

December 29, 2019

The Peace of Creation

Matthew 2:13-23

Ernie Hershberger

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

Treasurer's Report 2019

Attendance December 22: 76

Offering December 22:

General Fund:	\$ 3,190.00
Youth Ministry:	
Designated:	
Total Offering:	\$ 3,190.00

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 178,480.00	Budget Goal	\$3,880.00
YTD Giving	<u>163,375.00</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>3,551.63</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (15,105.00)	Over/(Under)	\$ (328.37)



Thank you so much for the many ways you have supported and partnered with Love INC. Your heart to serve families in our community is so appreciated! It's so exciting to consider what God will do in 2020 as we continue to serve as the Body of Christ! May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

Blessings to you,
Vicki from Love INC

Help Us Gather Books and Gifts for Head Start

We are partnering with Holmes County Head Start to provide them with basic needs for their children and classrooms. Head Start serves over 140 children with 90% of the families' income at or below poverty level. A Christmas tree is located in our foyer with ornaments you can choose naming items you would like to give. Our goal is to also provide one book for each of the 140 children to take home. These can be new or 'good as new' books for Preschool to grade 1 learners. You have till January 5, 2020 to bring the gifts. What a wonderful boost to the new year for the children, staff and families of our local Head Start Program.

**FINAL
REMINDER**



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

Update from Stan Kaufman

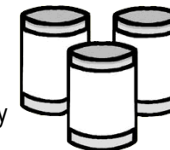
I have been sick with a throat infection for two weeks. Back in town for second time to see Dr. First time I've had to do that in all my years down here. finlly better but had to miss Xmas Dinner. Still no wifi at the development. Foxy was so glad to see me he has slept on the pillow beside me ever since I got back. My Koi fish is now 15 inches long and is eating out of my hand. lots of new seedling started already. Some of my favorites from last year didn't make it. Some can be replaced by another trip to the mountains. Manuel has kept the grounds and the paths through the woods very clean and Mireille had the house all cleaned up for me. Planning for a new gate thru the fence to the new half acre so we can start cutting hay by hand. My main guy Daniel is going in town 3 days a week studying English so doesn't leave much time for me. Leandro is here on break from University after his second year in English Ed. We just had lunch together at Crazy Chicken near the square. They came along for the ride. Please share this with the congregation and class.

Seminar on Dealing with Political Tension from MC USA

Political tensions are rising, argumentation has replaced conversation, and divisions widen. How should pastors and congregational leaders engage? Watch the three-part webinar series, entitled "Putting Jesus on the Ballot: Anabaptism and American Politics with Scott Peterson," at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/the-gathering-place/>.

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.



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.