

Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley of the Bones
Ezekiel 37:1 - 14

Theme verse:

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

Colossians 2:6 - 7 NIV

OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Glenn Nofziger II)

- Off Tuesdays

Secretary (Chip Coleman)

- Tuesday
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Friday
7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD

Alternative Christmas - November 30 - December 21

Nofziger Christmas Open House - December 13

Longest Night Service - December 21

All Adult Enrichment Weekend January 16-18

(SOS) Sonnenberg Out Serving: Gordie Amstutz, 330/465-8007



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - November 30, 2025

Attendance: SS - 105; Worship - 117; YouTube: 3

Offering:

Budget: \$ 2,655.00
CCS Tuition: \$ 600.00
Maple Syrup Missions: \$ 102.00
Lighthouse Christmas: \$ 200.00
Sonnenberg Tshirts: \$ 20.00
Alternative Christmas Breakfast: \$ 74.00
Columbarium: \$ 758.00

TOTAL: \$ 4,409.00

- **Scrip sales 11/30/2025: \$1,745.00; '25-'26 Sales: \$42,850.00**
- **Balance in CCS Tuition Fund: \$28,056.95** ; Payments on the 15th of each month include \$2,900 (Fair Balance Tuition) + \$1,433 (additional contribution) = \$4,333/month or \$52,000 total for the 2025-2026 academic year. *Your continued support of the CCS*

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

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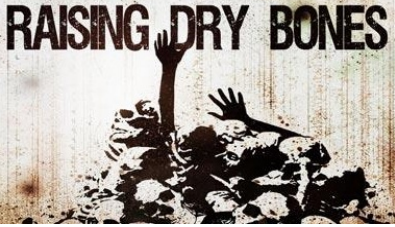
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Michelle Steffen, Visitation



December 7, 2025

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Please place your regular offering in the container provided inside the Sanctuary as you arrive for the worship service; bulletins are also available to pick-up on the table outside each week.



Prelude

Drawing into the story- Ezekiel 37:1...14

Call to Worship

Coins Count

Prayer

♪	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem v 1,3,4</i>	WB 191
♪	<i>Now the Heavens Start to Whisper</i>	VT 237
♪	<i>Sometimes a Light Surprises</i>	VT 618
♪	<i>Peace, Perfect Peace</i>	projected

Children's Story

Candle Lighting

Message: Be Amazed: Peace in the Valley of the Bones

(Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1 - 14; John 11:25 - 26)

♪	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus</i>	WB 178
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Blessing

Message: Glenn Nofziger II

Worship: Pattersons

Music: Roy & Ruth Steiner

PT Greeter: Barb Ressler

Visual: Advent Team

Coffee Cleanup: Nathan & Addy

Advent Candle: Greta Patterson

Greeters: Alice & Trent Metcalf

Multimedia: Michael & Phil

Sound: Winfred Ressler

Prelude: Kathy & Rachael Troyer

Coffee Bar: Ed & Joyce

Usher: Dan Gault

BP Check: Erin Nofziger

Children's Story: Kate Holton

The oil lamp at the front of the church is a Peace lamp.
As followers of Jesus we embrace Christ's way of Peace.

Today’s Activities:

8:30 AM Prayer - Young Adult Sunday School room
8:50 AM Alternative Christmas
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:00 AM Coins Count Offering
10:30 AM BP Check
10:20 AM Prelude
10:30 AM Worship
11:45 AM Scrip Sales in the foyer following the worship service. See Ellen Nussbaum to purchase Scrip.

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. **Adult Ministry**
6:30 p.m. **Facilities Ministry**

Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **SMW Sewing**
6:00 p.m. **MYF Caroling**

Saturday

7:00 a.m. **Men’s Coffee**
6:00 p.m. **Nofziger Christmas Open House**

Next Sunday

8:30 AM Prayer - Young Adult Sunday School room
8:50 AM Alternative Christmas
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:20 AM Prelude
10:30 AM Worship
Isaiah 55:1 - 3; Psalm 42; Isaiah 40:1 - 5; John 4:13 - 14
Be Amazed: Joy in the Desert

Message: Glenn Nofziger II
Worship: Phil Raber
Music: Alice Metcalf
PT Greeter: Jeremy Patterson
Visual: Advent Team
Coffee Cleanup: Jude & Cora
Greeters: Alice & Trent Metcalf

