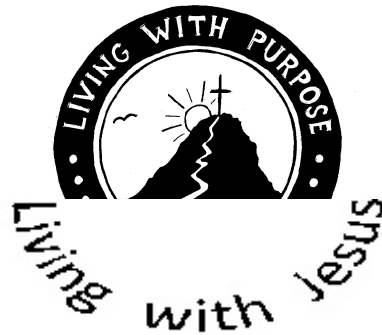


**20 SECONDS**

Esther 8:3-8; 9:29-32

Thank you to Liz (Miller) Hand for sharing with us through the sermon in our worship service today! Liz grew up at Sonnenberg after her family (Ellis & Rita Miller Family), moved to Ohio from Kentucky. She graduated from Central Christian in 2006 and went on to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University, graduating in 2010 with a degree in Financial Management. While at MVNU, she met and then married Nate Hand in 2008. She has worked in the family business, Pleasant Wealth, since 2010. Now with two boys, Mason (3) & Brennan (1), life is full for the Hand family at their home in Canton Ohio. They attend First Mennonite Church in Canton and volunteer in different capacities with Lighthouse, where Liz joined the board this year.



**OFFICE SCHEDULE:**

**Pastor (Mel Hathaway):**

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- ✚ On vacation, returning Tuesday afternoon, February 13

**Youth Pastor (Ora Shetler):**

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

**Secretary (Ellen Nussbaum):**

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

**LOOKING AHEAD**

Next Sunday noon, February 18, MYF Café  
 February 23-24, 2018, Sonnenberg Marriage Retreat  
 April 14, 7:00-10:30 a.m. Maple Syrup Missions Festival  
 May 19, 4:30-6:30 p.m. CCS Tuition Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

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



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - February 4, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 75; Worship - 95  
 Offering: Budget: \$2,995.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$2,976.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico: \$100.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$550.00  
 Building Rental: \$700.00  
 Marriage Retreat: \$360.00  
**TOTAL: \$7,681.00**

- Scrip Sales 02/04/18: \$325.00; 2017-18: \$27,420.00
- 2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: **\$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in fund for February 15 payment: \$5,598.52

*\*\*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.

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

*Classes for all ages;  
Nursery through Adult;*

**00:20**

**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements

♪ *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* WB 46

Call to Worship

♪ *God of Our Strength* WB 36

♪ *We Give Thanks Unto You* WB 161

Prayers of the Congregation

Offering/Offerory: *Champion of Love*

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story

♪ *God of Grace and God of Glory* WB 366

Scripture: Esther 8:3-8; 9:29-32

Message: *20 Seconds*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* WB 328

Benediction

♪ *Lead Me, Lord* WB 538

MYF Coffee Bar: Ron & Laura Petite, Levi Amstutz, Ethan Ross  
Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor  
Worship Leaders: Jeremy & Michele Patterson  
Song Leader: Lorene Amstutz  
Children's Story: Virgene Steffen  
Message: Elizabeth Hand  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Ora Shetler  
Guestbook Greeters: Veryl & Miriam Kratzer  
Altar Arrangement: Jeanette Miller  
Ushers: Trent & Alice Metcalf, Jim Johnston, Mark Johnston, Levi Amstutz

Sound & Lights: Ron Taylor  
Digital Arts: Steve Zuercher  
Valet: Jim Johnston  
Nursery: Michael & Lisa Amstutz

### Today's Activities

**11:45 AM Scrip Sales** at the Welcome Center  
**2:30 PM Quiz Meet:** Genesis 24:1-33; 24:47b-67, & 25  
**7:00 PM Care Facilities Hymnsing** at OrrVilla  
(see announcement)

## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Monday

6:30 p.m. **Youth/Young Adult Ministry**  
7:00 p.m. **Library Team**

### Tuesday

7:00 p.m. **Ohio Conference Cluster** meeting will be held here at Sonnenberg. All delegates are encouraged to attend. Other interested person are also welcome.

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **SMW Sewing** –Come for part or all of the day to quilt or knot comforters. Offering will be taken at the 11:30 a.m. meeting/devotional time for Mennonite Women USA. Women with last names beginning with M-Z should bring salads/desserts for the noon meal.

