

# Millersburg Mennonite Church

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## Today - January 2

## Next Sunday - January 9



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

**Tech:** Conrad Yoder & Phil Yoder

**Speaker:** Keith Lyndaker Schlabach  
**Prelude:** Rachele Lyndaker Schlabach  
**Worship Leader:** Bobby Hershberger  
**Song Leader:** Rhoda Mast  
**Children's Story:** Terry Burkhalter  
**Tech:** Marianne Mader & Genesis Figueroa

## Sundays-At-A-Glance

*January 9—Keith speaking*

*January 16—Rachele speaking*

*January 23—Keith speaking; Anabaptist World Fellowship Sunday*

*January 30—Missions Sunday; Your Coins Count Offering*

## Ministry Team

**Pastors:** Keith Lyndaker Schlabach 330-521-0561 keith@millersburgmennonite.org  
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**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, Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
**Margaret:** Working from home, call 330-473-1473 or 740-502-8300



## Epiphany Sunday

### GATHERING

Prelude Rhoda Mast  
Call to Worship Jim Schlabach

**PRAISING: VT 203** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*; vs 1, 2, 5, 6  
DJ McFadden

**CHILDREN'S TIME** John & Kari Krabill

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Genesis 39:12b  
Sermon: *What If?* John Schmid

### RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response: **VT 566** *Somlandela (We will Follow)*  
Offering  
Congregational Sharing & Prayer  
Announcements

### SENDING

Closing Song: **VT 838** *La paz de la tierra (The Peace of the Earth Be with You)*  
Benediction

January 2, 2022

### Our Church

- Please continue to keep Larry, Jean, and Beth Sheets in your prayers.
- Let us pray for God's insight as to the kind of people we should be in this New Year as we reflect on God's great mercy, love, and grace.
- Health: Tim Roth, Christine Nafziger
- Visitation: Dennis Gerber, Jocele Meyer, Caroll 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

- Please pray for the people of the Philippines who experienced the destruction of Typhoon Rai, that God's peace and compassion would be experienced by all.
- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network thanks your congregation for its generous support of God's work. Continue to hold our personnel and partners in your prayers, as we join to share the light and love of Jesus in our neighborhoods and around the world.
- **From Ohio Conference:** Ohio Conference invites you to be in prayer for Duane Beck, Laura Hoag, Lesa King and Matthew Weaver. This group is planning for the worship services that will be held at the upcoming Annual Conference Assembly on March 4-5, 2022. Pray that they would feel the Spirit's leading and direction as they plan these services focusing on Befriending the Neighborhood: Am I a Good Neighbor from Luke 10:25-37.

Prayer & Praise

### **Prayer for the Week:**

Healer of our every ill, Light of each tomorrow,  
Give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.  
Amen.

### The Winter Read: Please join the discussion

**You're invited:** Please join us for the Ohio Conference Winter Read. This winter Ohio Conference is trying something new, a Conference-wide book study offered via Zoom. This year we will be discussing Latasha Morrison's book *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*.

Discussion leaders will be Pastor Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells of Lee Heights Community Church in Cleveland and Pastor Kevin Himes of Salem Mennonite Church in Kidron. These pastors led their congregations in a joint study of the book last winter.

The discussion will take place from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. on five Thursdays — Jan. 6, 13, and 20, and Feb. 3 and 17. The book is available as a paperback or on Kindle on the Amazon website: <https://bit.ly/BeTheBridgeBook>.



To register for these online discussions, go to <https://bit.ly/2022OCWinterRead>.

### Mennonite Mission Network Announcements

- If you or someone you know is looking for a way to live out God's call to service, come drop in on January 18 at 7 pm to talk with directors and learn all about our service opportunities — U.S. and international, for the young and not-as-young. Contact [EricFM@MMNWorld.net](mailto:EricFM@MMNWorld.net) for the Zoom invitation.
- Would you like to use your vocational skills and spiritual gifts in your place of employment? Mennonite Mission Network may be the place for you. Join us in sharing the good news of Christ across the street and around the world. Visit [MennoniteMission.net/Employment](http://MennoniteMission.net/Employment) to find all open positions.



## January 2, 2022

### Notes from today's worship service

## Treasurer's Report 2021

Attendance December 26: 19  
Offering for December 23-29, 2021

General Fund:	\$ 14,687.94
Extended Missions:	
Designated:	642.00
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 15,329.94</b>

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 189,600.00	Budget Goal	\$ 3,950.00
YTD Giving	<u>197,488.01</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>4,114.33</u>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 7,888.01</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 164.33</b>

### Upcoming Events

January 4—Worship Focus Group meeting, 6:00 pm  
January 5—Church Council meeting, 7:00 pm  
January 6—Old Christmas (Amish)  
January 8—Work Day at Sheets house, see announcements  
January 23—Congregational Meeting, details to be announced  
January 27—Ohio Conference Cluster meeting, Salem Mennonite Church

### Millersburg Mennonite Church Announcements

**Worship In-person and Live-stream:** The service will be in-person and live-streamed. We are aware that COVID is spreading rapidly in our area, so we encourage you to consider joining via live-stream. Masks will be required for all who are attending in person.

As COVID cases rise, please let Keith, Rachelle or Conrad 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.

**Sharing Today:** We are glad to have John Schmid with us today. John is the founder and director of Common Ground Ministries. It is based in Berlin, Ohio, with a focus on prisons in the Ohio Corrections System. In a typical year, John ministers in more than 50 prisons, 30 churches, four to five camps, six evangelistic crusades, 40 banquets, a street fair or two, several weekend seminars, as well as numerous concerts and living rooms. John and his family are members of Mennonite Christian Assembly, Fredericksburg, and reside in Benton.

### Work Day at Larry & Jean Sheets House at Lake Buckhorn

Larry and Jean Sheets's family has asked if we can provide a few strong bodies to move some furniture and to finish emptying the storage in the basement, garage, and storage shed. This would be **Saturday, January 8**.

They are giving away a free spinet piano. There is a Bernina sewing machine and a Simplicity lawn mower with snow blade available for purchase. Anyone interested should contact Kathy Hart at [kahkas1189@gmail.com](mailto:kahkas1189@gmail.com) or by phone 330-763-1478.

### Affirming Keith and Rachelle with One Voice!

Thank you for participating in the voting process of affirmation of Keith & Rachelle to be long term pastors at MMC. There were 69 votes, 100% affirmative.

### Merry Christmas and Thanks from...

Thanks for the very generous Christmas gift that you gave us. It was a complete surprise! Thanks as well for the many cards and gifts that we received from various households.

You all are very thoughtful and generous, and it is much appreciated.

—Rachelle and Keith

Many thanks for the beautiful Christmas floral arrangement I received! And for the cards and visits as well! I am so grateful for my church family!

Blessings to you all - Caroll Roth



### Announcements from Mennonite Church USA

Christmas may be over, but there is still one more week left in Mennonite Church USA's Advent at Home guide! Find it here: [mennoniteusa.org/adventathome](http://mennoniteusa.org/adventathome).

#### #BeTransformed

In his blog, "Transformation through proximity," Thomas Dunn, one of the newest Mennonite Church USA Executive Board members, reflects on how he has been transformed by the relationships he has built. Read his story here: [mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/proximity/](http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/proximity/)

Mennonite Church USA is planning several webinars to help delegates for the upcoming Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri. For a list of resources, visit the online resource page: [mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate](http://mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate).