

# Millersburg Mennonite Church

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## Today - March 27

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

**Tech:** Marianne Mader & Phil Yoder

## Next Sunday - April 3

**Speaker:** Keith Lyndaker Schlabach  
**Prelude:** Arlene Yoder  
**Worship Leader:** Leah Miller  
**Song Leader:** Sara King  
**Tech:** Annette Lendacki & Conrad Yoder

## Sundays-At-A-Glance

*April 3—Keith speaking, Fifth Sunday of Lent, Adult Sunday School resumes*

*April 10—Rachelle speaking, Palm/Passion Sunday*

*April 17—Easter Sunday, Keith speaking*

*April 24—Guest speaker to be announced, Your Coins Count Offering*

## Ministry Team

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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  
**Rachelle:** Tuesday 1:00—4:00 pm, Friday 9:00 am—12:00 pm  
**Margaret:** Wednesday 12:00—2:30 pm, Friday 12:00—2:30



## Lent 4: From Exceptionalism to Inclusion

### GATHERING

Prelude Linda Hershberger-Kirk & Mike Deyo  
Call to Worship Leah Miller

### PRAISING:

Conrad Yoder

VT 377 *New Earth, Heavens New*

VT 298 *What Is the World Like*

### CONFESSING

VT 306 *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Sermon: *Choose Your Own Title and Ending*

Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach

### RESPONDING to GOD'S WORD

Song of Response: VT 551 *Beautiful Things*

Offering

Your Coins Count Offering

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Announcements

### SENDING

Closing Song: VT 653 *Nothing Is Lost on the Breath of God*

Benediction

**Welcome to Our Visitors:**

**We are glad you chose to worship with us. We offer amplifiers and large print hymnals for those who find these aids helpful. Please stop by the sound booth for assistance.**

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### Birthdays This Week

Francisca Ramirez—4/1

### Our Church

- Please keep Joe H-K in your prayers as he has an infection and needed to return to the hospital.
- Please continue to remember Stan Kaufman as he mourns his brother's death from a distance.
- Please keep Jim Schlabach in your prayers as he recovers from back surgery that his back would be fully healed and he would be pain-free.
- Pray for Terry and Sandy Burkhalter as they mourn the death of their brother-in-law.
- Health: Tim Roth, Christine Nafziger
- Visitation: Dennis Gerber, Jocele Meyer, Carroll Roth, Jean Sheets, Paul Thomas

### Local/Community/Mennonite Church

- Health: Mary Hipp

### State/Nation/World/Missions

- **From Mennonite World Conference:** We pray for peace in Ukraine. We pray for your love and sustaining hand for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, including the 20 Mennonite Brethren congregations who are providing aid for their neighbors: shelter in church buildings, food and spiritual comfort. We pray, too, for the people of Russia.
- **From Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Monika Neufeld, a nurse who is serving as an intern with CASAS (a program of Seminario Anabautista Latinoamericano, SEMILLA) in Guatemala. Pray for her as she works with other medical staff at a rural clinic to respond to the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Prayer for the week:**

O God, you who run to welcome us when we go astray, help us to run just as fast back to you, and to welcome other home-comers. Amen.

## LOVEINC Weekly Update

**New Fresh Start Class** - To register, call Love INC at 330.473.6017, or click [www.loveincfghc.org/fresh-start-classes](http://www.loveincfghc.org/fresh-start-classes). Child care is provided.

⇒ **"Boundaries"** Do you have trouble saying no? Do people take advantage of you? What are legitimate boundaries? This study can improve the quality of your relationships in every sphere of life - marriage, family, friendships and the workplace. Join this 9 week class that runs Monday evenings from 7-8pm beginning April 4.

**Baby Stroller** - Call 330.473.6017 to donate a baby stroller to a local family.

**Love INC New Volunteer Orientation** - Are you feeling nudged to consider volunteering your time in a meaningful way? If you are interested in hearing more about volunteering with Love INC, give us a call and sign up for one of our upcoming new volunteer orientations. Our upcoming orientations are **Monday, April 4 at Martins Creek Mennonite Church from 6:00-7:00pm**, and **April 5 at our Love INC office from 1:00-2:00pm**. Let us know what date works for you! You can Love INC at 330.473.6017, or register online at [www.loveincfghc.org/volunteer.html](http://www.loveincfghc.org/volunteer.html)

### Updates from Ohio Conference:

#### [ACA video summary and photos are online](#)

Thanks to all of you who were able to participate in the 2022 Annual Conference Assembly (ACA) March 4 and 5 at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold! A brief summary video about ACA is now available for viewing. You can watch it at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BuLSzph59M>.

To see photos from ACA, go to <https://bit.ly/ACAPhotos> or view them on the Ohio Conference Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/OhioConferenceMCUSA>.