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

### Food, Family, Faith, Fellowship Night

5:45-6:30 p.m. Fellowship Meal; Potato Haystack Casserole (is gluten free, and dairy free option will be available) will be served. Jubilee SS class will provide salads and desserts and will help with set-up/clean-up.

7:00 p.m. **Ash Wednesday Service** is being planned by the Pastoral Team. Everyone is encouraged to participate.

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

9:30 a.m. **MYF Café Preparation**

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### **9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent; 2018 Theme is *Between Me & You; It's a Promise*, Genesis 9:8-17.

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

**NOON MYF Café** (see announcement)

**2:30 PM Quiz Meet** over Genesis 26, 27, 28:1-9

MYF Coffee Bar: Michael & Lisa Amstutz, Rebekah Amstutz & Emma Zuercher  
Guestbook Greeter: Aldine Nussbaum  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston  
Nursery: Brandon & Jess King  
Valet: Keith Sommerfeld  
Ushers: Mike & Mim Lehman, Galen Miller, Steve Gerber, Spencer Mason

## OUR CHURCH FAMILY

### IN OUR PRAYERS:

**CONTINUE TO REMEMBER:** *Ada Amstutz*, returned home from the hospital last Saturday–she is recovering from pneumonia as well as dealing with side affects of the antibiotics she is on; *Ora Shetler* will go back to the doctor in three weeks to have the staples removed in his ankle.

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *This week, as we celebrate both Valentine's Day and Ash Wednesday, pray that we focus on Jesus' definition of self-giving love that "never gives up, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, trusts God always, and looks for the best in others" (1 Corinthians 13).*

**4F NIGHTS:** This Wednesday is our final 4F event, with an Ash Wednesday service being planned by the Pastoral Team. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend. *Thank you to Adult Ministry for planning great 4F activities for us! Thanks, also, to everyone who helped provide food for the meals, as well as to help and clean-up. And, a special thanks to Laura Petite for planning activities for the children.*

**MYF CAFÉ** will be held next Sunday, February 18. Come enjoy a delicious meal prepared by the MYF. Everyone is welcome. Your generous donations will be accepted at the door.

**CARE FACILITIES HYMN SING** will be held this evening at OrrVilla. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join in this time of singing with the residents at OrrVilla.

**SONNENBERG CARES—Caring and Remembering Each (college) Student:** Help share our love with our eleven college students by helping us fill care packages for them during this spring semester. Donate food/snacks, Scrip gift cards, encouraging notes...to fill each of their boxes which will be in the foyer over the next two Sundays, February 18 & 25. Thank you for caring for our college students in this way.

### **PRIMARY SS PROJECT—PREGNANCY CARE CENTER**

Our children's Sunday School project for January through May will be to collect money and baby items for the Pregnancy Care Center. There is a baby bottle in the singing room to collect the children's offering; families may also pick up a bottle at the welcome center. Other items that could be donated are pacifiers, baby lotion, diapers, powder, baby clothes or toys. There will be a doll bed in the singing room and a box in the foyer to collect the baby items. Anyone may also make a donation for this project, just earmark it for Children's Ministry project and place it in the regular offering.

**2018 MARRIAGE RETREAT** is coming up soon on February 23-24, 2018, at the Comfort Inn in Berlin, Ohio, with resource persons, Don & Em Yoder, sharing about "The Five Love Languages—Discover Yours." Cost is \$120/couple which includes lodging for one night, input sessions, snacks, hot breakfast and lunch on Saturday, and The Five Love Languages book. You can still sign-up today, February 11 (last chance), at the Welcome Center. Payment is also due by today. Financial assistance is available if needed. Contact Adult Ministry Members: Steve & Lisa Zuercher, Eileen Lehman or Priscilla Spiker if you have questions or are in need of financial assistance.

### **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. Linda has a tremendous heart for the people and is trying to find ways to break the spell of the Buddhist culture with the light of the Gospel of Christ, which has included a vision for an orphanage to train children from infancy. 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 in the next few weeks. Thank you!