

## 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.

There will be family night activities on December 7 and 14, but no activities for any ages on December 21 and 28.

Be sure and stop by the table in the gathering area and purchase some of Lorene Hershberger's delicious candy now through Christmas.

"A Night In Bethlehem" will be our Christmas program this year on December 18<sup>th</sup>! 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.

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.

There will be 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.

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.

"A Childlike Christmas", a musical celebration of Christ's birth, will be held on Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm at Martins Creek Mennonite Church to benefit the Holmes County Share-A-Christmas program. See the flyer on the bulletin board for more information.

"Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church (7843 Smucker Rd Smithville) on Sunday, December 4, from 5:30-7:30pm. Admission is one article of canned food or toiletries for "People to People Ministries". See bulletin board for more info.

The Orrville Community Chorus will present the Messiah by George Frederic Handel on Sunday, December 4, at 7:00pm at Central Christian. Admission is \$5. Students through 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be admitted free. Visit [www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org](http://www.orrvillecommunitychorus.org) for more information.

The final Everence "Retiring Soon" seminars will be held on December 6 at the Comfort Suites Hotel in Berlin and

on December 8 at the Everence office in Kidron. See the flyers on the bulletin board for more information

Central Christian School Events in Performing Arts Center:  
\*December 8 Elementary Christmas concert at 7:00pm  
\*Dec 15 High School Choir & instrumental group 7:00pm

### **Happy Birthday!!**

Alvin Hershberger, Eldon Hershberger, Riley Kline,  
William Hershberger

### **Happy Anniversary!!**

Mervin & Mary Kurtz

### **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
- \*\*February 24 – 26 – Dinner Theater
- \*\*March 31 – April 1, 2017 marriage retreat.

### **SENIORS**

\*\*The Seniors will be meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

\*\*Attention Ladies! Friday, December 16 at 7:00pm, we will be having a Christmas cookie swap! 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. Any questions contact Kaprice Mast at 330-201-0565

### **YOUTH & POST HIGH**

- \*\*December 7 – Retirement Home
- \*\*December 10 – Christmas banquet at the church at 6:00pm Bring a new wrapped \$15 gift for white elephant exchange
- \*\*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 7 – Retirement home

## This Week at LMC

### Wednesday

6:30pm Family Night Activities  
Adult Bible Study  
Youth, Post High, and Jr Youth at  
the Retirement Home  
Kids Club – the primary department  
will also be going to the Retirement Home

### Thursday

2:00pm Beach City Bible Study  
6:30pm Board Meeting

### Saturday

6:00pm Youth & Post High Christmas Banquet

### 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

### MONGOLIA MISSIONARIES:

Laura Schlabach

### HOSPITALITY CENTER:

December – Merlin & Rhoda Gingerich

### FOR THE RECORD Sunday November 27, 2016

Offering: \$2629.00

Let's Grow Together Campaign: \$1660.00

SS Attendance: 87 Attendance: 115

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday School: Becky Raber, Michelle Raber

Worship: Arlene Hershberger, Allison Gingerich

# 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

Longenecker Mennonite Church  
2200 Township Road 606, PO Box 112 Winesburg, Ohio 44690  
330-359-5155

[www.longeneckermennonite.com](http://www.longeneckermennonite.com)

**Sunday School 9:00am**

**Worship Service 10:10am**

#### Pastor:

Matt Hamsher 330-749-9692  
Email: [matthamsher@gmail.com](mailto:matthamsher@gmail.com)  
Office Hours: Tuesday- Friday 9-4

#### Associate Pastor of Youth:

Mervin Kurtz 330-473-7337  
Email: [twinsombrero2@gmail.com](mailto:twinsombrero2@gmail.com)  
Office Hours: Monday &  
Tuesday 9-4

#### Minister of Visitation:

Mary Yoder 330-893-2480

#### Administrative Assistant

Rhoda Gingerich 330-231-1149  
Office Hours: Tuesday,  
Thursday, and Friday 9-3  
Email: [lmcsecretary1@gmail.com](mailto:lmcsecretary1@gmail.com)

**One Call Now:** 1-877-698-3261

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

#### Elders:

Daniel Weaver 330-231-8865  
Lester Shoup 330-763-1920  
Nelson Weaver 330-231-2904  
Ernie Raber 330-466-3793

#### Youth Ministry:

Mary Kurtz 330-473-7338  
Jessica Miller 330-201-1708  
Bryce Hewitt 330-201-1228  
Krystal Hewitt 330-201-5356

#### Jr Youth Ministry:

Myron Mast 330-473-8787  
Lisa Mast 330-763-1396  
Travis Kurtz 330-473-2981

## Welcome to Longenecker Mennonite Church



**December 4, 2016**

**Worship 10:10 am**

**Prelude: Merlin Gingerich**

**Welcome: Ernie Raber**

**Praising God in Song**

**Offering**

**Praising God in Song**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer**

**Greeting**

**Children's Story & Candle lighting**

**Scripture: Luke 1:26-38**

**Message: "PEACE: Do Not Be Afraid"**

**Matt Hamsher**

**Closing Song**

**Benediction**