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Second Sunday of Advent

GATHERING

Prelude Brooke Hershberger
 Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Leah Miller

PRAISING

Congregational Singing Ron Meyer

CHILDREN'S STORY

HEARING GOD'S WORD

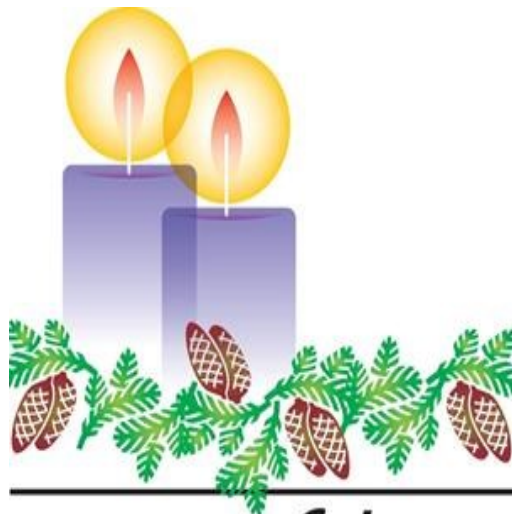
Scripture Reading: Luke 3:1-6
 Message: *Proclamation and Weight* Jamie Rye
 Time for Reflection

RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response
 Offering
 Congregational Sharing
 Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Closing Song
 Benediction



SECOND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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

Today - December 9, 2018

- 9:15 am - Sunday School
 - 10:20 am - Prelude
 - 10:30 am - Worship Service
- Greeters:** Juan & Johana Lainez
Toddler Care: Beth Hershberger
Sound: Phil Yoder
Ushers: Patrick Nafziger & Conrad Yoder

Next Sunday - December 16, 2018

Worship Leader: Rachel Miller
Song Leader: Rhoda Mast
Greeters:
Toddler Care: Linda Yoder
Sound: Bobby Hershberger
Ushers: Norlan & Deysi Figueroa



Sundays At a Glance

December 16 - *Jamie speaking, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Children singing special music*
 December 23 - *Jamie speaking, 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas*
 December 30 - *Guest Speaker, Mission Sunday, Your Coins Count*

Upcoming Events

December 11 **Worship Focus Group** meeting at MMC, 6:30 pm
 December 18 **Central Christian High School Concert**, 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center
 December 20 **Holmes County Ministerial Meeting**, noon at Jitters
 December 21 **First Day of Winter**
 December 21 **Central Christian Alumni Night**, Fundraiser dinner served 5-7 pm.
 Varsity girls basketball play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm.
 December 25 **Christmas**
 January 31 **Cluster meeting for Ohio Conference** Delegates at Crown Hill Mennonite Church in Rittman, 6:30 - 8:00 pm
 February 1-3 **High School Youth Retreat** at Camp Luz

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

San Lucas 3:1-6

1 En el año decimoquinto del imperio de Tiberio César, siendo gobernador de Judea Poncio Pilato, y Herodes tetrarca de Galilea, y su hermano Felipe tetrarca de Iturea y de la provincia de Traconite, y Lisantias tetrarca de Abilinia, 2 y siendo sumos sacerdotes Anás y Caifás, vino palabra de Dios a Juan, hijo de Zacarías, en el desierto.

3 Y él fue por toda la región contigua al Jordán, predicando el bautismo del arrepentimiento para perdón de pecados, 4 como está escrito en el libro de las palabras del profeta Isaías, que dice:

Voz del que clama en el desierto: Preparad el camino del Señor; Enderezad sus sendas.

5 Todo valle se rellenará, Y se bajará todo monte y collado; Los caminos torcidos serán enderezados, Y los caminos ásperos allanados;

6 Y verá toda carne la salvación de Dios.

Luke 3:1-6

3 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, 2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. 3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;

6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "

Treasurer's Report 2018

Attendance December 2: 65

Offering December 2:

General Fund:	\$4,844.00
MYF:	
Ext. Missions:	
Designated:	3,200.00
Total Offering:	\$8,044.00

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$174,150.00	Budget Goal	\$3,870.00
YTD Giving	168,763.43	Actual Avg. Giving	\$3,750.30
Over/(Under)	\$ (5,386.57)	Over/(Under)	\$ (119.70)

Thank You from Paul Thomas

"Thanks for the lovely flowers! I am doing reasonably well. I also appreciate your cards, thoughts and prayers!" His current address is:

Paul Thomas, Room 317
Apostolic Christian Home
10680 Steiner Road
Rittman, OH 44270

Help Provide Comfort for Infants this Christmas

Millersburg Mennonite is collecting Infant Kits for MCC. Please bring to church by December 16, 2018. Flyers were put in the church mailboxes with the list of contents for these kits. Please contact Amy or Leah with any questions. Thank You!

