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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

## Third Sunday of Advent

### GATHERING

Prelude  
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

MMC Strings  
Bobby Hershberger

### PRAISING

Congregational Singing

Sara King

### CHILDREN'S STORY

Arlene Yoder & Joe Hershberger-Kirk

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Message: *The Church Living in Hope*  
Being Still Before God

Jamie Rye

### RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response  
Offering  
Congregational Sharing  
Announcements  
Congregational Prayer



### SENDING

Closing Song  
Benediction

### Today - December 17, 2017

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

**Greeters:** Gary & Diane Mast

**Toddler Care:** Ruth Conrad

**Sound:** Phil Yoder

**Ushers:** Ron & Mary Meyer

### Next Sunday - December 24, 2017

**Worship Leader:** Bruce Kooker

**Song Leader:** Rhoda Mast

**Greeters:** Tim & Peggy Roth

**Toddler Care:** Sandy Miller

**Sound:** Bobby Hershberger

**Ushers:**



### Upcoming Events

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

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 24 - Jamie speaking, Christmas Celebration, Breakfast*

*December 31 - Jamie speaking*

*January 7 - Jamie speaking*

### Ministry Team

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

### 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 10: 65**

**Offering December 10:**

General Fund:	\$3,132.00
MYF:	83.00
Ext. Missions:	
Designated:	920.00
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$4,135.00</b>

<b>General Offering</b>		<b>Giving Per Sunday Avg.</b>	
YTD Goal	\$168,360.00	Budget Goal	\$3,660.00
YTD Giving	166,008.65	Actual Avg. Giving	\$3,608.88
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (2,351.35)</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (51.12)</b>

#### Thankful for Fruit Basket

We'd like to thank the church for the lovely fruit basket! We're so grateful for the love and support we feel from our church family. - Paul and Caroll Roth

#### Our Fruit Basket Overflows!

Thank you for the big, beautiful fruit basket! There was so much, we had the privilege of sharing with our friends and family. - Bernice Miller

#### Thank You Letter from Janet Pérez for Puerto Rico Support

(This letter is posted on the bulletin board as well)

Dear Friends at Millersburg Mennonite Church:

Thank you so much for purchasing my cards and for your money donation to benefit my parents in Puerto Rico.

My parents and family are doing well. It has been 10 weeks since Hurricane Maria hit the island and they are still recovering. Communication has increased as phone lines are slowly improving.

My parents are grateful for the generator they received from us recently and want us to thank everyone who in some way contributed to it.

Our whole family is grateful and touched for all your generosity and prayers. Your help is comforting and well appreciated.

Thanks again! God bless you!

Janet Pérez

#### 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!

#### Central Christian School News and Events

- ◆ **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](mailto: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.**

**December 17, 2017**

**Birthdays This Week:**

Emerson Ramirez - 12/19

Larissa Kooker - 12/22

**Our Church:**

- Christine Nafziger's Aunt Carol passed away; please remember the family in prayer
- 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!
- 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 & Carroll 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.  
  
Continue to remember those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the MDS volunteer teams responding in the area of Victoria County, Baytown and the Coastal Bend area of Texas.  
  
Also keep in prayer the volunteers as they transition to long-term response after Hurricane Irma.  
  
Remember in prayer those who have been affected by disasters as they enter the Christmas season.
- ◆ **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.

**Office Hours This Week:**

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

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**Advent III**

**The Church Living in Hope**

**Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11**

**Jamie Rye**

**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)