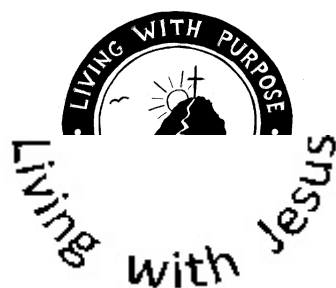


**GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY**  
**EASTER - Coming Face to Face**  
 John 20:1-18



**\*\*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

**Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Sunday, April 22, 7:00 p.m. Spring GodSing at Salem Mennonite Church  
 Wednesday, April 25, p.m., Spring Mentoring Event  
 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 25, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 89; Worship - 102  
 Sunday evening MVNU Concert - 98  
 Maundy Thursday service - 52  
 Offering: Budget: \$5,150.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$1,150.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico: \$250.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$100.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$248.00  
 MVNU Treble Singers Concert: \$403.00  
 Sonnenberg Station: \$4,988.31  
 Building Rent: \$30.00  
**TOTAL: \$12,319.31**

- **Scrip Sales** 03/25/18: \$200.00; 2017-18: \$31,755.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in account: \$2,643.52 toward April payment

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

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Dave Ross, Secretary



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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!*



**Easter Sunday**  
**GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY**

**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

♪ *Low in the Grave He Lay* WB 273

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

♪ *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* WB 280

♪ *Thine Is the Glory* WB 269

Prayers of the Congregation

Offering/Offerory: *Because He Lives*

Penny Power Offering

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story

♪ *Christ Who Left His Home in Glory* WB 283

Scripture: John 20:1-18

Message: *Coming Face to Face*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *Christ Is Alive* SS 89

Benediction

♪ *Lift Your Glad Voices* WB 275

MYF Coffee Bar: Jeremy & Michele Patterson, Emma Zuercher, Rebekah Amstutz  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor                      Sound & Lights: Ron Taylor  
Worship Leader: Michael Amstutz                      Digital Arts: Steve Zuercher  
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler                      Nursery: Phil & Myriam Raber  
Message: Mel Hathaway                      Valet: Jim Johnston  
Children's Story: Rebekah Amstutz                      PT Greeter: Michael Amstutz  
Lent Visual: Emma Zuercher & Lent Team  
Guestbook Greeters: Todd & Angela Zuercher  
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—outside orders are welcomed again for this week's orders.

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## **THE CHURCH THIS WEEK**

### **Monday**

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

### **Tuesday**

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

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

7:00 p.m. **MYF Planning Night**

7:00 p.m. **Venture Club Lego Challenges**

### **Thursday**

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

4:00 p.m. **Sausage-Making** at the church

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

### **Saturday**

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

(see announcement)

7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. **SMW Food Trailer** at Machinery Sale

## **NEXT SUNDAY \*Note the switch in the time of the services\***

**9:30 AM Worship** Celebration of Gifts Sunday;

*The Ministry of the Saints*, Matthew 25:31-40

**10:45 AM Sunday School** classes will complete the Gifts

Discernment Survey for 2018-2019

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

MYF Coffee Bar: Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Abby Ross, Bethany Masters

Guestbook Greeters: Brandon & Jess King

Pastoral Team Greeter: Virgene Steffen

Nursery: Ron & Laura Petite

Valet: Phil Raber

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

## **OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

### **IN OUR PRAYERS:**

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Ora Shetler is experiencing complications with his ankle healing and is consulting his doctor about next steps, which may postpone the timing for the implant of the pain stimulator in his back; Doris Cartwright is scheduled to receive an injection in her back to help with healing her fractured vertebrae on April 16; Corrine Helmuth is doing much better and is awaiting the results of tests.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *On this Easter Sunday, meditate on the words of Clarence Jordan, co-founder of Koinonia Farm in Georgia (a SOOP placement): "The good news of the resurrection is not [only] that we shall die and go home to be with him, but that he has risen and comes home with us, bringing all his hungry, naked, thirsty, sick prisoner brothers [and sisters] with him."*

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**IN MEMORY:** *The spring floral arrangement on the piano today is in memory of Pat Gault who passed away six years ago on April 2, 2012.*

**EASTER FLOWERS**, including lilies, tulips and daffodils, which are being used to add to the visual for Easter today will be available for sale following the worship service for anyone interested. Cost will be \$9.00 each. See Ellen Nussbaum at the Welcome Center today to purchase your flowers.

**CELEBRATION OF GIFTS SUNDAY** is planned for next Sunday, April 8. For this service, we will again switch the order of the services, with the worship service being held at 9:30 a.m., followed at 10:45 with a time for youth/adult Sunday School classes to work together to complete the 2018-19 gifts discernment survey.

**VENTURE CLUB** is selling spring flowers to raise money for their activities. **Order forms should be returned with payment to the box in the foyer by next Sunday, April 8.** Pick up date is Saturday, May 12.

**PENNY POWER OFFERING** will be taken today, April 1, to add to our total to date of \$712.00.

**MAPLE SYRUP MISSIONS FESTIVAL** is next Saturday, April 7, 7:00-10:30 a.m. **Lots of help is needed, so please sign-up at the Welcome Center by TODAY, April 1, to volunteer to help to make sausage on Thursday night or help at the Festival on Saturday.**\*\* The Machinery Sale slots are filled. Posters and flyers are available at the Welcome Center to share with friends, family, neighbors...inviting them to join us for this event.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY BAKE SALE** will be held at the Maple Syrup Festival next Saturday morning to raise funds for their spring quarter project, Pregnancy Care Center. Your donation of baked goods for this sale will be much appreciated and can be brought to the church anytime on Friday evening or Saturday morning (before 8:00 a.m.), and placed on the table provided for them in the foyer.

**ALL-CHURCH SPRING CLEANING FROLIC:** Facilities Ministry is planning an All Church Cleaning event on Saturday, April 14, 9:00 a.m., followed by a complementary lunch. This will be in place of the traditional schedule of cleaning divided among Sunday school classes. Your help will be much appreciated so we can get all the cleaning done on this one day.

**CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP TEAM ITEM-Year-End donation:** The congregation received a generous year-end donation at the end of 2017. If you have suggestions for ways these funds could be used to extend the ministry of Sonnenberg for the future, please contact Susan Neuenschwander.

**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 cover the fees for Sonnenberg children attending Camp Luz. Also, if your child wants to invite a friend, Outreach & Service Ministry will cover their registration fee.

**VOLUNTARY SERVICE:** A list of persons from Kidron who have been involved in short or long-term voluntary service over the last 50 years is being compiled for a book being written to supplement James O. Lehman's book, "Sonnenberg: A Haven & A Heritage," in celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kidron/Sonnenberg in 2019. If you or anyone in your family who is/has been a part of Sonnenberg and participated in voluntary service, please return the form which was in church office mailboxes last Sunday or e-mail the information to Ellen Nussbaum (church e-mail) by TODAY, April 1.