

**Be Amazed: God Among Us**

John 1:19 - 34; Psalm 32:1 - 2; Isaiah 40:3



Theme verse:

*When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

John 8:12 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**

All Adult Enrichment Weekend - January 16 - 18

MYF Retreat - January 17 - 19

All Church Sunday School - January 18

Winter Wednesdays - Jan 21; Feb 4 & 18, March 4 & 18  
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(SOS) Sonnenberg Out Serving: Gordie Amstutz, 330/465-8007



**LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - December 21, 2025**

Attendance: SS - 101; Worship - 131; YouTube: 4  
Longest Night: 68  
Christmas Eve: 127

**Offering:**

Budget: \$ 6,375.00  
CCS Tuition: \$ 1,740.00  
Open Arms: \$ 1,000.00  
Maple Syrup Missions: \$ 656.00

**TOTAL: \$ 9,771.00**

- **Scrip sales 12/21/2025: \$1,025.00; '25-'26 Sales: \$51,410.00**
- **Balance in CCS Tuition Fund: \$28,846.62** ; 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 Tuition Fund is much appreciated!

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

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**SONNENBERG**  
MENNOMITE CHURCH

December 28, 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- John 1:29 - 34

**Call to Worship**

**Prayer**

- ♪ *While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks* VT 253
- ♪ *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* WB 206
- ♪ *Love Came Down At Christmas* WB 208
- ♪ *Go Tell It On The Mountain* VT 252

**Children's Story**

**Candle Lighting**

- ♪ *Hope Is A Candle* SS 15

Message: Be Amazed: God Among Us

(John 1:19 - 34; Psalm 32:1 - 2; Isaiah 40:3)

- ♪ *Arise, Your Light Is Come!* SS 30

**Blessing**

Message: Glenn Nofziger II

Worship: Don Nussbaum

Music: Winfred Ressler

PT Greeter: Lisa Amstutz

Visual: Donna Johnston

Coffee Cleanup: Jacob & K

Greeters: Alice & Trent Metcalf

Multimedia: Ethan & Mattea

Sound: Ron Taylor

Prelude: Winfred Ressler

Coffee Bar: Ed & Joyce Taylor

Usher: Mike Lehman

Christ Candle: Levi Amstutz

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  
9:00 AM Fellowship & Coffee  
9:30 AM Sunday School  
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.

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## THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

### Thursday

NEW YEARS



### Next Sunday

8:30 AM Prayer - Young Adult Sunday School room

9:00 AM Fellowship & Coffee

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:20 AM Prelude

10:30 AM Worship

John 1:35 - 51; Psalm 66:1 - 5; Matthew 2:1 - 12

Be Amazed: Come And See

11:00 AM Coins Count Offering

11:30 AM BP Check

Message: Glenn Nofziger II

Worship: Erin Nofziger

Music: Jess King

PT Greeter: Barb Ressler

Visual: Juanita Ross

Coffee Cleanup: Mattea & Luke

Greeter: Rhoda Sommers

BP Check: Carolyn Zuercher

Multimedia: Michael & Phil

Sound: Winfred Ressler

Prelude: Pam Taylor

Coffee Bar: Steve & Lisa Zuercher

Usher: Mike Lehman

Christ Candle: ?

Children's Story: ?

Moment for Mission: Bolivia projector

## 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: for healing from her latest fall and against bouts of confusion; Mabel Gable: seeks healing for the wound on her leg; it is showing some healing; Silas Coleman: recovering well from hip arthroscopy surgery.*

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

**WEEKLY PRAYER EMPHASIS:** *Pray that although 2025 is ending with much suffering and violence in our country and around the world, that we will not tire of proclaiming our hope in Jesus, who has overcome evil and injustice. May we continue to "be the Gospel" wherever we find ourselves.*

**ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS:** A big thanks to everyone who participated in the Alternative Christmas celebrations this Advent season. We have raised \$6,956.00 towards the MCC 2025 Christmas Giving project. Your contributions make a difference for someone in need in one of the more than 40 countries where MCC works. It was great time to eat and fellowship together in the Christmas spirit.

**BIBLE RECAP:** It is almost 2026. Have you considered joining in with others at Sonnenberg using the Bible Recap resources to read through the Bible next year? If you are curious about the options look back at the article in last week's Sojourns or get in touch with Pastor Glenn. Look for an email invite to the Bible reading plan on December 31st.

**BP CHECK & COINS COUNT:** There will be a My Coins Count offering next Sunday so come prepared to make the cans rattle. A nurse from our congregation will gladly check your blood pressure, pulse and oxygen level in the church library following the service as well. These two church programs take place on the first Sunday of each month fyi.

**PASTRY SIGN UP FOR COFFEE BAR:** Do you like eating, baking, shopping or all three? Consider signing up to donate pastries (home baked or purchased) to our Sunday morning coffee bar! Consider having your children help prepare a recipe. Finger foods are preferred (please no messy cupcakes) and snacks that can be consumed using only a napkin. The sign up sheet is at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, contact Alice Metcalf Rhoda Sommer or Dave Ross.

### SONNENBERG PURPOSE STATEMENT T-SHIRTS:

Were a hit! Since we ran low on a few sizes, a small order has been placed and should be on hand around the first week of January. They are totally by donation. You can memo donation checks "T-shirts." If you have your own items you would like the image on anyone can go to Shoemaker in Holmes County and take care of that individually. -PT/CLT

**ENRICHMENT WEEKEND 2026:** Plan to participate in a weekend of learning, discussion and fellowship. Activities will start Friday January 16 on the theme of "Being The Church in The 21<sup>st</sup> Century" with speaker Dr. John Byron, New Testament professor at the Ashland Theological Seminary. There will be sign ups on the Welcome Center for anyone planning to attend as well for the catered lunch (by donation) on Saturday. Otherwise, there is no cost for the weekend and will be open to the greater community. - Adult Ministries

### January 16 - 18, 2026

#### Friday evening, 7:00-8:30 " Being the Church in Exile"

Come at 6:30 and enjoy a time of beverages, snacks and fellowship before the session begins.

**Saturday morning, 8:30-10:00 "Being the Church in the Story of God"** Come at 8:00 for Coffee, tea, juice, pastries & fellowship

#### Break 10:00-10:30

#### Saturday 10:30-12:00 "Being the Church to my Neighbor"

#### Saturday 12:00-1:00

**Lunch** is catered. Sign up if you wish to participate. No cost, but consider donating towards the expense.

#### Sunday Morning:

**Sunday School Hour 9:30-10:15 "Many Manuscripts One Book"**

**Sunday Worship 10:30 - "Resurrection: Christian Hope for the World"**