

MARCH 9, 2025

CROWN HILL NEWS

Preaching: Rollin Mukanza

Sermon: Open Arms Akron

Worship Leader: Thomas Dunn

Greeters: Pat Hess & Jackie Landis

Nursery: Doris Zimmerly/Beulah Miller

PRAYERS

- Pray for our shut-ins and those in care facilities: Pete, Velma, Suzan, & Carolyn. Also remember the caregivers who are providing for them. Pray especially for Suzan as her health deteriorates.
- Remember the unspoken requests that many of us carry for ourselves and for our loved ones.
- Pray for the Gallion family as Sherry passed away surrounded by her family at Medina hospital on Wednesday.
- Pray for Larry Morrison. He was in Wooster hospital and is weak from the flu and pneumonia. Remember Jackie and the rest of his family as well.
- Pray for the Ohio Mennonite Conference network of congregations as we find ways to encourage each other in ministry. Also pray for the newly named Conference Minister, Paula Snyder Belousek, who will begin serving on June 16. Andrew Blount, Search Committee Chair, says, "Paula has served Ohio Mennonite Conference capably in numerous leadership roles, and we are delighted to have her as our new Conference Minister. Paula brings a heart for ministry, leadership gifts, and a deep commitment to the church that will serve the Conference well."
- Pray for an end to hostilities and meaningful reconciliation between Russia and Ukraine, and Israel and Palestine.
- Pray for the eastern region of Congo as violence continues to escalate. This is the region that many of the Congolese families in Akron are from. Pray for their family members who are hoping to re-unite in the United States.
- Prayer Request From Salem Community Church (Formerly Salem Mennonite, Wooster): The current political climate and current directives are creating significant distress with many of our brothers and sisters. The current realities that affect us, include that immigration agents have a quota to detain 75 individuals per week, immigration agents are threatened to lose their jobs if they don't meet that quota. The law also recently changed, which allows immigration officials to detain individuals in and around hospitals, in and around schools in and around churches. Please pray for wisdom and divine perspective as we negotiate and address these challenging times.

SUNDAY SONGS

HWB 51 Let the Whole Creation Cry

Goodness of God

SJ 105 Don't Be Afraid

HWB 413 Faith of the Martyrs

HWB 94 Come, Ye Thankful People

HWB 332 Blessed Assurance

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Women's Bible Study meets on Saturdays from 8:30 am - 10 am at the church.** Breakfast & visit time at 8:30, Study and prayer 9 am-10 am. Our study is on "Deepening Your Prayer Life" by Charles Stanley. All women are welcome. Any questions see Doris or Myrna
- **MENNO TABLE**
 - Title :The current status of the Immigrants
 - Time : 5-7pm
 - Where: Orville Mennonite Church.
 - Date: March 16, 2025.
 - Scripture : Matthew 25:40 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.
 - Note: There will be an intercultural meal by donation to help cover the cost and it will be enough for everybody.
- **MDS Service Trip:** A trip is being planned for our combined churches and the Sonnenberg Mennonite Youth group for June 8 - 14. Adults and youth are welcome. If you are interested, talk with Thomas or Dan.
- **Mark your calendars!** Sonnenberg Station will be at Crown Hill at 7pm on March 30th.

My name is Rollin Mukanza. I was born and raised in the Democratic Republic of Congo in a wonderful loving Mennonite family; my Dad was actually a Mennonite pastor. I graduated from university in Kinshasa with a degree in psychology. I enjoyed serving the Lord and developing personally and professionally while working for MCC Congo Kinshasa including MCC IVEP and MCC Youth Discover Team.

I later graduated from Bluffton University with a degree in Business Administration and met my wife Caryn Mukanza who grew up in Canton, OH. Caryn and I have been married for 28 years and have two daughters. Claire turns 21 and Lauren turns 18 this December.

I started working for the International Institute of Akron in June 2015 as a Social Worker. I assisted refugees resettle in Akron for nine years. I met many Congolese coming from many different African countries where they had fled to during the Rwanda war and genocide that spread to Congo and other surrounding countries. These Congolese speak primarily Swahili. I was able to facilitate integrating the local Congolese church into the Ohio Mennonite Conference. It was during this time that I met Thomas Dunn, a former board member with Open Arms. I am grateful for his assistance in this process and for the friendship that we have developed. I am excited to join Open Arms Akron as another opportunity to serve refugees / new friends toward becoming self-sufficient and thrive in Akron.



Spring Mission Sunday, March 9: Rollin Mukanza, from Open Arms Akron, will be our Spring Mission Sunday speaker. The offerings collected on March 9 will go towards our Mission Budget.

Happy Birthday!

11 Lowell Hilty
15 Caleb Hostetler

Happy Anniversary!

10 Pat & Dan Hess

3/2/25 Offering

\$4510.00 General

Crown Hill 2025 Mission Budget

62702 Camp Luz Support	\$440.00
627021 Camp Luz Scholarships	\$1,310.00
62703 MCC Canning	\$1,000.00
62704 Local School Outreach	\$1,500.00
62705 Wayne County Chaplain	\$150.00
62706 WSC	\$500.00
62710 Server Support	\$250.00
90103 Food Pantry	\$7,000.00
90102 Open Arms Ministry	\$2,500.00
90104 MCC	\$1,000.00
90106 Mennonite Mission Agencies	\$4,250.00
90107 Mission Sunday Speaker Cause	\$1,000.00
90109.1 Austin Zuercher	\$3,500.00
90110 Mennonite Disaster Service	\$1,500.00
90111 Love, Inc	\$600.00
Mission Budget Total:	\$26,500.00