

Be Amazed: Come And See

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



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

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



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD - December 28, 2025

Attendance: SS - 72; Worship - 106 YouTube: 10

Offering:

Budget: \$ 12,375.00
CCS Tuition: \$ 2,521.67
Alternative Christmas: \$ 1,027.00
Maple Syrup Missions: \$ 109.00
Columbarium Fund: \$ 473.00
Outreach & Service Fryer Expenses: \$ 250.00

TOTAL: \$ 16,755.67

- **Scrip sales 12/28/2025: \$395.00; '25-'26 Sales: \$51,805.00**
- **Balance in CCS Tuition Fund: \$31,368.29** ; 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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January 4, 2026

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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 1:43, 45 - 51

Call to Worship

My Coins Count

Prayer

♪ *Praise God From Whom* WB 118
♪ *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming* WB 211
♪ *The First Noel* WB 199 vs 1,2,3
♪ *As With Gladness Men Of Old* WB 218 vs 1,2,3

Children's Story

Message: Be Amazed: Come And See

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

♪ *Come And See* WB 20

Blessing

♪ *Neujahrs Lied* insert in back of WB

Message: Glenn Nofziger II

Worship: Erin Nofziger

Music: Jess King

PT Greeter: Barb Ressler

Visual: Juanita Ross

Coffee Cleanup: Mattea & Luke

Children's Story: Cora Patterson

Moment for Mission: Bolivia projector

Multimedia: Michael & Phil

Sound: Winfred Ressler

Prelude: Pam Taylor

Coffee Bar: Steve & Lisa Zuercher

Usher: Mike Lehman

Greeter: Rhoda Sommer

BP Check: Carolyn Zuercher

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
11:00 AM Coins Count Offering
11:30 AM BP Check
11:45 AM Scrip Sales in the foyer following the worship service. See Ellen Nussbaum to purchase Scrip.

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Monday

6:15 p.m. **Outreach & Service Ministry**
6:30 p.m. **Pastoral Team**

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. **MYF** Indoor games at Lineway

Saturday

7:00 a.m. **Men’s Coffee**
2:00 p.m. **Library Team**

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 2:1 - 11; *Psalm 66:1 - 5*; *Matthew 2:1 - 12*
Wedding At Cana

Message: Glenn Nofziger II
Worship: Lisa Zuercher
Music: Roy & Ruth Steiner
PT Greeter: Jeremy Patterson
Visual: Juanita Ross
Coffee Cleanup: Lukas & Josh
Moment for Mission: Camp Luz

Multimedia: Levi & Lukas
Sound: Ron Taylor
Prelude: Ruth Steiner
Coffee Bar: Dave & Juanita Ross
Usher: Dan Gault
Greeter: Rhoda Sommers

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 for United Mission to Nepal which has hosted two separate trauma response trainings for mental health professionals and others interested in helping those with traumatic memories. Praise God that Nepal now has more people prepared to respond to mental health needs.*

SILAS COLEMAN: Thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers, cards and food during Silas' recovery from hip surgery. He is doing well with rehab getting used to slow but steady progress. It is a long road but we are grateful for a loving church family.

BIBLE RECAP: Considered joining in with others at Sonnenberg using the Bible Recap resources to read through the Bible this year. If you are curious about the options look back at the article in the last edition of Sojourns or get in touch with Pastor Glenn. There are printouts on the Welcome Center for those using their own Bibles and not planning to follow along with any digital options. If you wish to join the group online download the Youversion Bible app and respond to the email invite from Pastor Glenn on December 31st.

BP CHECK & COINS COUNT: There will be a My Coins Count offering today 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. take place on the first Sunday

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 21st 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"