

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be family night activities this Wednesday evening but no activities for any ages December 21 & 28.

This week they will begin setting up for the Christmas program. The adults will be having a time of fellowship during the Sunday school hour next Sunday due to the adult classrooms being used for the program. The children will be having Sunday school as usual.

"A Night In Bethlehem" will be our Christmas program next Sunday evening, December 18! Come and experience the hustle and bustle in Bethlehem when Jesus was born! You will register for the census, get your photo taken and visit several trades in the town as well as the stable! Each station will have a craft to complete that you can take home with you! Travel through as a family or with friends, then enjoy some refreshments afterwards in the Family Life Center. This is a great outreach in showing the true meaning of Christmas! Everyone is welcome! Feel free to come anytime from 6-8pm.

If anyone has any of the following items that could be borrowed for the Christmas program on December 18 please talk to Mervin Kurtz or Helen Schlabach: E-Z Up canopies or tents (we need several). Also large baskets or urns or terra cotta pots. Please make sure your items are marked, so they can be returned to you. Thank you.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a member or getting baptized talk to Pastor Matt or Pastor Mervin. We hope to begin classes in January.

Be sure and purchase Lorene Hershberger's delicious candy in the gathering area now through Christmas.

Sign-up on the bulletin board to volunteer to host the Hospitality Center for a month. A list of the duties is included on the sign-up sheet.

Beginning January 4 we will be having a men's and women's bible study every other Wednesday evening. The women will be studying the book "The Best Yes" by Lysa TerKeurst led by Sheila Shoup and the men "What's on Your Mind?" by Merlin Carothers led by Dave Schlupe. Sign up today at the tables in the gathering area if you plan to attend, so we can order the correct number of books. The other weeks we will have a combined men & women's bible study led by Pastor Matt

Thanks to your support of the 2016 Harvest Festival we were able to help a local family with \$1,900 and put \$16,777 into the building fund.

The 1st Quarter financial reports are in your mailboxes. Thank you for your financial support of the church. The 1st quarter report shows that our expenses were \$4,500 greater than our operating income. In order to balance the operating income to the expenses we only need to increase our average weekly offering by \$350. Thank you again for your generous support!

Join us for a community benefit supper here at the church on Saturday, December 17, from 5:00-8:00pm for Charles Gibbs. Charles is a member of the Wilmot community and is battling cancer. If you have any questions or would like to help fix & serve food contact Candace Riffle. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

Be sure to check out the Love INC Fresh Start schedule on the bulletin board. This begins tomorrow evening, December 12, at Martins Creek Mennonite and will be held the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month with 1 to 1 mentoring and workshops on different topics.

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups Christmas program on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. www.ccscomets.org

Alumni Night, December 23 at Central Christian. Smoked Pork dinner 5-7pm by donation. Varsity girls basketball 6pm and Varsity boys basketball at 7:30pm vs Mansfield Christian. All alumni get in free. www.ccscomets.org

Happy Birthday!!

Mary Bontrager, Carrie Hamsher, Mose Erb, Helen Schlabach

Happy Anniversary!!

Dave & Sharol Schlupe

Dates to Remember:

- **December 18 – Christmas program at 6:00pm
- **December 24 – Christmas Eve services 6:00pm
- **December 25 – No Sunday School - worship at 9:00am
- **January 1 – 10:00am worship with no Sunday School
- **February 24 – 26 – Dinner Theater
- **March 31 – April 1, 2017 marriage retreat.

SENIORS

**The Seniors will be meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month for a time of food and fellowship at *Amish Door* at 8:30am. You are welcome to attend, regardless of age.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Ladies be sure to join us for the sewing on Wednesday, December 14. Lunch will be provided by Delores Raber.
**December 16 Christmas cookie swap at 7:00pm. Bring 1 dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to swap. We will also be frosting cookies throughout the night. Come fellowship and enjoy a fun night of Christmas festivities. Contact Kaprice Mast at 330-201-0565 with questions

YOUTH & POST HIGH

- **December 14 – decorate church for Christmas program
- **December 18 – Christmas program 6:00pm
- **December 21 – no church
- **December 28 – no church
- **December 31 – New Year's Eve party - more details later

JR YOUTH

- **December 14 – decorate church for Christmas program

This Week at LMC

Today

Noon Jr Youth Christmas Party
Church Reserved

Tuesday

Noon-5pm Save & Serve

Wednesday

All day Sewing
6:30pm Family Night Activities
Adult Bible Study
Youth, Post High, & Jr Youth
Kids Club

Thursday

2:00pm Beach City Bible Study

Friday

7:00pm Ladies Christmas cookie swap

Saturday

7:30am MMP Prayer Breakfast at Farmstead
5-8pm Charles Gibbs benefit

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ramseyer family, Al Yoder, Youth & Post High
Mission Trip
Continued prayers for those with cancer:
Lee Byler, Brittney Host, Freida Mast, Kristin Porter,
David Miller, Iva Yoder, Charles Gibbs, Nicole
Wheeler, Becky Pretzeus

MONGOLIA MISSIONARIES:

Laura Schlabach

FOR THE RECORD Sunday December 4, 2016

Offering: \$4719.00 Love Offering: \$150.00
Let's Grow Together Campaign: \$520.00
SS Attendance: 99 Attendance: 126

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday School: Kristin Raber, Amanda Mast
Worship: Kristle Weaver, Andrea Hamsher

The Mission

of Longenecker Mennonite Church is to call individuals to a growing, personal relationship with Jesus Christ by demonstrating His love through everything we do and by providing opportunities for Worship, Nurture, Fellowship and Service.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sunday School 9:00am

Worship Service 10:10am

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One Call Now: 1-877-698-3261

(Call this number to listen to the prayer chain.)

Welcome to Longenecker Mennonite Church



December 11, 2016

Worship 10:10 am

Prelude: Carrie Hamsher

Welcome: Nelson Weaver

Praising God in Song

Offering

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Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Greeting

Children's Story & Candle lighting

Scripture: Luke 1:39-56

Message: "JOY: The Lord is With You"

Matt Hamsher

Closing Song

Benediction