

Gathered by God...

Prelude *Pater Noster* Arthur Foote

Welcome and Announcements

Interlude

* Call to Worship

* Opening Prayer

* Hymn *Holy Spirit, come with power* HWB 26

To hear God's call to the church...

Scripture Reading Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
Acts 8:14-17

Children's Time

Hymn *You are salt of the earth* HWB 226

Offering Prayer

Offertory *Like as the Hart* Herbert Howells

Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:1-7

Sermon God calls a people

With prayer...

* Hymn *I will sing of my Redeemer* HWB 344

* Confession of Faith Apostles' Creed

Prayer for the Church Universal

Hymn *We are the body of Christ (refrain)* STJ 64

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

And rejoicing, we go forth!

* Hymn *Heart with loving heart united* HWB 420

* Benediction

Postlude *Fugue in D minor* JS Bach

Our worship ends after the postlude; please remain seated for the postlude.

**All who are able are invited to stand where indicated.*

Hymnals used in worship: HWB – Hymnal a Worship Book (blue)

STJ – Sing the Journey (green)

STS – Sing the Story (purple)

Worship Leader: Jan Croyle Organ: Ryan Croyle

Children's Time: Ken Rohrer Scripture Reader: Laura Moss

Prayer for the Church Universal: Christian Power

Welcome to worship this morning as we explore together what it means to be church, specifically a part of the worldwide church.

The two rosebuds this morning are for **John Althaus'** birthday, on the 12th, and for **Marge Beery's** birthday on the 15th. Happy Birthday to you both!!

Annual reports are due in to Mona Rohrer today. All reports will be printed up and put in members mail boxes next Sunday. A carry in will follow the worship service on **January 31st**, followed by the **annual meeting**. Please bring a covered dish to share, and salad or dessert and your own tableware. Drinks will be provided.

MYF All Nighter- Friday Jan. 15th at 8pm. Bring a sleeping bag/pillow- whatever helps you get some shut eye! Also bring a snack to share, whatever you want to drink, and any games you want to share. You might want to bring something warm to wear outside!!! Jan and I have some fun things planned, but also time for you to have your own fun together- while WE sleep. We will have breakfast in the morning and wrap up around 11 am. We have also invited Summit and Bethel youth. Hope to see you all there!

Corinthian Plan Giving: The Corinthian Plan is a new health coverage plan arranged for by Mennonite Church USA that our church is participating in this year. The plan includes a mutual aid component which will allow all MC USA congregations to provide health coverage for their pastors and workers. Our commitment to this portion of the plan is \$10 per attendee. We see this as an outreach mission of our congregation and will have a special offering during worship on **January 24** to collect and bless our contribution.

Mennonite Mutual Aid will be here on **January 31**. They will lead us in worship and offer two Sunday School classes: *Making wishes known: End of life planning* and *Managing money to honor God*.

Thank you all for the Christmas cards and gifts. ~Rachel

New address for Mary Croyle - 150 Stauffer Drive, Wadsworth. Phone number remains the same.

Attention men and boys. The 10th season of the Ohio Mennonite Men's Chorale (OMMC) is upon us. Rehearsal information on the bulletin board.

GREETERS Today: Mark Haas & Nathaniel Haas

Next Sunday: John & Gene Althaus

USHER for JANUARY

Lois Chamberlin

THIS WEEK, January 11-17:

Thursday: Noon deadline for bulletin announcements
please email announcements to Rachel

7:00 pm Commissions meet
8:00 pm Church Council meeting

Friday-Saturday: **MYF All-nighter**

Sunday: 9:30 am **Sunday School** for all ages
Elementary School Class:
Intergenerational: *The New Testament*
Pathfinders Class: *Prayer: Does it make any difference?*
10:45am **Worship – Being Church: The church universal**
Scripture texts: Isaiah 62:1-5 and 1 Corinthians

12:1-11

8 Ways to Easily be Missional

Missional is not an event we tack onto our already busy lives. It is our life. Mission should be the way we live, not something we add onto life. . . . We can be missional in everyday ways without even overloading our schedules. Here are a few suggestions:

Eat with Non-Christians. We all eat three meals a day. Why not make a habit of sharing one of those meals with a non-Christian or with a family of non-Christians? Go to lunch with a co-worker, not by yourself. Invite the neighbors over for family dinner. If it's too much work to cook a big dinner, just order pizza and put the focus on conversation. When you go out for a meal, invite a non-Christian friend. Or take your family to family-style restaurants where you can sit at the table with strangers and strike up conversations (Mighty Fine Burgers, Buca di Peppo, The Blue Dahlia, etc). Have cookouts and invite Christians and non-Christians. *Flee the Christian subculture.*

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Being Church

The church
universal

“Revealing the mystery of God”
Eph. 3:1-11