

December 22, 2019

Birthdays This Week

Larissa Kooker - 12/22 Marlin Yoder - 12/26
 Kimberly Lainez - 12/28 Stan Kaufman - 12/28

Our Church

- Maria Hershberger and William are traveling to Honduras this week to visit Maria's sister, who has inoperable lung cancer.
- Remember Delbert Yoder, Stan Kaufman, 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

- Health: Kurt Stutzman, Mary Hipp

State/Nation/World/Missions

- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for peace in Burkina Faso. When armed protest groups ambush symbols of Western opulence and colonialism, like hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.
- **From Hesston (Kansas) College:** Let us join Hesston College in giving thanks for host families who welcome international students into their homes for Christmas break.
- **From Ohio Conference:** Please pray for the thousands of immigrants seeking asylum who are in detention centers in numerous places around the country. — Dan King, Immigration Resource Team member
- **More from Ohio Conference:** Please pray for the Mark Bruner family and the West Clinton Mennonite congregation following Mark's death; and
- Please pray for the ongoing pastoral search processes at Oak Grove Mennonite Church in West Liberty, West Clinton Mennonite Church in Wauseon, and Salem Mennonite Church in Waldron, Michigan.

Church Office Hours This Week:

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

TODAY—December 22, 2019

- ♦ 10:20 am - Prelude
- ♦ 10:30 am - Worship

Sound: Jim Schlabach
Greeters: Colin & Julia Mishler
Nursery: Shirley S. Schlabach
Ushers:

Sundays-At-A-Glance

December 29 - Ernie Hershberger speaking, Your Coins Count, Mission Sunday
January 5 - Jamie speaking
January 12 - Jamie speaking
January 19 - Jamie speaking, Carry-In

Upcoming Events

- * January 8 Church Council Meeting
- * January 17-18 The Great Winter Warm-Up comforter-making event, Salem Mennonite in Kidron
- * January 21 Ohio Conference winter cluster meeting, Berlin Mennonite, 6:30 pm
- * January 28-31 Holmes-Tusc Relief meat canning drive
- * January 31-February 2 High School Youth Retreat, Camp Luz, Kidron

Serving Next Sunday—December 29, 2019

Worship Leader: Rachel Miller	Sound: Bobby Hershberger
Song Leader: Rhoda Mast	Greeters: Joe & Phyllis Wengert
Prelude: Women's Trio	Toddler Care: Linda Yoder
	Ushers: Ron & Mary Meyer

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Fourth Week of Advent/Christmas

GATHERING

Prelude Brooke Hershberger
 Call to Worship & Opening Prayer Bobby Hershberger

PRAISING

Congregational Singing Sara King
 MMC Choir: *Good News, Great Joy*

CHILDREN'S STORY

Arlene Yoder

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture: Luke 2:1-20
 Message: *The Nativity Story: You Are Not Alone*
 Jamie Rye

RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response
 Offering
 Congregational Sharing & Announcements
 Congregational Prayer

SENDING

Candle Lighting
 MMC Choir: *Night of Silence*
 Closing Song
 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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The Nativity Story: You Are Not Alone

Luke 2:1-20

Jamie Rye

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

Treasurer's Report 2019

Attendance December 15: 63

Offering December 15:

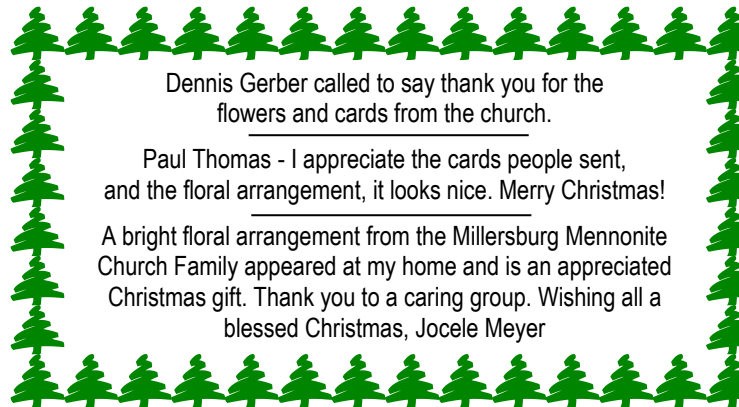
General Fund:	\$ 5,158.77
Youth Ministry:	
Designated:	515.00
Total Offering:	\$ 5,673.77

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 174,600.00	Budget Goal	\$3,880.00
YTD Giving	<u>160,185.00</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>3,559.67</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (14,415.00)	Over/(Under)	\$ (320.33)

Christmas Eve Service and Carry-In This Evening

This evening, we will hold a Christmas Eve Service, starting with dinner at 6:00 pm here at Millersburg Mennonite. Soup and bread are being provided, so bring a salad-type dish to share and your own tableware if possible. This service is designed to be kid-friendly!
We will also be celebrating **Communion** together during this service.





Dennis Gerber called to say thank you for the flowers and cards from the church.

Paul Thomas - I appreciate the cards people sent, and the floral arrangement, it looks nice. Merry Christmas!

A bright floral arrangement from the Millersburg Mennonite Church Family appeared at my home and is an appreciated Christmas gift. Thank you to a caring group. Wishing all a blessed Christmas, Jocene Meyer

MMC

MMC & Community Events

But the angel said to them, **"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."**
Luke 2:10. The Mennonite Church USA staff wishes you joy this Christmas, as we work together to continue sharing the good news of Jesus every day.

Resource for Healthcare Professionals

The gift of nurture and belonging! Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is an interdisciplinary community of Anabaptist health professionals which seeks to nurture the integration of faith and practice, to provide opportunities for dialogue on health related issues, and to address specific needs through education, advocacy, and service. If you embrace Anabaptism and are involved in healthcare, we invite you to learn more and "Join the Conversation" at www.mennohealth.org/JoinTheConversation/.

Holmes -Tusc Relief Committee Meat Canning Next Month

The 2020 meat canning week will be January 28-January 31. We plan to cut up and can 30,000 lbs of turkey meat. The cost of meat and other expenses is about \$65-70,000. Please send donations to Holmes-Tusc Relief Committee, PO Box 66, Berlin, OH 44610. We rely totally on free-will donations and are grateful for your support. To volunteer, individually or as a group, call Kenny Troyer at (330) 600-1519.

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/backs: 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. Can't make it to the Kidron event? Visit 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.