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Escritura del mes de diciembre

Estas cosas os he hablado, para que mi gozo esté en vosotros, y vuestro gozo sea cumplido. - Juan 15:11

December's Scripture

These things I have spoken to you that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. - John 15: 11

First Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude Arlene Yoder
 Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Amy Murray

PRAISING

Congregational Singing DJ McFadden

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Why Advent?
 Scripture Reading: **Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19**
 Message
 Being Still Before God

Jamie Rye



RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response
 Offering
 Congregational Sharing
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Closing Song
 Benediction

Songbook Key

HWB=Hymnal Worship Book (Blue)
 PWB=Praise & Worship Book (Yellow)
 STJ=Sing The Journey (Green)
 STS=Sing The Story (Purple)

Today - December 3, 2017

- 9:15 am - Sunday School
- 10:20 am - Prelude
- 10:30 am - Worship Service

Greeters: Carol & Freeman Miller

Toddler Care: Genesis & Yormary

Sound: Bobby Hershberger

Ushers: Peggy Roth & Beth Hershberger

Next Sunday - December 10, 2017

Worship Leader: Eric Raber
Song Leader: Arlene Yoder
Greeters: Deysi Figueroa & Vicenta Posada
Toddler Care: Shirley Stromme Schlabach
Sound: Daniel Schlabach
Ushers:



Upcoming Events

December 3 **Share-A-Christmas Benefit Show**, Martins Creek Mennonite, see bulletin board
 December 5 **Worship Focus Meeting**, 6:30 pm, at MMC
 December 7, 14, 21, 28 **ESL Classes** at MMC, 6:00 pm
 December 9 **Healthy Boundaries Training** for pastors in Dundee
 December 15 **55+ meeting** at Mrs. Yoders, 9:00 am
 December 19 **Love INC Blood Drive** at Millersburg Christian Church, see bulletin board

Sundays At a Glance

December 10 - Jamie speaking, 2nd Sunday of Advent
December 17 - Jamie speaking, 3rd Sunday of Advent
December 24 - Jamie speaking, 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas

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	<i>(audio sermons are now online under "Worship" menu)</i>	
Ohio Conference	www.ohiomennoniteconference.org	

Welcome to Our Visitors:

We are glad you chose to worship with us. We offer amplifiers and large print hymnals for those who find these aids helpful. An usher will assist you if you would like to use them.

Our nursery facilities are located on the main floor. Toddler care is in the lower level classroom during the church service. We hope you feel welcomed and will come again soon!

Treasurer's Report 2017

Attendance November 26: 72

Offering November 26:

General Fund:	\$1,888.00
MYF:	10.00
Ext. Missions:	
Designated:	316.00
Total Offering:	\$2,214.00

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$161,040.00	Budget Goal	\$3,660.00
YTD Giving	<u>155,726.40</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>\$3,539.24</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (5,313.60)	Over/(Under)	\$ (120.76)

2017 Annual Report Submissions Due

Commission Chairs, please turn in your 2017 activity summaries to the office before December 25; the sooner the better! Thank you for all your hard work this year!

Gifts Discernment Help Needed

Please give us your suggestions for people to fill the church positions that are being vacated in the new year. There are some forms in the office you can fill out, or contact Joe Wengerd.

Join in Planning for Christmas Eve Sunday!

Jamie is looking for people to help plan or participate in our Christmas Eve Sunday morning worship service. Please contact him, or attend the Worship Focus Meeting on December 5th at MMC, 6:30pm. Thanks!



Ohio Conference Podcast on Disciple-Making featuring Jamie Rye

Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg, who is volunteering as Ohio Conference's missional consultant, is working to help Ohio Conference consider this question. She has a vision for the Conference to become a vibrant, disciple-making good news conference.

In this episode of the Ohio Conference Cast, Bill Seymour and his guest co-host, Jamie Rye, the pastor of Millersburg Mennonite Church, talk with Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg and Corben Weaver Boshart. Jessica and Corben are two of the members of the collaborative ministry team at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold. You can listen to this podcast on iTunes (search for "Ohio Conference Cast") or find it on the Ohio Conference website: www.ohiomennoniteconference.org/podcasts.



