

**GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY**  
**Lent 4 - Facing the Darkness**  
 Numbers 21:4-9



**\*\*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
- ✦ Pastor Peer meeting on Wednesday morning at Camp Luz

**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

Sunday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. Spring GodSing at Salem Mennonite Church

Wednesday, May 9, All-Church MCC Worknight

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 - March 4, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 73; Worship - 110  
 Offering: Budget: \$3,491.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$1,023.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico: \$120.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$20.00  
 Children's Ministry: \$50.00  
**TOTAL: \$4,704.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 03/04/18: No sales; 2017-18: \$31,255.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in account for March 15 payment: \$7,497.52

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

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**PASTORAL TEAM**

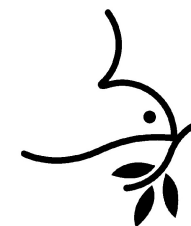
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Virgene Steffen, Visitation Team Coordinator

Donna Johnston, Caring Fund Dave Ross, Secretary



**Sonnenberg  
 Mennonite  
 Church**

March 11, 2018

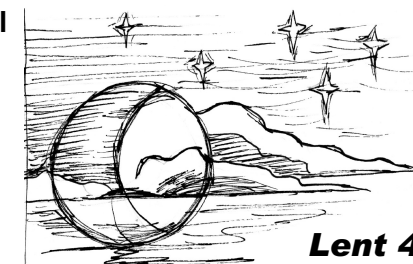
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A special welcome to our guests! Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register at the guest book in the foyer.

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

*Classes for all ages:  
 Nursery through adult.  
 Everyone is welcome!*



**Lent 4**

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

**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements

♪ *The Lord Is My Light* SJ 97

Call to Worship

♪ *Longing for Light* SJ 54

♪ *In the Morning When I Rise* SJ 45

Offering/Offertory: *He Is Here*

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story

♪ *I Need Thee Every Hour* WB 555

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9

Message: *Facing the Darkness*

**Responding and Sending**

Confession and Words of Assurance

♪ *Healer of Our Every Ill* WB 377

Prayers of the Congregation

Benediction

♪ *Jesus Has Done So Much for Me* SS 95

MYF Coffee Bar: Rod & Susan Neuenschwander, Emma Zuercher, Abby Ross  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor                      Sound & Lights: Ron Taylor  
Worship Leader: Lenten Team                      Digital Arts: Darren Geiser  
Song Leader: Lenten Team                      Nursery: Jess King & Emma Zuercher  
Children's Story: Emma Zuercher                      Valet: Phil Raber  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Lent Visual: Emma Zuercher & Lent Team  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen  
Guestbook Greeters: Evelyn Amstutz & Pam Coleman  
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

**2:00 PM Quizzing local tournament** (note earlier start time)

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Monday

6:30 p.m. **Children's Ministry**

6:30 p.m. **Youth/Young Adult Ministry**

7:00 p.m. **Library Team**

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **Sonnenberg Mennonite Women Sewing**—Come for all or part of the day to quilt or knot comforters. Women with last names beginning with A-L should bring salads/desserts for the noon meal. Offering will be taken at the 11:30 a.m. devotional time for the Wayne County churches Relief Sale quilt and sewing supplies.

9:30 a.m. **Preschool Playgroup**

3:30 p.m. **Gifts Discernment Ministry**

6:30 p.m. **MYF "Sprucing Up"**

### Thursday

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

6:30 p.m. **VBS Planning** meeting at Kidron Mennonite

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

### Friday-Sunday

**Quiz Invitational** in Northwest Ohio (Archbold/Pettisville).

Sonnenberg will be taking two teams, with two quizzers from Kidron Mennonite Church joining them.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** Lent 5; 2018 Theme: *God's Covenant,*

*God's Community; New Hope, Jeremiah 31:31-34*

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

**7:00 PM Care Facilities Hymnsing** at Shady Lawn

### Next Sunday, continued

MYF Coffee Bar: Jim & Donna Johnston, Rebekah & Levi Amstutz

Guestbook Greeters: Cliff Lehman & Agnes Steiner McComas

Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston

Nursery: Susan Neuenschwander, Abby Ross

Valet: Jim Johnston

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's pain medication was adjusted this week, along with having a cortisone shot to alleviate the pain he is experiencing in his hip; Ora Shetler—praise that the trial pain stimulator is working as hoped to control the pain in his back, so a permanent device will be implanted in April; Doris Cartwright is recovering from a fractured vertebrae which was caused by a fall.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder ask for continued prayer for the Mennonite church in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, as they work with at-risk children in Sapouy. During a time of outdoor worship, 17 people indicated a desire to study God's word and perhaps form the nucleus of a new congregation.*

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**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Spencer & Ashley (Roberts) Mason who were married here at Sonnenberg yesterday afternoon. May God richly bless their marriage!* A grocery shower will be held for them over the next two Sundays, March 18 & 25, in celebration of their marriage. Bring grocery items and place them in the basket provided for them in the foyer.

**THANK YOU** *so much for hosting the MCC Great Lakes board meetings last weekend, March 2-3, 2018. Thank you especially for the delicious meal provided for us on Friday evening, as well as the snacks that were provided on Saturday. We are grateful for your commitment to serving our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Blessings and peace in all you do. —Eric Kratz, MCC Great Lakes Executive Director*

**NEW CONTACT INFORMATION** for Pam Coleman:

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## **OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY:**

- **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 help distribute them to friends, family, neighbors...inviting them to join us for this event.
- **GIFT FOR JOEL/RUTHY MILLER FAMILY:** Outreach & Service Ministry has sent a gift of a new set of tires to Joel & Ruthy Miller, serving with Dayspring in Mexico. The cost is around \$500, and donations are welcomed to help cover this gift— earmark donations and place in the offering.
- **MCC WORK NIGHT** is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9. Put this date on your calendars and plan now to join in this evening together to assemble kits at MCC Connections.
- **PENNY POWER** March offering came to \$93.00, bringing the total collected to date of \$712.00 for the 2018 Relief Sale.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE** is being planned by Pastoral Team for Thursday, March 29, 7:00 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this service.

**SMALL GROUPS:** Consider meeting monthly this spring for study, discussion, a meal or snacks and good fellowship.

**CAMP LUZ:** Please register your children before April 15 to attend Camp Luz this summer in order to receive a \$10 discount on their registration fee. Children's Ministry will be covering the fees for Sonnenberg children attending Camp Luz again this summer, so when you register, be sure to let Camp Luz know this. They will then bill Sonnenberg for the total registration costs of all Sonnenberg campers. Also, if your child wants to invite a friend, Outreach & Service Ministry will again cover their registration fee.

**SCRIP:** Due to schedule conflicts this week and spring break next week, only Sonnenberg and Central's Scrip on hand will be available for purchase. If you would like to place an order for Scrip today or next Sunday, stop at the Welcome Center following the worship service and check with Ellen Nussbaum to see what is available. Regular orders will resume on Sunday, April 1.