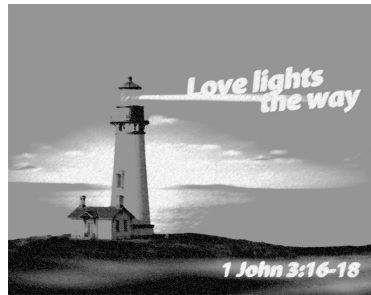


SLOW FAITH

Matthew 25:1-13

Thank you to Michael Amstutz for bringing the message this morning while Pastor Mel Hathaway is gone this weekend.



OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel Hathaway):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- + Mel and Dottie are attending the Pastor-Spouse retreat this weekend at Mohican, returning home today
- + Mel will be out of the office on Friday and Saturday due to Dottie's knee surgery

Youth Pastor (Ora Shetler):

- Tuesday, Thursday, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Thursday, November 23, 10-11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Service
 Alternative Christmas: Sundays, December 3, 10, 17 & 24
 Sunday, December 24, 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
 4F dates: January 10, 17, 24 & 31, February 7 & 14
 February 23-24, 2018, Sonnenberg Marriage Retreat
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 \*\*Sami Squad Contact: Gordon Amstutz, 330/465-8007\*\*



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - November 5, 2017**

Attendance: SS - 80; Worship - 102  
 Offering: Budget: \$2,857.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$890.00  
 Dayspring/Mexico: Joel/Ruthy Miller: \$200.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$112.00  
 Building Rent: \$650.00  
**TOTAL: \$4,709.00**

- Scrip Sales 11/05/2017: \$900.00; 2017-18: \$13,900.00
- 2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: **\$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in account for November 15 payment: \$3,336.52

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

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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.

**9:15 AM MYF Coffee Bar**  
**9:30 AM Sunday School**

*Classes for all ages;  
Nursery through Adult;*



**10:20 AM Prelude**  
**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

- Welcome & Announcements  
 ♪ Sing to the Lord of Harvest WB 98, vs. 1, 3 & 4  
 ♪ Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah WB 582, vs. 1 & 2  
 Call to Worship  
 ♪ God of Our Strength WB 36  
 Offering/Offertory: God Is Still on the Throne  
 Children's Story  
 ♪ Come, Walk with Us SJ 2  
 ♪ Keep Your Lamps Trimmed SS 118

**Hearing God's Word**

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13  
Message: *Slow Faith*

**Responding and Sending**

- ♪ Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song SJ 14  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Benediction  
 ♪ God Be With You WB 431

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

Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor

Worship Leader: Rita Miller

Song Leader: Ellis Miller

Children's Story: Michele Patterson

Message: Michael Amstutz

Nursery: Lisa & Emma Zuercher, Bethany Masters

Guestbook Greeters: Jeremy & Michele Patterson

Altar Arrangement: Shirley Sommerfeld, Lisa & Emma Zuercher

Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

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Sound & Lights: Ron Taylor

Digital Arts: Steve Zuercher

Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston

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## Today's Activities

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

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Monday

7:00 p.m. **Congregational Leadership Team**

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

9:30-10:30 a.m. **Women's Bible Study** at Dottie Hathaway's

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

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

### Thursday

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

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

### Friday

5:45 p.m. **Our Christmas Dinner** Theater presentation at 7:00 p.m. in Sugarcreek. Meet at the church to carpool together. If you have not already done so, please pay Alice Metcalf for your ticket as soon as possible. Tickets are \$36 each.

