

December 8, 2019

**Birthdays This Week**

Janet Pérez - 12/9 Arlene Yoder - 12/12

**Our Church**

- Jean Sheets had aortic replacement on Tuesday. Surgery went well and she is already feeling better than before.
- Joe Hershberger-Kirk is recovering from falling off a roof and breaking a pelvic bone
- Remember Delbert Yoder in the Gambia and those in our congregation who are traveling
- Health: Tim Roth
- Visitation: Bernice Miller, Charlie Welder, Esther Yoder, Dennis Gerber, Caroll Roth, Larry & Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas

**Local/Community/Mennonite Church**

- Many of us knew Graciela Estill, who passed away Thursday night. Remember her friends and family.
- Health: Kurt Stutzman, Mary Hipp

**State/Nation/World/Missions**

- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie's work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.



**Church Office Hours This Week:**

<b>Jamie</b>	Thurs., Friday	9:00 am - 2:00 pm
<b>Margaret</b>	Weds, Friday	12:00 pm - 3:00 pm
<b>Treasury Work</b>	Wednesday	4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**TODAY—December 8, 2019**

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|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| ♦ 9:15 am - Sunday School | <b>Sound:</b> Phil Yoder                  |
| ♦ 10:20 am - Prelude      | <b>Greeters:</b> Bobby & Beth Hershberger |
| ♦ 10:30 am - Worship      | <b>Nursery:</b> Genesis & Vicenta         |
|                           | <b>Ushers:</b> DJ McFadden & Susan Lehman |

**Sundays-At-A-Glance**

*December 15 - Jamie speaking, Carry-In, 3rd Sunday of Advent*  
*Dec 22 - Jamie speaking, 4th Sunday of Advent/Christmas Service, Christmas Eve Service in the evening*  
*December 29 - Guest speaker, Your Coins Count, Mission Sunday*

**Upcoming Events**

- \* Dec 10 Worship Focus Group meeting, at MMC, 6:30 pm
- \* Dec 12 Central Christian Elementary School concert, 7:00 pm
- \* Dec 15 Sonnenberg Station performance, Berlin Mennonite, 7:00 pm
- \* Dec 16 Ministry Team Retreat, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- \* Dec 19 Central Christian High School Concert, 7:00 pm
- \* Dec 21 First day of winter
- \* January 8 Church Council Meeting

**Serving Next Sunday—December 15, 2019**

<b>Worship Leader:</b> Bruce Kooker	<b>Greeters:</b> Beth Sheets & Patrick Nafziger
<b>Song Leader:</b> Conrad Yoder	<b>Toddler Care:</b> Shirley S. Schlabach
<b>Prelude:</b>	<b>Ushers:</b> Joe & Phyllis Wengerd
<b>Sound:</b> Bobby Hershberger	

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**Second Sunday of Advent**

**GATHERING**

Prelude	Jubilate Quartet
Call to Worship & Opening Prayer	Mahlon Yoder

**PRAISING**

Congregational Singing	Ron Meyer
HWB 178 <i>Come, thou long expected Jesus</i>	
HWB 174 <i>Blessed be the God of Israel</i>	

**CHILDREN'S STORY**

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture: Romans 15:4-13  
 Message: *How Gentiles Find Peace with God* Jamie Rye

**RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD**

Song of Response  
 STJ 87 *Put peace into each other's hands*  
 Offering  
 Congregational Sharing & Announcements  
 MMC Choir - *Ososo (Come Now, O Prince of Peace)*  
 Congregational Prayer

**SENDING**

Closing Song  
 STS 16 *Peace before us*  
 Benediction

**Songbook Key**

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

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## How Gentiles Find Peace with God

Romans 15:4-13

Jamie Rye

Headsets for the hearing-impaired are available in the sound booth.

### Treasurer's Report 2019

Attendance December 1: 77

Offering December 1:

General Fund:	\$ 3,050.00
Youth Ministry:	10.00
Designated:	<u>677.31</u>
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 3,737.31</b>

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 166,840.00	Budget Goal	\$3,880.00
YTD Giving	<u>152,604.51</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>3,548.94</u>
		Over/(Under)	\$ (331.06)



Thank you for the beautiful Christmas flower arrangement I received this week! I appreciated it so much! It made my day! - Caroll Roth

Jean Sheets appreciates the flowers and other expressions of love and concern from the church. Thank you!



#### Bring a Special Ornament to Share

We will again be adding personal ornaments to the MMC Christmas tree in the sanctuary this year. The tree was installed Friday. Each person can bring an ornament this Sunday the 8th to add to the tree. (If you forget this Sunday, you can still add it later.) If at all possible, please put your name on the ornaments so we can ensure they all return home at the end of the season.

#### Give a kit for Christmas!

From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a school kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about school kit contents and how you can get involved, visit [mcc.org/kits/school](http://mcc.org/kits/school).

#### Follow Delbert's Blog to Receive Updates!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! I'll be thinking of the feasts you all are enjoying while I study language this afternoon. I wish I could be there to eat some stuffing, fresh vegetables, and most certainly, pumpkin pie, but instead I'll be wrestling with how to describe my American home in the language Joola, which I knew not a word of 7 weeks ago. My best wishes are with you all, missing the good food and familiar faces.

If you want to make sure you don't miss out on any of the blog updates, be sure to follow my blog at [1Worldon2Wheels.wordpress.com](http://1Worldon2Wheels.wordpress.com). If you follow the link it will take you to the blog where you can read the latest posts, see pictures, and when you follow (there is a pop up at the bottom of the site) wordpress will send you an email every time a new post goes out.

Until next time, my friends! Or as we say in Joola: "Bee niiken, Kupaalom!"  
--Delbert Yoder

#### #BringThePeace - Ohio Conference Cast

How do we #BringThePeace to our communities? Mennonite Church USA Executive Director Glen Guyton says, "People say that we are a historic peace church, but I say, hey, we need to be a peace church of today." Learn more about Mennonite Church USA's #BringThePeace campaign by listening to this episode of the Ohio Conference Cast.

Visit <https://ohiomennoniteconference.org/category/ohio-conference-cast/> to listen to the latest episodes of Ohio Conference's podcast.

#### Support the Love Center Food Pantry

This year we supplied the families coming to the pantry with hams, turkey breasts, and most of the ingredients needed for their Thanksgiving meal. It is our way of helping put the "Happy" in Thanksgiving for many of them. At the present time, our freezer looks a little bare and the warehouse shelves have quite a few empty spaces. Will you consider making a year-end financial donation to help us restock? Our mailing address is P.O. Box 31, Millersburg, 44654, and our phone number is 330-674-2504.

#### Comforters for MCC's Great Winter Warm-Up

Save the date and donate comforter tops/back: Make plans to join MCC for The Great Winter Warm-up! Mennonite Central Committee will kick off our centennial celebration year by hosting a comforter knotting event in Kidron, Ohio, on January 17-18, 2020. People of all ages are invited to Salem Mennonite Church (3363 Zuercher Road in Kidron) as we join people across the U.S., Canada and Europe who will be knotting comforters at events during The Great Winter Warm-up. We are also in need of comforter tops and backs (size 60"x80") for the event, so please consider making some and dropping them off at MCC Connections by December 4. For more information about the Kidron event visit [mcc.org/gww-kidron](http://mcc.org/gww-kidron). Can't make it to the Kidron event? Visit [greatwinterwarmup.org](http://greatwinterwarmup.org) for information about hosting your own event or knotting a comforter in your home. For more information call Sarah Geiser at 330-201-4515 or [SarahGeiser@mcc.org](mailto:SarahGeiser@mcc.org).