

# Millersburg Mennonite Church

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## Today - December 19

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

**Tech:** Annette Lendacki &  
Marianne Mader

## Next Sunday - December 26

**Speaker:** Rachele Lyndaker Schlabach  
**Prelude:** Rachel Miller  
**Worship Leader:** Leah Miller  
**Song Leader:** Conrad Yoder  
**Children's Story:** Keith Lyndaker Schlabach  
**Tech:** Marianne Mader & Phil Yoder

## Sundays-At-A-Glance

December 26 - Rachele speaking, Christmas Sunday, Your Coins Count  
January 2—John Schmid speaking, Epiphany  
January 9—Keith speaking  
January 16—Rachele speaking

## Ministry Team

**Pastors:** Keith Lyndaker Schlabach 330-521-0561 keith@millersburgmennonite.org  
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**Church Office** 330-674-7700 secretary@millersburgmennonite.org  
**Church Website** millersburgmennonite.org  
**Ohio Conference** ohiomennoniteconference.org

## Church Office Hours This Week:

**Keith:** Wednesday 2:00—5:00 pm, Thursday 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
**Rachele:** Tuesday 1:00—4:00 pm  
**Margaret:** Working from home, call 330-473-1473 or 740-502-8300



## Advent 4: Dare to Imagine God's Face

### GATHERING

Prelude Jubilate String Quartet  
 Call to Worship Jim Schlabach  
 Lighting of the Advent Candle  
**VT 276** *Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets*

**PRAISING: VT 245** *O Little Town of Bethlehem* Meyer Family

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Arlene Yoder

**SPECIAL MUSIC** Jubilate String Quartet

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Psalm 80:1-7  
 Sermon: *Facing God* Keith Lyndaker Schlabach

### RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response: **VT 255** *Love Came Down at Christmas*  
 Offering  
 Congregational Sharing & Prayer  
 Announcements

### SENDING

Closing Song: **VT 241** *O Come, All Ye Faithful*  
 Benediction

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### Birthdays This Week

Emerson Ramirez—12/19 Larissa Kooker—12/22

### Our Church

- Please continue to keep Larry, Jean, and Beth Sheets in your prayers.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones or are far away from family as the holiday season can be a time of sadness and pain.
- Health: Tim Roth, Christine Nafziger
- Visitation: Dennis Gerber, Jocele Meyer, Carroll Roth, Larry & Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas

### Local/Community/Mennonite Church

- Let us continue to pray for medical personnel, health officials, the sick, and all those affected by the recent COVID surge, here in our community, the nation, and the world.
- Health: Mary Hipp

### State/Nation/World/Missions

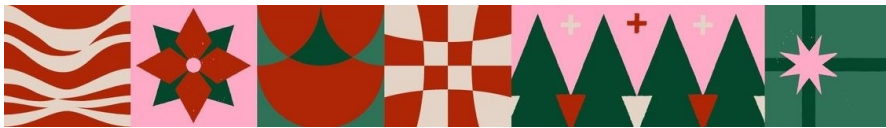
- Praise God for the release of the remaining CAM workers who were being held in Haiti.
- **From Ohio Conference:** Please remember the planners of Ohio Conference's Annual Conference Assembly, which is March 4-5, 2022, at Zion Mennonite in Archbold. Rachel Short is the In-house Coordinator from Zion. Hold Rachel and the many Zion congregants helping her in your prayers. May they have wisdom, strength and peace.
- **From Mennonite World Conference:** Many congregations in Uganda meet under the trees or sit on dusty floors, says Simon Onyango Okoth, bishop of Uganda Mennonite Church. Praise God for the grateful, pioneering spirit of these church members. Pray for leadership development to lead to sustainability.
- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Matthew and Toni Krabill, of MMN, are serving as co-directors for the Paris Mennonite Center in France. Pray for their health, creativity and joy, as they welcome researchers, share Anabaptist resources and develop online classes for French-speaking theology students throughout the world.

### **Prayer for the Week**

O Love that will not let me go, love me into loving others as You love me. Amen.

### December Notes from Mennonite Church USA

- “The angel said to them, ‘You have nothing to fear! I come to proclaim good news to you – news of a great joy to be shared by the whole people.’” (Luke 2:10) Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff hope that you and yours are blessed by the good news and transforming power of Christ this Christmas.
- Mennonite Church USA awarded three Thrive Church Planting Grants this year, to Community of Hope in Bellingham, Washington, Summit Street Church in Beatrice, Nebraska, and Wild Church in Fresno, California. Read about the grant and these church plants here: [mennoniteusa.org/thrive-three-awards](http://mennoniteusa.org/thrive-three-awards).
- In October, Mennonite Church USA Women in Leadership hosted a two-part seminar, titled “Women Write,” in which panelists answered questions about Christian publishing and discussed how women authors of color are changing the publishing landscape. Watch recordings of these webinars at: [mennoniteusa.org/women-write](http://mennoniteusa.org/women-write)
- **Learn, Pray, Join: Cost of Poverty**  
As Edith Yoder of Bridge of Hope National can attest, community can make a great difference in a person’s life. In her blog, “Anabaptist theology — and what compels me to create belonging for families facing homelessness,” Yoder reflects on how her own experience could have been very different had she not had a good support system. Read her call to action here: [mennoniteusa.org/belonging-homelessness](http://mennoniteusa.org/belonging-homelessness).
- **Menno Snapshots**  
Have you ever wondered what a spiritual director does to prepare for a spiritual direction session? Read Ruben Chupp’s poem, “Gathering silence (to meet with Charles),” to gain some insight into what his process looks like. [mennoniteusa.org/gathering-silence](http://mennoniteusa.org/gathering-silence)