Order Supplies Online for MCC Hygiene or Relief Kits

This Christmas as you pick out gifts for loved ones, why not add a few supplies for MCC kits to your list? As families around the world face disaster and crisis, MCC kits and comforters remind them that their needs are not forgotten. There is a new, easy way for you to get involved! MCC Great Lakes has put together a list of most needed items on Amazon.com. Simply purchase the pre-selected items on the wish list and the items will ship directly to the material resource center in Goshen. (Due to space limitations at MCC Connections in Kidron, all items are being shipped to Goshen.) Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion in this way this Christmas. **Search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.**

Free Education and Support for Families

Who Have an Adult Relative with Mental Illness

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program is a free, 12-week course for families and friends of individuals with brain disorders called serious mental illness. A class is now scheduled, taught by trained family members who have lived this experience. All course materials are furnished at no cost to you.

Many family members describe the impact of this program as life changing. Join thousands of families just like yours who have gained information, insight, and empowerment. Classes begin **January 13, 2018** at NAMI Wayne & Holmes Counties, 2525 Back Orrville Road, Wooster, OH 44691.

9-11:30 am - Registration is Required — Classes fill quickly!

For more info and to register, please call NAMI at 330-264-1590.

info@namiwayneholmes.org

Central Christian School News and Events

- ◆ Central Christian Elementary School will present a **Christmas Concert**, A Lamb's Tale, on Thursday, **December 7 at 7:00 pm** in the Performing Arts Center.
- ◆ Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the **Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 14 at 7:00 pm** in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride. www.ccscomets.org
- ◆ **Alumni Night, December 22:** Varsity girls basketball play at 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Lucas High School. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings.

Love INC Calendar of Events

Phone Volunteer Training Dates:

We are looking for more volunteers to answer the phones and make follow-up calls. Volunteers can schedule days each month as they are able. Anyone interested in attending one of these trainings, call our office to let us know! 330.473.6017

~ Wednesday - December 6; 11am-1pm @ the Love INC office in Millersburg

or

~ Tuesday - January 9; 1-3pm @ the Love INC office in Millersburg

December 19, 1 - 7pm: Red Cross Blood Drive @ Millersburg Christian Church Life Center - 1:00-7:00pm; Free Pizza! Donate blood and benefit Love INC! (SEE BULLETIN BOARD for more details!)

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Birthdays This Week:

Mariah Miller - 12/4 Logan Miller - 12/4
Bruce Stambaugh - 12/4 Janet Perez - 12/9

Our Church:

- The Living Acts house will now be the Hope House. We are working with Love INC and there will be two families living there. Pray for these families and those working with them.
- Pray that Luis Vasquez's daughter Fany finds a good job
- We are thankful that Pedro Zelaya became a U.S. Citizen!
- Mary Hipp is thankful that her recent scans show improvement
- Remember those in our congregation who are traveling
- Health: Dorothy Mast, Jonny Ramirez, Marlin Yoder, Kathie Hazlett, Norlan Figueroa, Tim Roth, Mary Hipp, Art Miller
- Visitation: Bernice Miller, Charlie & Alice Welder, Will Beachy, Esther Yoder, Dennis Gerber, Paul & Caroll Roth, Art Miller, Larry & Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas

Local/Community/Mennonite Church

- Health: Kurt Stutzman, Wendy Beutel, Ernie Hershberger

State/Nation/World/Missions

From Mennonite Disaster Service: Please pray for our operations team as they continue planning for new projects in Florida and Texas and their continued evaluation of Puerto Rico. We are grateful for a well-received pastor resource day facilitated by MDS for Mennonite pastors in Puerto Rico in mid-November.

Continue to remember those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the MDS volunteer teams responding in the areas of Victoria County, Baytown and the Coastal Bend area of Texas.

Also keep in prayer the volunteers in as they transition to long-term response after Hurricane Irma.

Remember in prayer all the continuing projects of MDS.

From Mennonite Mission Network: Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through MMN and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at the Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They are also assisting in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom and energy, and healing for Lindsey's back and neck.

Office Hours This Week:

Jamie	Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Margaret	Weds., Fri.	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Treasury Work	Wednesday	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Prayer & Praise

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**Advent I
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Jamie Rye**

Sermon Notes

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)