

CELEBRATION OF GIFTS SUNDAY
The Ministry of the Saints
 Matthew 25:31-40



****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
- ✦ Wednesday morning, Pastor-Peer Meeting

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, 6:30 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 - April 1, 2018**

Attendance: SS - 95; Worship - 136  
 Offering: Budget: \$4,153.00  
 CCS Tuition: \$746.00  
 Joel/Ruthy Miller, Dayspring/Mexico: \$100.00  
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$110.00  
 Penny Power Offering: \$144.50  
 Building Rent: \$700.00  
**TOTAL: \$5,953.50**

- **Scrip Sales** 04/01/18: \$1,625.00; 2017-18: \$33,380.00
- **2017-18 CCS Tuition Fund Monthly Payments: \$7,400.00**  
 -Balance in account: \$3,389.52 toward April 15 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**

April 8, 2018

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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.



*As each has received a gift, employ it for one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.*

1 Peter 4:10

**9:20 AM Prelude  
 9:30 AM WORSHIP**

**Gathering as Community**

Welcome

♪ *Great Is the Lord*

Call to Worship

♪ *Come, Thou Almighty King*

♪ *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

Prayers of the Congregation

Offering/Offertory: *Offering Hymn*

WB 87

WB 41

WB 307

**Hearing God's Word**

Children's Story: *The Donkey's Tale*

♪ *Whatsoever You Do*

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-40

Message: *The Ministry of the Saints*

SS 52

**Responding and Sending**

♪ *There Are Many Gifts*

Announcements

Benediction

♪ *Go, My Friends, in Grace*

WB 304

SS 57

**10:45 AM Sunday School** - Youth/Adult classes will be completing the 2018-2019 Gifts Discernment Survey  
*Classes for all ages:  
 Nursery through adult. Everyone is welcome!*

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

Prelude/Offertory: Pam Taylor

Worship Leader: Don Nussbaum

Song Leader: Lorene Amstutz

Message: Mel Hathaway

Children's Story: Ellen Nussbaum

Altar Arrangement: Eileen Lehman

Guestbook Greeters: Brandon & Jess King

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

Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander

Digital Arts: Steve Zuercher

Valet: Phil Raber

Nursery: Ron & Laura Petite

PT Greeter: Virgene Steffen

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## Today's Activities

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

(see announcement)

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Monday

6:30 p.m. **Youth/Young Adult Ministry**

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

### Wednesday

8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. **SMW Sewing - Guest Day**; Everyone is encouraged to invite guests to join us to quilt or knot comforters. Offering will be taken for an MCC Project. For the noon meal, the main dish will be provided. Women with last names beginning with A-L should bring salads, and M-Z should bring desserts.

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

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

No MYF

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

6:30 a.m. **Men's Breakfast** at Kidron T&C; Jeremy Patterson will be sharing with the group.

9:00 a.m. **All Church Spring Cleaning Frolic**

(see announcement)

### NEXT SUNDAY

**9:30 AM Sunday School**

**10:45 AM Worship** Reception of new members; Parent-Child Dedication; *Building Blocks*, Ephesians 2:11-22

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

**NOON Jubilee and Encouragers SS Class** Carry-in meal

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

Pastoral Team Greeter: Donna Johnston

Nursery: Todd & Angela Zuercher

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 is scheduled to receive an injection in her back on April 16, to help with healing her fractured vertebrae; 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:** *Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder ask for continued prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. They wrote, "We feel safe, but are aware that periodic violence has become part of life. We try to be prepared for the unexpected." Pray for the witness of Mennonite churches as they follow the Prince of Peace.*

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**IN CELEBRATION:** *The altar arrangement on the piano this morning is from the Neuenschwander family in celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Til and Bonnie Neuenschwander on Tuesday, April 10.*

**CELEBRATION OF GIFTS SUNDAY** is being focused on today, April 8. Following the 9:30 worship service, 2018 Gifts Discernment surveys will be handed out to all adults and youth to complete in their Sunday School classes, working together to consider personal gifts as well as affirm the gifts of others through the survey. Surveys should be returned after classes today, or by next Sunday, April 15, to the box provided at the Welcome Center. If additional time is needed, surveys can also be returned yet on April 22.

**COMMUNION:** Haven't been able to participate in communion services recently? Pastoral Team is offering to bring communion to you. If you are interested, contact Pastor Mel or one of the PT members to arrange for a time on Sunday afternoon or evening, April 22 or 29.

**EASTER FLOWERS,** There are a few lily and daffodil plants available from our Easter visual. If interested you can purchase them following the service for \$9.00 each. See Ellen Nussbaum at the Welcome Center today to purchase your flowers.

**PENNY POWER** offering taken last Sunday came to \$144.50.

Total to date is \$856.50.

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

**MAPLE SYRUP MISSIONS FESTIVAL:** Thanks to everyone who helped with the Maple Syrup Missions Festival or at the Machinery Sale yesterday. It was a busy day for those of us at Sonnenberg, but thanks to those who participated, it went very well. Extra sausage is available in the church freezer for \$4.00/1 lb. package, and syrup is in the missions cupboard in the foyer: pints are \$10.00, quarts are \$18.00.

**ALL-CHURCH SPRING CLEANING FROLIC:** Facilities Ministry is planning an All Church Cleaning event NEXT 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 to attend Camp Luz this week. Deadline to receive the \$10 discount on the registration fee is next Sunday, April 15. 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:** This is the last month for selling Scrip to add to our total sales for this academic year. Our percentage earned from this past year's sales will be discounted from our final CCS tuition payment which will be made on May 15. Note that we have added some Scrip options on hand here at the church which are as follows: Buehlers (\$50 & \$100), Marathon (\$25 & \$100), Walmart (\$25 & \$100), Subway (\$10 & \$25), Wendy's (\$10), Applebees, Olive Garden/Longhorn and Bob Evans (\$25), and Amazon.com (\$25).