

Sermon: ‘To the Jews as a Jew’
- *Darius Meraj*

Hymn of Response: VT#832 The Lord Lift You Up

Benediction

Postlude

CALENDAR

This Week:

- Today, Worship: Harvest Home Service - Darius Meraj - Carry-In Meal following Worship
- Sunday, October 27: Worship: Pastor Seth
- Thursday, October 24 - Outreach Commission 7:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 29: Green Ministerial Association Prayer Service, 7:30 pm
- Nov. 10: MYF Fundraiser Meal following Worship
- Nov. 24: Help carry over the Search items from the basement to the Music room following Worship
- Dec. 8: Search for the Christ Child
- Dec. 15: Messiah Concert - 2:30 pm

We welcome Darius Merzj today!

Darius Meraj is an Everence Financial Consultant in Kidron, Ohio serving people in northeast Ohio. Darius is an Iranian American who is passionate about people, the church, God’s kingdom, and the role of finance in all three. He has years of experience living in different cultures and speaks multiple languages. He holds an M.Div. degree from Ashland Theological Seminary and has attended many courses on peace and conflict transformation at EMU. Darius lives in Hartville, Ohio with his wife, Emily and two boys, Cyrus and Parsa. He enjoys cycling, sailing and CrossFit. He loves reading books and traveling, especially to see his family across the globe.

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Sunday, October 20, 2024

Prelude: *Angela Buller*

Welcome: *Jenifer Hartzler*, worship leader

Call to Worship - VT 854

Leader: Some of us are exhausted.

People: We come to rest.

Leader: Some of us are curious about Jesus.

People: We come to learn.

Leader: Some of us are hungry.

People: We come to be fed.

Leader: Some of us are disoriented.

People: We come to pray.

Leader: Some of us are broken.

People: We come to be healed.

Leader: We gather around you today, O Christ.

People: Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us.

All: Grant us your peace. Amen.

Prayer

Hymns: VT#767 God Loves All His Many People

VT#563 Come, Thou Fount

Nate Gundy, song leader

Community Life Announcements – Please sign the welcome pads

Pastoral Prayer

Children’s Time: *Brett & Angela Buller*

Offering

Song: VT#778 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:20-22

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Worship: 130

Offering:

\$3,540.00 Spending Plan
\$2,100.00 MDS
\$75.00 Diaper Drive

Financial Summary-- Nine Months (Sept. 30, 2024)			
Spending Plan**	318,424.00		%age
Income to date	157,638.57		50%
Expense to date	214,488.46		67%
* Outreach	SP 58,750.00	YTD 19,460.06	33%
** Spending plan Over past 5 yrs, expenses averaged 90% of SP			

THIS SUNDAY, 10/20/24

Greeters: 9AM Paul & Sherry Miller: 10AM John, Carrie Skarl & Family
Nursery: Rosemary Kratzer & Donna Kratzer

NEXT SUNDAY, 10/27/24

Greeters: 9AM Scott & Jolene Jaquet & family: 10AM John & Mary Lynn Miller
Nursery: Elise Bontrager & Gloria Miller

Happy Birthday!

21 Sarah Dunham
24 Lisa Douce
25 Debbie Beechy
26 Harold Hochstetler
26 Kristie Miller
26 Noah Stutzman

Please Remember in Prayer:

- Leonard Douce recovering from heart surgery.
- For those impacted by destruction caused by Hurricane Milton - specifically for those who have lost their loved ones, their homes, and their security. For the relief workers who have already gone to help with the recovery - from MDS and other agencies. We pray that God would give them safety and make them effective in their tasks.
- Our country in this election season. May we listen for and to God's wisdom in this time. May we give our allegiance to Jesus Christ alone. May we lead with love and not fear. And may our eyes, ears, and hearts be attuned to those who have been pushed to the margins in the pursuit of power and influence.
- Mennonite Bible School, in South Africa, is preparing for graduations at all five of their local branches next month. Pray that the ceremonies will increase interest in the study of God's word, and pray for God's anointing on the graduates, as they follow God's leading in their ministries.
- Mission Associates supported by Oak Grove
 - Kate Widmer (MMN) - France
 - Matthew and Toni Krabill (MMN) - Ghana, West Africa
 - Austin and Griselda Zuercher (EMM) - Honduras

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office hours week of 10/21-10/25: Kristen will not be in the office this week but will be checking the office email. If you have an immediate need, please call Pastor Seth @ 717.824.5998.

Relief Sale Update: In the fall, the Board of the Relief Sale sets a meeting to invite anyone interested in the totals of the Sale to be present. This fall, the meeting is Monday, October 21 @ Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. It will start at 6:30PM. There are reports and some finger foods. Meeting length is expected to be less than an hour.

What is Christian Nationalism? What does the Bible say about political idolatry? An online short course (no grades, no papers) offered by Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and taught by Drew Strait, professor of New Testament and Christian Origins, will explore these questions in a six-week short course of video meetings. The course will give special attention to defining Christian nationalism, political idolatry, nonviolent civil resistance, and how congregations can resist Christian nationalism today. You can learn more about this opportunity by going online to AMBS.edu and scrolling to Learn & Lead/Leadership & Enrichment. For additional questions contact Paul Miller.

Green Ministerial Association Prayer Service: There will be a prayer service for the community on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 PM at the Smithville Methodist Church, 243 N. Milton Street, Smithville, Ohio. All are welcome.