Please get your telephone/address/email changes to the office as soon as possible -- Thank you!

Are Your Dishes Missing??

The Food Committee reminds you to check the kitchen for any stray dishes that you may have left behind. If the dishes go unclaimed for too long, they will be sent to the pound Save and Serve, so please check soon! There are various towels also.

Special Christmas Music from the Children

The children will be singing in our worship service Dec 16 led by DJ and Rhoda. All children are invited to participate. Practices will be Sunday mornings during their Sunday School time, plus Wednesday, Dec 12 from 3:45-4:30 at the church. Snacks will be provided.

Camp Luz Retreats for High School and Middle School Students

This winter's middle school retreat takes place February 15-17, and the high school retreat is February 1-3. Both feature Don Bartlette as speaker, and the theme is "Loving Yourself, Loving God, Loving Others". Visit www.campluz.com for information.

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. Thank you for joining MCC in sharing God's love and compassion this Christmas. **Search "MCC Great Lakes" in Amazon Wish Lists.**

Save and Serve MCC Thrift Shop in Millersburg, Ohio, is seeking a full-time volunteer coordinator/assistant manager. This person will be responsible for coordinating, engaging and recruiting volunteers to help with daily operations, in addition to supporting the processing and retail aspects of the thrift shop. For a full job description or more information, contact general manager Eric Raber at 330-674-1323 or eric@saveandserve.org.

Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change - Leadership Training

50th annual School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite University, "Thriving in the Stormy Seas of Change" January 14-16, 2019. Pastors and church leaders are well aware of the tumultuous seas in which we serve. Significant changes and conflicts in contemporary politics, churches and denominations and in our personal lives present challenges and opportunities for preaching and leading the church today. Church leaders riding these waves of change yearn for deep communion with God's Spirit and for inspiring worship with other leaders in order to thrive in ministry. School for Leadership Training 2019 will provide this worshipful and renewing encounter through the narrative of Jesus' crossing the stormy sea with his disciples in Mark 4:35-41. Keynote speakers are Sue Park-Hur, John Pavlovitz and David Evans. Scholarships are available for pastors and church leaders to attend. For more information and to register <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/>

Central Christian School News and Events

- 1. Community Service Day (CSD)**
Thank you for your strong affirmation of the ministry at Central Christian School. As we continue to serve the churches by supporting their Biblical teachings, we are encouraged by over \$225,000 in contributions.
- 2. Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups** will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 18 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
- 3. Central Christian Alumni Night, December 21:** Baseball fundraiser meal served 5-7 pm. Varsity girls basketball play at 6:00 pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30 pm vs. Lucas High School. All alumni get in free and will be eligible for prize drawings. www.ccscomets.org
- Save the date: **Central Christian School's Annual Auction** will be held on Saturday, March 9, 2019, beginning with breakfast in the cafeteria at 7 am. Joseph Mast will kick off the live auction at 9 am. There will be a large selection of items in our silent auction as well. As Central's largest fundraiser, all funds raised go for tuition assistance to enable students to have an excellent Christ-centered education. We hope to see you there! www.ccscomets.org

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Birthdays This Week:

Janet Pérez - 12/9

Arlene Yoder - 12/12

Our Church:

- Sheryl Kooker is currently serving in a SOOP assignment (Service Opportunities with Our Partners) through Mennonite Mission Network, December 5 – 21, 2018, at the International Guest House in Washington, D.C.
- Please remember the Hazlett family in your prayers
- Paul Thomas broke an arm and is recuperating in the Apostolic Christian Home near Rittman
- Conrad's friend Josh had open heart surgery after a bout of pneumonia and is recovering
- Marta, Yormary Lainez' sister, and Fany Vasquez, who lives in Hope House, are recovering after their accident and continue to need our prayers
- Remember Stan Kaufman, the Kookers, and others in our congregation who are traveling
- Health: Kathie Hazlett, Tim Roth, Mary Hipp
- Visitation: Bernice Miller, Charlie Welder, Esther Yoder, Dennis Gerber, Paul & Caroll Roth, Larry & Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas, Dorothy Mast

Local/Community/Mennonite Church

- Health: Kurt Stutzman

State/Nation/World/Missions

- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.
- **From Mennonite Early Childhood Network:** Pray that God will help our rich nation consider the risks of bombarding children with messages that create "wants." Pray that adults will engage children in the joy of giving by together sharing love and time with others.

Office Hours This Week:

Jamie	Thursday, Friday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Margaret	Weds., Fri.	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Treasury Work	Wednesday	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Prayer & Praise

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Sermon Notes