

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome  
Congregational Songs  
Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Congregational Songs  
Sermon  
Song of Response  
Benediction

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Today  
Song Leader:  
Steve Yoder  
  
Message By:  
*Matt Hamsher*  
  
Next Sunday  
Song Leader:  
Worship Team  
  
Message By:  
*Pastor Todd Martin*

# WELCOME

## Smithville Mennonite Church

### May 21, 2023

## IN OUR PRAYERS

People of the week:

Dan, Cara, Logan, Kaidyn and Logan Boney

## STATISTICS

**Attendance for 5/14/23**

Worship: 103

Livestream: 10

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our church invites you to live a SAVED life.

## GUEST INFORMATION

We are so glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We hope you feel welcomed and connected. Please see a greeter or stop at the welcome center for a special gift and information about our church.

## ABOUT US

SMC is an evangelical, anabaptist church that is a part of the Evana Network.



# An Open-Handed Life

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

## I. Introduction—Aesop's Fable

\_\_\_\_\_ leads to trouble.

## II. God's Word teaches us to live with \_\_\_\_\_.

What do you think it means to live an open-handed life?

## III. Deuteronomy 15:7-11

vv. 7-8: ...you shall not \_\_\_\_\_ your heart or \_\_\_\_\_ your hand against your poor brother, but you shall \_\_\_\_\_ your hand to him...

To live an open-handed life means that you \_\_\_\_\_ to brothers and sisters in need when you have the ability to do so.

To live with a closed hand is to try to constantly calculate what is in \_\_\_\_\_.

## IV. Exodus 16—The Lesson of the Manna

The people grumbled. God was able to \_\_\_\_\_ them, but could God \_\_\_\_\_ for them?

When some Israelites tried to gather too much and hoard the manna, it bred \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (Exodus 16:20)

## V. An Open-Handed Life in the New Testament

### A. Matthew 5:9-15—The Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our \_\_\_\_\_.

Matthew 6:19-20—Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on \_\_\_\_\_ but lay up for yourselves treasures in \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. Matthew 18:21-22—Forgiveness

To live with an open hands includes offering \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

### C. Matthew 5:38-42—Non-retaliation

To live with open hands is to be a \_\_\_\_\_.

### D. Matthew 6:25-34—Do Not Be Anxious

To live an open-handed life is not to \_\_\_\_\_ about tomorrow but to trust in God to \_\_\_\_\_.

To live an open-handed life is to seek first the \_\_\_\_\_.

### E. Acts 2:42-47—The Fellowship of the Early Church

## VI. A Concluding Example

Jesus' death on the cross was the ultimate \_\_\_\_\_ gesture, dying for our sins even while we were sinners and enemies of God. (Romans 5:8-10)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Sun., May 21

7:00 p.m. Campfire  
Worship

### Wed., May 24

12:00 p.m. Seekers'  
Eat-out at  
Dravenstott's

Congregational  
Business Meeting

6:15 p.m. Light  
Refreshments

6:30 p.m. Meeting

7:00 p.m. Youth  
Group

## COMING UP

### Sun., May 28

Signing Interpreter  
3:00 p.m. Youth Wing  
Reserved

7:00 p.m. Campfire  
Worship

### Mon., May 29

8:30 a.m. Fun 81

### Tues., May 30

7:00 p.m.  
Coordinating  
Council

### Wed., May 31

7:00 p.m. Youth Group

### Fri., June 2

Directory Photos in  
Youth Wing

7:00 p.m. Square 1

### Sat., June 3

Directory Photos in  
Youth Wing

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SMC Congregational Meeting - Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.** You are invited to a SMC congregational meeting to discuss a recommendation to retain and reupholster 24 pews and to replace 4 pews with fabric covered chairs to more easily accommodate wheelchair access in the sanctuary. Light refreshments to be served at 6:15 p.m. with the meeting to start at 6:30 p.m.

**Registration with lodging for ReGen 2023, June 26 – 30** at Taylor University closes May 26. To register visit [evanetwork.org](http://evanetwork.org).

**If you would like to participate in the Fun 81 bike ride** please meet at the Village Green trailhead in Dalton on Mon., May 29 at 8:30 a.m. Contact Pastor Todd for more information.

**Square 1:** Children who have finished 1st-5th grade are invited to come to a children's ministry event called Square 1 every Friday 7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning on June 2. There will be games, skits, Bible stories, snacks and more. If you are interested in helping with this weekly event in any way, please contact Thadd or Rebecca Martin.

**Photo directories** are a wonderful tool for our church and for new families who begin attending SMC. The dates for our 2023 photo sessions are set for **June 2 and June 3**. To schedule your appointment online go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com), click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **oh2635** in the church code field and enter **photos** in the church password field. If you need assistance scheduling your appointment please contact Kathy Lehman in the church office.