

Millersburg Mennonite Church

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Today - December 27

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



Next Sunday - January 3

Speaker: Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach
Worship Leader: Leah Miller
Children's Time: Beth Hershberger

Sundays-At-A-Glance

January 10—Keith speaking

January 17—Rachelle speaking

January 24—Keith speaking, Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday

Jan. 31 - Missions Sunday, Neal & Jamie Blough speaking, Your Coins Count

Ministry Team

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Ohio Conference ohiomennoniteconference.org

Church Office Hours This Week:

Keith: Wednesday 2:00—5:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Rachelle: Tuesday 1:00—4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Margaret: Working from home, call 330-473-1473

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Christmas Sunday On the Road to Rejoicing

GATHERING

Prelude Kathy Hart & Linda Hershberger-Kirk
Call to Worship Bruce Kooker

PRAISING

Meyer Family
HWB 211 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*
HWB 212 *O come, all ye faithful*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sheryl Kooker

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:22-40
Sermon: *Worth the Wait* Keith Lyndaker Schlabach

RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response: HWB 318 *Joy to the world*
Communion: HWB 215 *What Child is this*
Offering, Your Coins Count Offering
Congregational Sharing
Announcements

SENDING

Closing Song: HWB 197 *Angels we have heard on high*
Benediction

Songbook Key

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

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Birthdays This Week

Stan Kaufman—12/28

Our Church

- Pray for those who are lonely or grieving this holiday season.
- Health: Tim Roth, Christine Nafziger
- Visitation: Dennis Gerber, Jocele Meyer, Caroll Roth, Larry & Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas

Local/Community/Mennonite Church

- Praise God for the availability of vaccines to help prevent COVID. Please continue to pray for medical personnel and all those affected by the pandemic.
- Health: Kurt Stutzman, Mary Hipp

State/Nation/World/Missions

- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer are in the North American portion of their two-way mission. They will not be able to return to Ecuador in January, as they normally do, due to travel restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for them as they communicate electronically with congregations in Ecuador and the United States.
- **From Ohio Conference:** Planning work for Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) on March 6, 2021, is in full swing. Please cover the planning team, composed of Alysa Short, Judy King, Dick Barrett, Dan Hooley and Lynn Roth, in prayer as they work at creating a shortened ACA conducted entirely on Zoom.

Prayer & Praise

Thank You Notes!

Thank you for cards, prayers, and the flowers. They are so much appreciated. From Dennis Gerber

Thank you for the lovely Christmas arrangement from the church! Merry Christmas to all of you! ~~Paul Thomas

From Kayla, Amilia, and Bellamy Malachin -
Thank you so much for the flowers when I had Bellamy.
They were so beautiful.



"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests." (Luke 2:14) Mennonite Church USA staff extends the peace of Christ to you this Christmas, as we work together to bring God's hope, love, joy and peace to the world around us.

Job Opening at Central Christian school

This year, Central has needed to divide classes into smaller groups to accommodate the spacing needed for COVID protocols. This means that we have a new and time-limited opening for an "exploratories" teacher for the middle school grades. These are elective classes that are usually taught in larger groups by the regular Middle School teachers.

This position is near fulltime and is for the Spring semester of 2021 only. This would be an excellent position for a retired teacher, a new graduate in education, or someone who would like to make a transition from substitute teaching. The position would begin on January 18, 2021.

If interested, contact jeanneJ@centralchristianschool.org.

Love INC Weekly Update

Furniture Volunteers Needed: Love INC is still looking for volunteers with trucks to deliver furniture. If you do not have a truck, we still need people to clean and prepare furniture as well. Contact Love INC by calling 330.473.6017 or go to this link to sign up https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSes6m_Cnf1wZpUkLeJaRQ-Exypnlm4EhpiIWI-VYbmQAaM2CA/viewform?gxids=7628.

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Notes from today's worship service



Treasurer's Report 2020

Offering for December 17-23, 2020

General Fund:	\$ 1,250.00
Extended Missions:	2,050.00
Designated:	
Youth:	
Total Offering:	\$ 3,300.00

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 180,960.00	Budget Goal	\$ 3,770.00
YTD Giving	<u>176,483.13</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>3,676.73</u>
Over/(Under)	\$ (4,476.87)	Over/(Under)	\$ (93.27)

Upcoming Events

December 30—Wednesday evening prayer, online at 7:00 pm
 January 3—Baptism Class, 7:00 pm
 January 4—MMC Committee year-end reports due, for Jan. 14 Council meeting
 January 5—“How We Read the Bible” study, on zoom, 7:00 pm
 January 7—Ministry Team meeting, 6:30 pm
 January 8-10—Laurelville retreat
 January 10—Baptism Class, 7:00 pm



Schedule for Evening Prayers: We will have Evening Prayers on Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 7 pm. During January, we will not have Wednesday prayers to allow more people to participate in the Bible study on Tuesdays. Evening Prayers will resume in February, starting Feb. 3.

January Bible Study: Have you ever wondered how people can read the same Scripture texts and have such different understandings of them? Then the January Bible study is for you! On four Tuesday evenings in January, we'll learn about some of the ways in which people have understood the Bible over the years and why, with time to share and discuss our own views of the Bible. Please join us!

Christmas Greetings from Bruce and Neva Stambaugh

Season's greetings to our friends at Millersburg. We miss seeing you but we are enjoying "seeing" you on the live streamed Sunday morning service. Our church is on at 9:30 and then we tune in to yours at 10:30. Even in these uncertain times it has been a great way for us to stay connected with you. Wishing you holidays filled with peace, hope, joy and love!

— Bruce and Neva

On the Level Announcement:

The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, we offer a timely prayer for 2020, A Prayer Amidst Disaster, written by an MDS staff member; read how volunteers are improving the space for homeless in Idaho; and be sure to save the date for our virtual MDS Annual Celebration.

Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3oS0PL6>

Last Chance to Join Laurelville Retreat Online

Laurelville Retreat Center will again host its annual Music & Worship Leaders Retreat from January 8-10, 2021. The event will be held virtually. Register at <https://laurelville.org/our-programs/mwlr/> or call 724-423-2056, Mondays, Thursdays or Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Deadline to register is Dec. 31.

Missional conference to focus on the rural church

Pastor and author Brad Roth will be the featured speaker for Ohio Conference's 2021 missional conference on March 4 and 5. The theme of this online event will be "Come and See! The Mission of the Church in God's Country."

Please see the event brochure for more information. To register online, go to <https://bit.ly/2021MissionalConference>.

Reminders while we are meeting remotely:

Keep in touch! We encourage you to contact a Ministry Team member with needs or concerns **or just to check in!** Rachele, Keith, Arlene, Bobby, or DJ; contact info on back page of bulletin.

We are so thankful for people continuing to support the church. Donations may be mailed to Millersburg Mennonite, P O Box 16, Millersburg, OH 44654, or drop them off in the folder marked "OFFICE" by the door to the office.

For Our Streaming Worship Services -

We invite people to create a short video – please upload to a cloud file sharing service (e.g. iCloud, Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, etc.) and email a shareable link to the file to worship@millersburgmennonite.org, no later than Saturday noon. Contact Conrad Yoder, 740-502-1745 for information.