## NEXT SUNDAY

**9:15 AM MYF Coffee Bar**

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship - A Bountiful Harvest**, 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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

**5:00 PM Cantate Singers** in concert here at Sonnenberg (see announcement)

MYF Coffee Bar: Phil & Myriam Raber, Levi Amstutz, Ethan Ross

Altar Arrangement: Shirley Sommerfeld, Lisa & Emma Zuercher

Guestbook Greeters: Todd & Angela Zuercher

Pastoral Team Greeter: Dave Ross

Nursery: Brandon & Jess King

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

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Ora Shetler is recovering from surgery on his ankle—he is not able to put weight on his foot for three more weeks; Esther Neuenschwander is recovering at home from surgery this past Wednesday on her left carotid artery; Janice Geiser will be hospitalized overnight following surgery for a full knee replacement on Tuesday at Wooster Hospital; Dottie Hathaway will have outpatient surgery in Canton on Friday for a partial knee replacement.*

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

**YOUNG ADULTS ABROAD:** *Anna Ressler, EMU Cross-Cultural Experience in Israel/Palestine; Rowena Zuercher, Bluffton Cross-Cultural Experience in Guatemala.*

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *On Tuesday, Connie and Dennis Byler are returning to Spain for the final weeks of their 45-year ministry through Mission Network. Praise God for their faithful and fruitful service, and pray for wisdom as they continue to share the good news of Jesus in their retirement.*

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### NEW BIRTHS:

- *The flower on the podium this morning welcomes Elijah Robert, born to Brandon and Jess King, early Wednesday morning, November 8. He weighed 8 lbs. 13 oz., and joins proud brother, Everett. Congratulations!*
- *Patrick and Julia Dunster share the news of a new grandchild. Liam Paul was born to Cole and Jenny Dunster of Greer, South Carolina, on Thursday, October 19. He is their fourth child and was born one month prematurely, so is dealing with several health issues. Please keep their family in prayer.*

**VENTURE CLUB POINSETTIA SALES:** Venture Club will be ordering poinsettias again this year. They will be available in red, white and pink for \$10 each. Since the order needs to be in this week, if possible, please place your order for poinsettias today at the table in the foyer. Because of the late notice, we will order extra poinsettias and they will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. The poinsettias will decorate the church on the first or second Sunday in December and will be available to take home on that Sunday as well.

## OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY:

- **Penny Power offering** taken last Sunday totaled \$134.50 for a total collected to date of \$349.00.
- **Fall work night** at People to People Ministries: Twenty-five youth and adults helped sort groceries for two hours this past Wednesday evening at People to People Ministries. Thanks to each one for their willingness to serve in this way.
- **People to People Food Drive** during November: During the month of November we will be collecting Thanksgiving meals and having a food/grocery drive for People to People Ministries. Additional information about the food drive was in church mailboxes last Sunday. Groceries should be brought to the church by the Thanksgiving service on Thursday, November 23. If you prefer to provide Thanksgiving meals, sign-up at the Welcome Center and pick up a form with additional information about what is needed for the meals. Meals need to be at the church by Sunday, November 19.
- **Thanksgiving offering** for missions on November 23.

**FUN FACTS:** Read the new feature in *Sojourns of Fun Facts* and guess who the person is in each issue. This is for everyone. Children, youth, young adults and adults, please return your completed forms (one per person) to the church office mailbox as soon as possible. Extra forms are on the counter under the church mailboxes. **\*\*There is no space for your name on the form, so please be sure to add your name.\*\*** Thanks!

**CANTATE SINGERS**, a fifty voice vocal ensemble including members from Wayne and surrounding counties, will be in concert here at Sonnenberg at 5:00 next Sunday evening, November 19. They perform choral music from a challenging repertoire but with a universal appeal. This Fall's concert is titled *Make Our Garden Grow - Planting Seeds of Faith, Hope, and Love*, and features works by John Rutter, Johannes Brahms, Leonard Bernstein, and Alice Parker. The ensemble is in its twenty-fifth year and is under the direction of Laurel Labbe. Kenneth Shafer serves as their accompanist. Everyone is welcome. A freewill offering will be received.

**MISSING LIBRARY BOOK:** The book, *Living Thoughtfully, Dying Well*, by Glen E. Miller is missing from the church library. If you borrowed this book without checking it out, please return it to the library as soon as possible.