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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

Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Brooke Hershberger
Eric Raber

PRAISING

Congregational Singing

Arlene Yoder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Mark 1:1-8
Message: *The Church in Advent Living as a Prophetic Witness* 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 10, 2017

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

Greeters: Deysi Figueroa & Vicenta Posada

Toddler Care: Shirley Stromme Schlabach

Sound: Daniel Schlabach

Ushers: Mahlon Yoder & Kian Miller

Next Sunday - December 17, 2017

Worship Leader: Bobby Hershberger

Song Leader: Sara King

Greeters: Gary & Diane Mast

Toddler Care: Ruth Conrad

Sound: Phil Yoder

Ushers:



Upcoming Events

December 14, 21, 28 **ESL Classes** at MMC, 6:00 pm

December 13 **55+ meeting** at Mrs. Yoders, 9:00 am

December 19 **Love INC Blood Drive** at Millersburg Christian Church, see bulletin board

December 21 **First Day of Winter**

December 25 **Christmas Day**

Sundays At a Glance

December 17 - Jamie speaking, 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 24 - Jamie speaking, 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas

December 31 - Jamie speaking

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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 December 3: 65

Offering December 3:

General Fund:	\$6,200.25
MYF:	
Ext. Missions:	200.00
Designated:	330.00
Total Offering:	\$6,730.25

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$164,700.00	Budget Goal	\$3,660.00
YTD Giving	<u>162,876.65</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>\$3,619.48</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (1,823.35)	Over/(Under)	\$ (40.52)

55+ Meeting on Wednesday, December 13

Please join us at Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen at 9:00 am for breakfast.



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!

New Free Anabaptist Prayer Book App Available

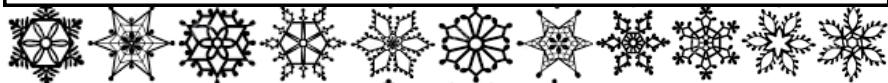
Let Jesus' words pervade your day through these morning and evening prayer services with a distinctive Anabaptist flavor. Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book includes Scripture-saturated prayers and space for communal reflection. Available in print or as a free app (for Apple or Android) from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Institute of Mennonite Studies.
www.ambbs.edu/publishing/anabaptist-prayer-book

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.

Central Christian School News and Events

- ◆ 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.cscscomets.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.



MCUSA Journey Forward Identity Document Taking Form

The writing team for Journey Forward will meet this month to complete a draft of the Journey Forward identity document, incorporating feedback from the Future Church Summit, Executive Board, Constituency Leaders Council, and MC USA national staff. This document is part of the visioning process of describing who we are and who God is calling us to be as 21st century Anabaptists. The writing team and a reference council will play an important role in gathering feedback and updating this draft over the two-year process to culminate at the 2019 MC USA Convention.



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 a training, call our office to let us know! 330.473.6017

~ 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!)

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

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.

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Birthdays This Week:

Arlene Yoder - 12/12

Our Church:

- Pray for Jamie's stepmother Chris who has been diagnosed with cancer
- 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 & Carol 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: Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the recording of the entire New Testament in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God's word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

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 II

The Church in Advent Living as a Prophetic Witness

Mark 1:1-8

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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)