

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We have completed the filing process for our name change with the State of Ohio. You will see the name change reflected in the bulletin as well as on new church signs, a new logo, and an updated website that are all coming soon. While we will still be able to cash checks made out to Longenecker Mennonite Church, we would like to encourage everyone to make the switch to the new name: Longenecker Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship or LEAF for short.

Join us tonight at 6:30pm as Chuck & Jeanie Gatti will be sharing about their trip to the Holy Lands.

Bob Mortimer, will be the guest speaker for the morning service next Sunday. Bob is an evangelist, motivational speaker, author, and avid cyclist. He and his family have ridden across the USA twice. Bob pedals a handcycle with one arm. He had both legs and his left arm amputated after a car accident. Bob has been speaking about alcohol and drug abuse, overcoming challenges, and Being Our Best since the 1980's.

The Christmas program is next Sunday, December 17, at 6:30pm. All children are encouraged to attend the practice on Wednesday evening, which is the last practice before the program. Cookies will be provided following the program. *We are still in need of people to furnish 2 dozen cookies, so be sure to sign up today.*

Today is the last day to order greeting cards that the youth/post high are making for a fundraiser. Stop by the table in the gathering area after the service to see the different designs that are available. Cards are 6 for \$8 and 12 cards for \$14, the designs can be mixed and matched. Orders will be available for pick-up on December 24 and 31.

December 20 will be the last family night activity for adults and children until February 7.

Bible quizzing season is about to start! This year we are quizzing over portions of the book of Genesis. Quiz meets will begin January 7th, and practices will begin mid-December. Anyone 5th grade to age 20 can quiz; if you have any interest or questions, talk to Michelle Raber or Monica Miller.

On December 31 there will be an opportunity for sharing in place of the sermon. Everyone is encouraged to bring a testimony, a word of praise, or a Scripture passage that has been meaningful to them over the past year in order to praise God for what He has done for us and to encourage one another.

January 7 will be Remembrance Sunday. A time of remembering loves ones and saints of the church who have passed away. If there is someone you would like to especially remember please contact the church office to include their picture and/or name in the service. You may submit a new picture or use a picture that was previously used. Please submit all information by December 31.

Thanks for your support of the Harvest Festival in September. Thanks to you we were able to send \$1,500 to MDS for Hurricane Relief and pay down \$13,467.89 on the loan. Without your support this would not be possible.

Basket of Blessings is in need of supplies. Supplies needed are toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, lotion, hand soap, body wash for women and men, fabric softener, cotton swabs, plastic wrap, wax paper, aluminum foil, toilet cleanser, all-purpose cleaner, window cleaner, Clorox wipes, and pledge. There will be a basket for your donations and papers listing items needed set up in the gathering area by next Sunday. Your donations bless area people in need!!

On Tuesday, December 19th, a Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Millersburg Christian Church Life Center from 1-7pm. When you donate blood, you are benefiting Love INC at the same time! Pizza will be provided for all who come to donate!

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Thursday, December 14 at 7:00pm in the Performing Arts Center. CCS alumni are invited to join the orchestra for the annual playing of the Sleigh Ride.

Happy Birthday!!

Mary Bontrager, Carrie Hamsher

Happy Anniversary!!

Dave & Sharol Schlupe

Dates to Remember:

**December 10 – Chuck & Jeanie Gatti share at 6:30pm

**December 17 – Bob Mortimer, guest speaker

**December 17 – Christmas Program – 6:30pm.

**December 24 – There will be no Sunday School. The morning service will begin at 9:00am and include a candle lighting service. There will be no evening service.

SENIORS

Seniors meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at *Amish Door* at 8:30am for a time of fellowship. All ages are welcome.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

All women are invited to attend the sewing on Wednesday, December 13, for fellowship, knotting, and quilting. Regina Hershberger and Kristin Raber will provide the lunch. The project for this month is the Christmas boxes and plates.

YOUTH & POST HIGH

**December 13 – Bible Study

**December 17 – Christmas Program 6:30pm

**December 20 – make cards

**December 27 – No service

**December 31 – New Years Eve party at the church

JR YOUTH

**December 13 – Christmas Program Practice

**December 17 – Christmas Program 6:30pm

**December 20 – Bible Study

**February 9 – Lock-in

This Week at the LEAF

Today:

6:30pm Chuck & Jeanie Gatti share

Wednesday:

All Day Sewing
6:30pm Family Night Activities
Adult Bible Study, Primary - Jr Youth
Christmas Program Practice,
Youth Bible Study

Friday:

Noon Family Life Center/Kitchen reserved

Saturday:

7:30am MMP Prayer Breakfast at Farmstead
Family Life Center/Kitchen reserved

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Continued prayers for those with cancer:
Janet Shoup, Raymond Raber, Jeanie Gatti, Sam Kuhns,
Lee Byler, Nicole Wheeler, Janice Troyer, Atlee Mast and
his wife

MONGOLIA MISSIONARIES:

Laura Schlabach

HOSPITALITY CENTER:

December: Chuck & Jeanie Gatti and Allen & Karen Miller

FOR THE RECORD Sunday December 3, 2017

Offering: \$4186.00 Love: \$105.00
Let's Thrive Together Campaign: \$3620.00
SS Attendance: 91 Attendance: 151

NURSERY SCHEDULE

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

The Mission

of Longenecker Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship 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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Welcome to Longenecker Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship



December 10, 2017
Worship 10:10am

Prelude: *Merlin Gingerich*

Welcome: *Sharol Schlupe*

Advent Candle lighting

Praising God in Song

Offering

Praising God in Song

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Greeting

Scripture: *Luke 3:1-20*

Message: *"Prepare for the Lord"*

Matt Hamsher

Closing song

Benediction