Multimedia: Levi & Mattea
Sound: Ron Taylor
Prelude: Pam Taylor
Coffee Bar: Phil Raber
Usher: Mike Lehman
Advent Candle: Levi Amstutz
Children’s Story: Cora Patterson

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

REMEMBER: *Rich Horst: pray for recovery from foot surgery this past week.; Blaine Amstutz: the Pituitary is resisting earlier treatments so with insurance approval he’ll start new treatments. They are thankful Blaine is feeling better than he has in some time; Kerrilyn Neuenschwander: she continues physical therapy to regain strength and endurance, hoping to return to regular activities by mid-May. Ask God to give her joy and help her be a supportive teammate during this season; Marjean Lehman: is still in therapy and is in the regular Nursing Home portion of Shady Lawn in room 223; Mabel Gable: seeks healing for the wound on her leg; it is showing some healing; Ella Amstutz: as she keeps improving at home after her heart surgeries.*

THOSE IN MISSION: *José/Alfonsina Oyanguren family, Argentine Chaco; Austin & Griselda Zuercher, Honduras*

WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS: *Alfonsina and José Oyanguren request prayer for the people who attend the Qom Bible studies, that they might carry the love of Jesus into their communities in Argentina’s Chaco region, and for those who are completing their secondary school education.*

NOFZIGER OPEN HOUSE: Saturday, December 13: We invite the congregation to drop by our house from 6-7pm for refreshments and fellowship. At 7pm we will show a recording of this year’s Behold the Lamb of God livestream concert at the Ryman Auditorium in Nashville. This is the same concert Glenn and I attended last December. It’s a beautiful telling of the story of Jesus through music. We enjoyed it so much, we decided to watch it again from our living room and would like to invite anyone who has interest to join us! Please RSVP your interest in viewing the concert to Glenn or Erin.

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE: "Christmas in a Time of Loss" on December 21, 7:00; an evening service will be held here at Sonnenberg at the winter solstice to acknowledge grief, loss, and sadness during a season often associated with joy.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS: Thank you for supporting Venture Club with your purchase of a Poinsettia. They will decorate the sanctuary on December 14 and will be available to take home after the worship service that day.

SCRIP GIFT CARDS: Make great Christmas gifts stocking stuffers and are available at the Welcome Center from Ellen Nussbaum each Sunday following the worship service. Place your orders with payment by Sunday, December 15, to be sure to get any cards you want before Christmas. See Ellen Nussbaum with any questions or for a list of vendors, or go to www.raiseright.com/brands. Your friends/family will enjoy receiving the gift cards and the rebate we receive from your purchases will go to support the Oyanguren's as they serve the people in the Argentine Chaco.

SONG & WORSHIP LEADERS: Worship Ministry is seeking additional people to share their gifts during our worship services and help fill out our current rotations for song leaders and worship leaders. Feedback from the worship surveys we sent out a couple years ago showed that our congregation appreciates a variety of worship styles. If you have any interest in being involved in one of these elements of worship, or even sense God may be nudging you to consider it, but still have questions or hesitations, please come talk with me! Open to both adults and youth! Thanks to those who have volunteered so far~Erin Nofziger

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS: Continues each Sunday through December 21, from 8:50-9:30 a.m. Everyone is encouraged to join in this time of fellowship and enjoy the Alternative Christmas displays. We are using the MCC 2025 Christmas Giving Guide. Choose a project or projects you would like to support, fill out the form and give it to Ed at the welcome center or drop it into the offering basket. Use an ornament off the tree to give to the person in whose name you have donated.

Our celebration this year includes breakfast together again. Families with last names beginning with A-N should bring breakfast casseroles, pastries and fruit on Sunday December 14; last names beginning with O-Z are assigned to bring food on Sundays, December 7 & 21. The Coffee Bar will be serving hot drinks and cold drinks will be provided. Donations for the food tables will also be accepted. More details to come.

SMW SEWING: Will be held Wednesday, December 10 from 9:00 a.m. until 2 p.m. The offering will be given to the Kidron Council Fund. Those with the last name starting with O - Z should bring salads and desserts. Devotions begin at 11:30 a.m. and lunch at noon.