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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

## Christmas Sunday

### GATHERING

Prelude	MMC Ensemble
Welcome and Advent Prayer	Jamie Rye & Bruce Kooker
Scripture Reading 1: Luke 1:1-38	Deysi Figueroa
Congregational Singing	Rhoda Mast

### BREAKFAST

### CHILDREN'S STORY

Arlene Yoder & Joe Hershberger-Kirk

### CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Scripture Reading 2: Luke 1:39-56	Rachel Miller
Congregational Singing	
Scripture Reading 3: Luke 1:57-80	Larry Sheets
Childrens' Songs	
Scripture Reading 4: Luke 2:1-21	Naomi Raber
Congregational Singing	
Scripture Reading 5: Luke 2:22-40	
Congregational Sharing	
Offering	

### SENDING

Closing Song  
Benediction



### Today - December 24, 2017

- 9:50 am - Prelude
- 10:00 am - Worship Service and Breakfast

**Greeters:** Tim & Peggy Roth

**Toddler Care:** Sandy Miller

**Sound:** Bobby Hershberger

**Ushers:** Norlan Figueroa & Yormary Lainez

### Next Sunday - December 31, 2017

**Worship Leader:** Leah Miller

**Song Leader:** Conrad Yoder

**Greeters:** Norlan & Genesis Figueroa

**Toddler Care:** Genesis & Maye

**Sound:** Daniel Schlabach

**Ushers:**



### Upcoming Events

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

December 25 **Christmas Day**

January 1 **New Years Day**

### Sundays At a Glance

*December 31 - Jamie speaking, Mission Sunday, Your Coins Count*

*January 7 - Jamie speaking*

*January 14 - Jamie speaking*

### Ministry Team

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	<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 17: 76**

**Offering December 17:**

General Fund:	\$1,937.93
MYF:	343.00
Ext. Missions:	500.00
Designated:	300.00
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$3,080.93</b>

<b>General Offering</b>		<b>Giving Per Sunday Avg.</b>	
YTD Goal	\$172,020.00	Budget Goal	\$3,660.00
YTD Giving	<u>167,946.58</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>\$3,573.33</u>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (4,073.42)</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (86.67)</b>

#### No Children's Sunday School on December 31

Due to travel, no Sunday School is scheduled for the children on Sunday, December 31.

#### Zack & Rachel's Adoption Happening Soon!

We passed court to adopt Abha! We anticipate traveling the end of February or beginning of March. Prayers are appreciated for the final stages of our paperwork! - Rachel Miller

#### Help Needed with English Learners Class

MMC holds ESL classes here, and they need tutors to meet with the students, so they can practice their English. It's great if the tutors don't speak any Spanish, since this will force the students to stick to English. Once you sign up you can meet with the student any time. Contact Jamie if you can help.

#### Thank You from Dennis Gerber

Thank you for the nice fruit basket. It was shared by the family. - Dennis Gerber

#### 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

#### Visitors Needed for Isolated Nursing Home Residents

This time of year is especially hard for those who don't receive any visitors. Jamie is coordinating some visits to residents at Scenic Pointe. Please contact him if you can help bring some holiday cheer to these folks.

#### 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



### 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



During this Christmas season, MC USA invites your prayers for peace to come to the earth: for creative peacemaking that can disrupt cycles of violence and oppression; for communities to find ways to support and love one another; for past wounds to begin healing; for the people of the church to continue seeking the peace of Christ.



#### 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!

#### 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

#### 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

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**Birthdays This Week:**

Marlin Yoder - 12/26

Kimberly Lainez - 12/28

Stan Kaufman - 12/28

Kelly Rye - 12/30

**Our Church:**

- Give thanks that Luis Vasquez's daughter Fany found a job at Central Christian
- Yormary's grandfather, Virjilio, is very sick and needs prayer
- Pray for Sheila Hanna who is helping her daughter after elbow surgery
- 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.
- 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 & 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.

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 requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.

**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

**Prayer & Praise**

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**Christmas Worship  
Service Notes**



**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)