

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is welcome to come for a time of prayer for our church and our community in the Adult Sunday School class #1 on Sunday mornings from 8:30-9:00

Rhoda will be in the office this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

"A Night In Bethlehem" will be our Christmas program tonight! 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! All ages are welcome! Feel free to come anytime from 6-8pm.

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

There are Spidell Funeral Home calendars by the bulletin board for anyone who would like to have one.

Be sure to join us on December 24 at 6:00pm for a Christmas Eve candle lighting service. Let Pastor Matt know if you have special music or a reading to share.

On Christmas Day we will have the morning worship service at 9:00am with no Sunday School.

There will be no family night activities for any ages on December 21 & 28.

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.

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.

Thank you so much for the cookie plate and fruit tray from the sewing, the beautiful poinsettia, and all the cards and prayers. We want to wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Mose & Naomi Erb

We will begin Penny Power once again on the first Sunday of the month in January, so be sure to bring your change along on January 1.

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 Schluep. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board. The other weeks we will have a combined men & women's bible study led by Pastor Matt

If anyone uses the kitchen or family life center for any reason, especially on weekends, please remember to check the calendar on the bulletin board to see if anyone has it reserved so we can keep it ready for their use.

A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to help at Save & Serve on January 10, February 14, and March 14. Save & Serve will begin opening at 9:00am on January 1 instead of 8:30am. They have adjusted the cashier hours as well, so our hours are now from 1-5pm, with the ideal arrival time at 12:45pm.

We recommend that you speak with your tax advisor before year-end to see if there is any tax advantage to paying a portion of your 2017 giving/tithe and/or 2017 building fund contributions on or before December 31, 2016. If it's enacted and if it's effective for 2017, Trump's tax plan could make it harder for you to get a tax benefit from your charitable contributions in 2017. If you do make contributions in 2016 that would normally be made in 2017,

please let Yvonne know the amount(s) so she can plan for the reduced contributions in 2017.

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 and will be eligible for prize drawings. www.ccscomets.org

Camp Luz is hosting a mother daughter retreat on January 20 & 21. Rhoda Steiner will be will the speaker. For more information visit www.campluz.com or pick up a flyer by the bulletin board. Registration deadline is January 16.

Happy Birthday!!

Brian Raber, Shane Kurtz, Ernie Raber, Dean Yoder,
Mary Kurtz, Vicki Yoder, Lorene Hershberger

Happy Anniversary!!

Mose & Naomi Erb

Dates to Remember:

- **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.

YOUTH & POST HIGH

- **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 21 – no church
- **December 28 – no church

This Week at LMC

Today

6-8pm Christmas program

Saturday

6:00pm Christmas eve service

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ramseyer family, family of Becky Pretzeus,
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

MONGOLIA MISSIONARIES:

Laura Schlabach

FOR THE RECORD Sunday December 11, 2016

Offering: \$6993.00 Love Offering: \$105.00
Let's Grow Together Campaign: \$2860.00
SS Attendance: 106 Attendance: 151

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday School: Betty Miller, Mattie Yoder
Worship: Delores Raber, Emma Hershberger

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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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 18, 2016

Worship 10:10 am

Prelude: Michelle Raber

Welcome: Daniel Weaver

Praising God in Song

Offering

Praising God in Song

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Greeting

Children's Story & Candle lighting

Scripture: Luke 2:1-7

Message: "LOVE that Changed the

World"

Matt Hamsher

Closing Song

Benediction