

GOD'S COVENANT, GOD'S COMMUNITY
Palm Sunday - Expectations and Understanding
 John 12:12-19



****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

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, 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 18, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 63; Worship - 83  
 Offering: Budget \$2,427.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$596.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico: \$100.00  
 Linda Horn, Interlink/Thailand: \$30.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$145.00  
 Cemetery: \$450.00  
**TOTAL: \$3,748.00**

- **Scrip Sales** 03/18/18: \$200.00; 2017-18: \$31,555.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in account: \$1,493.52 toward April payment

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

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**Sonnenberg  
 Mennonite  
 Church**

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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!*



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

**10:20 AM Prelude**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome & Announcements  
 ♪ *This Is the Day*  
 Call to Worship/Processional  
 ♪ *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*      *WB 238*  
 ♪ *Jesus Shall Reign*      *WB 319*  
 Prayers of the Congregation  
 Offering/Offertory

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story  
 ♪ *Ride On, Ride On in Majesty*      *WB 239*  
 Scripture: John 12:12-19  
 Message: *Expectations and Understandings*

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *All Hail the Power*      *WB 106*  
 Benediction  
 ♪ *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*      *WB 105*

MYF Coffee Bar: Chip & Martha Coleman, Rebekah & Levi Amstutz  
Prelude/Offertory: Recorded Music  
Worship Leader: Lisa Zuercher  
Song Leader: Lorene Amstutz  
Message: Mel Hathaway  
Children's Story: Bethany Masters  
Sound & Lights: Winfred Ressler  
Digital Arts: Phil Raber  
Lent Visual: Emma Zuercher & Lent Team  
Pastoral Team Greeter: Dave Ross  
Guestbook Greeter: Marjean Lehman  
Nursery: Jeanette Miller and Cassie Johnston  
Valet: Galen Miller  
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

**11:45 AM Health Ministry** in library; nurse is Dottie Hathaway

**6:00 PM** Mt. Vernon Nazarene University Treble Singers in concert here at Sonnenberg (see announcement)

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **MYF Thank you party for Ora & Marilyn Shetler.**

Parents are also invited to come and express thanks for the Shetler's time of serving in youth ministry.

### Thursday

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

7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday service** including foot washing and communion. Note that there will not be a meal this year.

Everyone is encouraged to participate in this service.

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship** Easter Sunday;

2018 Theme: *God's Covenant, God's Community;*

*Coming Face to Face*, John 20:1-18;

**Easter Flowers**, including, lilies, tulips and daffodils, which will be used to add to the visual for Easter, will be available for sale following the service next Sunday for anyone interested. Cost will be \$9.00 each.

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

MYF Coffee Bar: Jeremy & Michele Patterson, Emma Zuercher, Rebekah Amstutz

Guestbook Greeters: Todd & Angela Zuercher

Pastoral Team Greeter: Michael Amstutz

Nursery: Phil & Myriam Raber

Valet: Jim Johnston

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

## 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's fractured vertebrae is not healing, so they are consulting with doctors about other options of treatment; Corrine Helmuth is being treated for pneumonia and is undergoing tests to see if there may be additional health issues that she is experiencing.*

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

**WEEKLY MISSIONS PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *On this Palm Sunday, pray for courage to follow Jesus. Ugandan theologian Emmanuel Katongole wrote: "Good news will make you crazy. Jesus will put you at odds with the economic and political systems of our world. This gospel [interrupts] the world ... in ways that make even pious people indignant."*

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**MOVING:** Ada Amstutz will be moving to assisted living at Shady Lawn next Saturday, March 31. Her new address will be: Shady Lawn, The Oaks, 15029 Lincolnway, East, Room 120, Dalton, OH 44618; cell phone number is: 330/234-2894.

**GROCERY SHOWER** for Spencer & Ashley Mason is being held yet today, March 25, in celebration of their marriage. Grocery items should be placed in the basket in the foyer.

**MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY TREBLE SINGERS** will be in concert here at Sonnenberg this evening, March 25, 6:00 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken for the choir. Treble Singers, directed by Sabina Anderson, is a select women's choir which offers a blend of three and four part harmony as they present music for praise, worship, and testimony through gospel, sacred, spirituals, hymns and contemporary Christian music. Our own, Jo Spiker, is a member of this choir. Everyone is welcome.

**CELEBRATION OF GIFTS SUNDAY** is planned for 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 by a time for youth/adult Sunday School classes to work together to complete the 2018-19 gifts discernment survey.

## OUTREACH & SERVICE MINISTRY

- **MAPLE SYRUP MISSIONS FESTIVAL** will be Saturday, April 7, 7:00-10:30 a.m. With the pancake & sausage breakfast here at the church, and the SMW food trailer at the Machinery Sale, lots of help will be needed. **\*\*Sign-up at the Welcome Center by next Sunday, April 1, to volunteer to help at the Festival or at the Machinery Sale food trailer.\*\*** Posters and flyers are available at the Welcome Center to share with friends, family, neighbors...inviting them to join us for this event.
- **PENNY POWER OFFERING** will be taken next Sunday, April 1, to add to our total to date of \$712.00.

**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 Sunday, April 8. Pick up date is Saturday, May 12.

### 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.

**SCRIP:** Due to spring break this week, only Scrip on hand will be available for purchase today. Regular orders will resume next Sunday, April 1.

**VOLUNTARY SERVICE:** A list is being compiled for a book being written to supplement James O. Lehman's book, "Sonnenberg: A Haven & A Heritage," to celebrate the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kidron/Sonnenberg in 2019. Included in the book will be a listing of numbers of people from Kidron who have participated in short or long-term voluntary service over the past 50 years. If you or someone from your family (living or anyone who has died) who has been a part of Sonnenberg Mennonite Church and has served in this way, please complete the information in your church mailboxes and return it to the church office mailbox or e-mail the information to Ellen Nussbaum (church e-mail) by next Sunday, April 1.