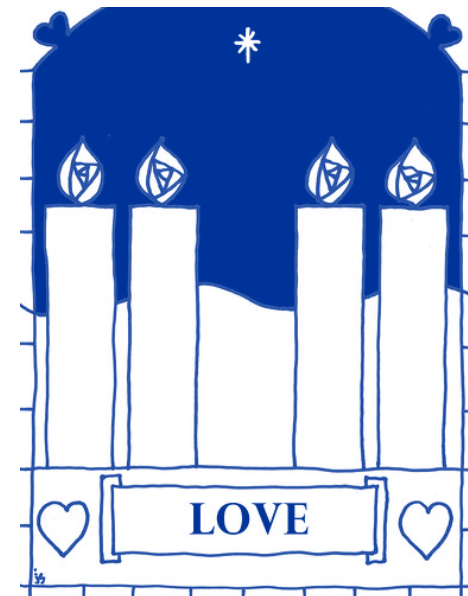


#### On the Level Announcement:

The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: MDS responds to the deadly tornadoes in the Midwest and parts of the South, MDS Canada needs volunteers to help survivors recover from extensive flooding in British Columbia, and you can learn more about our Annual Celebration in Sarasota, Florida in January.

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

## December 19, 2021 Notes from today’s worship service



## Treasurer's Report 2021

### Offering for December 11-16, 2021

General Fund:	\$ 3,289.66
Extended Missions:	
Designated:	175.00
Youth:	
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 3,464.99</b>

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 185,650.00	Budget Goal	\$ 3,950.00
YTD Giving	<u>179,962.07</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>3,828.98</u>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (5,687.93)</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ (121.02)</b>

### Upcoming Events

- 12/20 Love INC Christmas Celebration, 7:00-8:00 pm at Martin's Creek Menno
- 12/21 First day of winter
- 12/24 Millersburg Mennonite Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/27 - 1/2 Keith and Rachelle on vacation

### Millersburg Mennonite Church Announcements

**Worship In-person and Live-stream:** If you are attending Sunday's service in person, please note that masks are required in the building. Live-streaming continues for those who wish to participate virtually. As COVID cases rise, please let Keith or Rachelle know if you come down with symptoms or test positive for COVID within two days of attending a church service or event in person, so that we can notify our church community that there was potential exposure. Thanks for your understanding.

**Youth Events:** Wednesday, Dec. 29, will be "freestyle night" at Berlin Mennonite. Please contact Keith for more information or for transportation.

**Christmas Eve:** Please join us for a service of carols, Scripture readings, and reflections on December 24 at 7 pm. The service will be in-person and live-streamed.

**Thank You:** Thank you for the beautiful poinsettia and the cards that we have received this Christmas season. May each of you experience God's love, joy, peace, and hope this Christmas season. We are blessed to be serving among you. -Keith and Rachelle

### Voting to Affirm Keith and Rachelle as Long Term Co-Pastors

To complete this process, we seek an 85% affirmation vote for Keith & Rachelle to be our long term co-pastors. Today we'll be voting in-person on this question. If you will not be present, please contact Bruce Kooker with your vote immediately. Call or text him at 330-464-9400, or email [bkooker67@gmail.com](mailto:bkooker67@gmail.com). Thank you for your support of this process.

### Update on Stan Kaufman's Home in Costa Rica

Stan's house was broken into and ransacked in October. They put insecticide into the pool killing all the fish. Books, bedclothes, clothes, papers were all on the floor and trampled with muddy boots. A lot of things were stolen, but his neighbors were able to save some things for him. Stan is thankful for our prayers. His email address is stan.kaufman10@yahoo.com

### Merry Christmas and Thanks from...

Thank you for the Christmas bouquet. Merry Christmas Millersburg church!  
From Bobby & Janice Miller

Thank you all for the beautiful Christmas arrangement. I appreciate the notes and cards from you through the year as well.  
Love, Paul Thomas



To the Millersburg Mennonite Church Family, warm thanks for the lovely floral arrangement that brings cheerful greetings on a cloudy day. Sending heartfelt wishes to each of you for a blessed Christmas. Jocele Meyer

### Merry Christmas from LOVE INC

**Love INC Fresh Start to Host Christmas Gatherings:** We invite you to join us on Monday, December 20th from 7:00-8:00 at Martins Creek for an evening of Christmas celebration! Join us for refreshments, crafts, crochet lessons, Christmas movies, and more! If you have any questions, call Love INC at 330.473.6017.

**Give a Christmas Gift to Love INC:** If you are interested in giving to Love INC this Christmas season, we wanted to give you a list of items you can give! Love INC is always in need of stamps, small envelopes, regular envelopes, hardcover binders (any color but white), and colored printer paper. If you are interested in giving any of these items as a Christmas gift to Love INC, give us a call at 330.473.6017. Thank you for your generous giving and support of Love INC!