

ADVENT 1
BURSTING IN & BREAKING OUT-TAKE HEART
EYES ON BETHLEHEM
 Jeremiah 33:12-18



OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- ✦ Mel and Dottie are spending Thanksgiving with family in Pennsylvania, returning home this evening.
- ✦ Mel will be attending Pastor Peer meeting on Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Secretary (Ellen):

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Tuesday, December 8, 2009, 6:30-8:30 p.m., SMW Extended
 December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
 4F (Food, Faith, Family, Fellowship) Nights
 January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17 (snow date February 24)



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, November 22, 2009

Attendance: SS - 122; Worship - 140
 Offering: Budget: \$3,497.50
 CCS Tuition: \$1,995.00
 College Student Aid: \$500.00
 Mutual Caring Fund: \$658.57
 Joel Miller, Dayspring-Mexico: \$50.00
 Primary SS Offering: \$9.41
 Sonnenberg Station: \$1,000.00

CCS Tuition:

- Needed each month (2009-2010 school year): \$13,996.00
- Short for November payment: \$1,325.53
- Needed for December 15 payment: \$13,996.00

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

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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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 in the guest book in the foyer.

8:45 AM Prayer Time
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

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



10:30 AM WORSHIP
WE GATHER
 Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

♪ *Come, Light of the World* SS 3
 ♪ *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* WB 178
 Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship
 Advent Candlelighting
 Offertory
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People

WE LISTEN

♪ *Longing for Light* SJ 54
 ♪ *Open My Eyes, That I May See* WB 517
 Scripture: Jeremiah 33:12-18
 Message: *Eyes on Bethlehem*

WE RESPOND

♪ *Don't Be Afraid* SJ 105
 Benediction
 ♪ *Sending Song: Peace Before Us* SS 16

Prelude/Offertory: Chloe/Emilie Raber Digital Arts: Todd Zuercher
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler Host/Greeters: Bill & Corrine Helmuth
Worship Leader: Jim Johnston Pastoral Team Greeter: Alice Metcalf
Message: Henry Beun
Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander
Nursery: Rhonda & Michelle Conrad
Altar Arrangements: Advent c/o Julia Dunster
Ushers: Ron Geiser, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross, Lloyd Miller

Today's Activities

11:45 AM Health Ministry in S-1; nurse is Angela Zuercher
7:00 PM Sonnenberg Station in concert at Maple Grove
Mennonite Church, Hartville

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. **Facilities Ministry**
7:00 p.m. **Outreach & Service Ministry**

Wednesday

p.m. **MYF Christmas Caroling with Super MYF**
7:00 p.m. **Praise & Prayer**
7:00 p.m. **Children's Ministry**
7:00 p.m. **Men's Bible Study** at Ora Shetler's

Friday

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

Saturday

6:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** at Main Street Café, Todd Martin
will be sharing his testimony and has a prize for the first 30
men to arrive at the breakfast.

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 AM Prayer Time

9-9:25 AM Alternative Christmas (See announcement)

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM WORSHIP - Second Sunday of Advent—*Bursting
in and Breaking Out—Get Ready; Guide My Feet*, Luke 1:68-
79, by Pastor Mel Hathaway

PM Home Fellowship Groups

7:00 PM Orrville Community Messiah at CCS

Nursery: Barb, Anna & Sarah Ressler
Altar Arrangement: Advent c/o Julia Dunster
Pastoral Team Greeter: Matt Hamsher
Host/Greeters: Ron & Bonnie Geiser
Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross

GOD BLESS OUR SENIOR SAINTS!

Happy 76th birthday to Velma Geiser, today, November 29
Happy 70th birthday to Gordon Amstutz, Friday, December 4

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: *Iva Geiser is taking oral
cancer medication; Lois Berry and Anna Knutson are both
continuing with maintenance chemotherapy for several more
months.*

THOSE IN MISSION: *Linda Horn, Interlink, Thailand; José
& Alfonsina Oyanguren, Argentine Chaco; Friends of the
Tabasaran Ministry, Dagestan, Russia; Joel & Ruth Miller,
Dayspring Outreach Ministries, Mexico; Nic & Sonya Stice,
Missions Network Center, Elm Springs, AR; Kurt, Angie &
Micah Neuenschwander, Samaritan's Purse, Nairobi,
Kenya.*

OUR YOUNG ADULTS: *Shawna Gerber, teaching at the
Global English School in Bangkok, Thailand; Gideon
Dunster is returning home today, after completing a month
of service at a Children's Hospital in Tatova, Romania.*

WINTER QUARTER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6:

- **Inter-generational class** studying the book, *Jesus for
President*, by Shane Claiborne and Chris Haw, will begin
meeting next Sunday, December 6. The class will be taught
by Matt Hamsher, assisted by Shirley & Vern Hochstetler.
If you are in the class and you need a book, let Ellen
Nussbaum know by sending her an e-mail or leaving a note
in the church office mailbox. The cost per book will be
\$10.00. Ellen will order additional books as needed.
- **Adult Bible Study:** If you are part of a class using the
Adult Bible Study during the winter quarter, quarterlies are
available in your classes or on the counter in the foyer.

SMW DECEMBER OFFERING PROJECT is the Pregnancy
Care Center. In addition, SMW is sponsoring a diaper
shower. Your donations of diapers, newborn to size 5 are
welcomed and can be placed in the basket provided in the
foyer. If you have additional baby items to donate to PCC,
contact Liz Gerber.

“NOEL” BIBLE MEMORY FOR WINTER QUARTER will
be Luke 2:8-14. One learning schedule has been placed in
the family mailbox of each child. Extra learning sheets are
located on the counter under the church mailboxes.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS: Give someone an alternative
gift of love this Christmas. **December's Mission Emphasis**
will focus on alternative Christmas gift giving on December
6, 13 & 20. Light snacks and a drink to compliment fair
trade coffee offered through World Crafts will be provided
in the foyer from 9:00-9:25 a.m. Feel free to bring your own
mug. A booth will be available to purchase consumable
products from World Crafts. Tables will be set up with
information about MCC projects to support at home and
abroad. MCC keeps donations for specific projects separate
so memo your checks accordingly. Undesignated funds will
be assigned to projects by Outreach and Service Ministry.

SMW EXTENDED will meet on Tuesday, December 8, 6:30-
8:30 p.m. New activities will include long-stitch quilting on
a t-shirt quilt for Central's auction in February, or creating
cards and gift bags scrapbooking style. For this activity,
bring any scrapbooking supplies (scissors, stencils, etc.) that
could be used to design unique Christmas cards and bags.
We will also be sewing purses, crocheting potholders and
making fleece comforters. All women and girls are
welcome and encouraged to attend this time of building
relationships through working and sharing together.

POINSETTIAS: If you ordered poinsettias from the Venture
Club, they will be available to take home following the
worship service next Sunday, December 6.

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING is being planned
for Sunday, December 13, 3-5:00 p.m. Put this on your
calendars and plan to join in this time of celebrating Christ's
birth through caroling for others. Watch for details.

A FACEBOOK PAGE has recently been launched for
Sonnenberg Mennonite Church. There is a main page that
will have happenings at Sonnenberg and will allow friends
of the site to also post church related things. There is also a
Sonnenberg members group page that will allow posting of
more personal material that will only be seen by members.
See the e-mail that was sent last week with detailed
information or contact Mark Miller or Ed Taylor with
questions.