

Overall Focus for 2017

"O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!"
-Psalm 95:6-7 (NRSV)

"Venid, adoremos y postrémonos; Arrodillémonos delante de Jehová nuestro Hacedor. Porque él es nuestro Dios; Nosotros el pueblo de su prado, y ovejas de su mano."
-Salmo 95:6-7 (NKJV)

Matthew 21:23-32

Questions, Saying Yes,

Jesus' Radical Kingdom and Communion

Jamie Rye

Treasurer's Report 2017

Attendance September 24: 72

Offering September 24:

General Fund: \$4,419.77

MYF:

Ext. Missions:

Designated: 84.00

Total Offering: \$4,503.77

General Offering	Giving Per Sunday Avg.
YTD Goal \$ 131,760.00	Budget Goal \$3,660.00
YTD Giving <u>130,829.24</u>	Actual Avg. Giving <u>3,634.15</u>
Over/(Under) \$ (930.76)	Over/(Under) \$ (25.85)

East Central Ohio Sanctuary Network Workshop October 7

The ECOS Network was formed with the goal of bringing together faith communities and other organizations in solidarity with local immigrant families. At this workshop, attendees will learn about the New Sanctuary Movement, hear "faces of the current crisis" tell their own stories, and help formulate a plan for action. The workshop will be Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 from 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m. at Centro San Jose/ Love Canton, 701 Walnut Ave. NE, Canton. **Contact Jamie Rye if you want to register**, or call Immigrant Worker Project at (330) 454-2220 for information or to register.

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar

Berlin Mennonite is hosting a video seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death, November 11, 8:30-noon. It features interviews with Christian experts on grief and recovery from a Biblical perspective, and will be followed by a support group discussion, and attendees will receive a free book with daily inspirational readings.

Lunch is provided. This is a free event. Please call Berlin Mennonite at 330-893-2320, or email secretary@berlinmennonite.org, by November 6.

MCC Alumni & Friends Gathering: As alumni or interested friends of Mennonite Central Committee, you are warmly invited to join us for an MCC Alumni and Friends International Potluck at 6:00 pm on Sunday, October 15, at Millersburg Mennonite Church, 288 E Jackson St., in Millersburg. Special guest speaker will be Cesar Flores, current MCC Area Director for Central America and Haiti. Please RSVP at 574-312-0330 or to jsteiner@mcc.org.

Tai Chi on the Trail

Mary Hipp will be leading Tai Chi classes at the pavilion on the Holmes County Trail, Mondays from 6:30 - 7:30pm, through October 23. These movements are low impact and put little stress on muscles and joints. All ages are welcome, and adults over 60 are highly encouraged to attend. Studies show this form of exercise can help improve an individual's strength, balance and flexibility, helping to prevent falls.

Save & Serve Reminder



Annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, Monday, October 9, 6:00 p.m. at the Carlisle Inn of Walnut Creek. The program features Dan & Jeanne Jantzi and the work of Mennonite Central Committee in Vietnam. Jeanne currently serves as the new Superintendent of Central Christian Schools. To register, call Save & Serve at 330-674-1323. Volunteers truly are the hands and feet of the ministry of Save & Serve!

Central Christian School News

Prelude and Dessert Concert: Friday, October 13 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. This concert will be live-streamed for family and friends who are unable to attend. Visit www.ccscomets.org for details.

Community Service Day (CSD): On October 20, over 250 students and staff will serve in more than 20 nonprofit locations, as a reminder of our calling to serve one another in love. If you would like to sponsor a student for their service and support Central's ministry, please send contributions to Central marked CSD 2017 or visit www.ccscomets.org/GiveToCentral to make a donation. Donations are due by November 3. Thank you for your generous support of our student service fundraiser.

Central Christian School's Pastor Appreciation Day: Tuesday, October 31 Pastors are invited to join us for breakfast, a chapel celebration, classroom visits and lunch with our students. RSVP to DorisR@CentralChristianSchool.org or 330.857.7311 by October 20.

Mennonite Disaster Service Update

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico who now face the daunting task of clean up after Hurricane Maria. MDS will be working with the MDS Puerto Rico Unit and MDS Region 1 to respond as soon as possible.

We ask that you continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and also the MDS volunteers serving in the area of Bloomington and Aransas Pass, Tex.

An assessment team is continuing to work in Florida for responding to Hurricane Irma. Four volunteers from Lancaster County Unit are now in Florida assisting with clean up.

Thank you for your continued prayer for the work of MDS and those we serve.

Regional Meetings for Delegates to Annual Conference

- Oct. 17 – Lockport Mennonite Church in Stryker, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 24 – Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty, 7:00 pm
- Oct. 26 – Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron, 7:00 pm**
- Oct. 31 – Beech Mennonite Church in Louisville, 7:00 pm

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MMC & Community Events