#### [Missional conference recordings available](#)

Wondering what you missed at the 2022 missional conference? Sixty people from all around the Ohio Conference took part in this event, which was held March 3-4 at Zion Mennonite Church in Archbold. Even if you missed this gathering, you can still learn from our missional conference presenters, Howard and Cathy Wagler. Video recordings of the conference are available on the Ohio Conference website at <https://bit.ly/2022MissionalConf>. The theme was "Befriending the Neighborhood: Am I a Good Neighbor?"

Photos of the 2022 missional conference are also online at <https://bit.ly/2022MissionalConf> and on the Ohio Conference Facebook page.



## March 27, 2022 Notes from today's worship service

*Front Image: Anonymous. Prodigal Son, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.*

## Treasurer's Report 2022

### In-Person Attendance March 20: 39 Offering for March 20, 2022

General Fund:	\$ 7,333.91
Extended Missions:	
Designated:	<u>3,642.67</u>
<b>Total Offering:</b>	<b>\$ 10,976.58</b>

General Offering		Giving Per Sunday Avg.	
YTD Goal	\$ 40,500.00	Budget Goal	\$ 4,050.00
YTD Giving	<u>42,751.96</u>	Actual Avg. Giving	<u>4,275.12</u>
<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 2,251.96</b>	<b>Over/(Under)</b>	<b>\$ 225.12</b>

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 pm—Youth Group meets at Berlin Menno Church  
 April 10—Mentor/Mentee Bowling  
 April 12—Worship Focus Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
 April 12—Youth Worker webinar: **Cross-Generational Discipleship/Mentoring**  
 April 14—Maundy Thursday evening service, 6:00 pm  
 April 15—Community Good Friday Services in Millersburg & Sugarcreek, go to [goodfriday.one](http://goodfriday.one) for information

## Millersburg Mennonite Church Announcements

**Mark Your Calendars:** On Thursday, April 14, we will have a Maundy Thursday service and light meal, beginning at 6:00 pm at the church. Friday, April 15, we encourage you to attend a community-wide Good Friday service at 7 pm at the Perry Reese Jr. Community Center in Berlin. On Easter Sunday, we will gather for a sunrise service at 8 am at Oak Hill Cemetery in Millersburg, followed by a breakfast at the church and then the worship service at **10 am**.

**Keith is Away:** Keith is preaching this morning at Summit Mennonite in Barberton

**Youth Worker webinar series continues:** These seminars are open to anyone with a heart for children or youth. See next page for details

**Help lead services at Danbury?** Danbury Senior Living in Millersburg has asked us to consider leading a worship service there once a month on Sunday afternoon. To join the team helping our seniors worship, please contact Keith by Tuesday, March 29.

**From Jim Schlabach:** Thanks to the church for the cards, texts, calls and prayers. Shirley and I are very thankful for our church family.

## Adult Sunday School Resuming April 3

Next Sunday, April 3, we will resume the Adult Sunday School hour, starting at 9:15. There will again be two classes:

- A Herald Press Adult Bible Study class, led by Bobby, which will meet in the library (quarterlies are on the library counter if you would like to pick one up)
- The Coffee Class, which will meet in the NW corner of the building, organized by Conrad. In the Coffee Class, we will decide what material to read together and discuss in our first meeting.

In both classes, we will also start out having a virtual connection option via Zoom, with links sent out before class. We will see how much participation happens via Zoom, and reevaluate and make changes in the coming weeks if necessary.

If you have any questions, please contact Conrad Yoder (740-502-1745; [conrad@yoders.org](mailto:conrad@yoders.org))

## Opportunities to Learn More about Welcoming Newcomers

**Community sponsorship connections with MCC:** Are you interested in learning more about how you can welcome a refugee or asylum-seeking family into your community, or is your congregation already welcoming newcomers? Through welcoming, congregations can gain a greater sense of community, extend and receive hospitality, and develop a deeper understanding of God's love for all people. MCC will provide resources, education and support as congregations welcome a family together. To learn more visit [mcc.org/community-sponsorship](http://mcc.org/community-sponsorship) or contact [welcome@mcc.org](mailto:welcome@mcc.org).

**Webinar: Welcoming refugees in your community on Tuesday, April 12, 2-3 p.m. EDT:** Join MCC and Church World Service (CWS) to learn more about welcoming refugees in the United States. The webinar will address questions such as: Who are refugees and how do they come to the U.S.? What does the refugee resettlement process look like? Learn about ways churches can get involved. More information and registration at [mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar](http://mcc.org/welcoming-refugees-webinar).

## Youth Worker Webinar Series Continues

Ohio Conference is offering a series of free online seminars for youth workers during March, April and May. "Jesus as Model: Youth Ministry Reimagined" is the theme of this series, which features a variety of presenters.

April 12's topic will be **Cross-Generational Discipleship/Mentoring**

Seminars run from 7 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays: April 12, 19 and 26, and May 10, 17 and 24. Youth workers can choose to attend just a few individual seminars, or they can attend the entire series. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/2022YouthWorkerSeminars>