are welcomed to help cover this gift—earmark donations and place in the offering.

**SPRING 2018 SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER:** If you did not get a study guide in your class last Sunday, extra copies are available on the counter under the church mailboxes.

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**OHIO CONFERENCE MISSIONAL CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY** will be held this week in Bluffton, Ohio. The theme for both events is "Gathered and Sent." The missional conference, on Thursday-Friday, March 8-9, will be resourced by Meghan Good and Marvin Lorenzana. Participants for the missional conference from Sonnenberg include Mel & Dottie Hathaway, Bill & Corrine Helmuth, Eileen Lehman and Virgene Steffen. The annual conference assembly meets on Friday-Saturday, and delegates, Mel & Dottie Hathaway, Katelyn Amstutz, Michael Amstutz, Don Nussbaum and Rowena Zuercher will represent Sonnenberg. Please keep these meetings in your prayers.