

# 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.

For anyone that ordered poinsettias, please pick them up today in the gathering area. Any questions talk to Rhoda Gingerich.

There will be a Norwex open house fundraiser on Thursday, December 7 from 5-8:30pm. Proceeds will benefit our "Let's Thrive Together" Campaign. Contact Sheila Shoup with questions.

Sign up on the bulletin board if you would like to furnish 2 dozen cookies for after the Christmas Program at 6:30pm on December 17.

**Christmas Program:** The primary children through the jr youth have begun practicing for the program on Wednesday evenings. All children are encouraged to attend the practices, which will be held in the sanctuary. The Christmas Program is scheduled for December 17 at 6:30pm.

The youth/post high are making greeting cards to sell for a fundraiser. There will be a table set up in the gathering area after the service for the next several weeks so that you can 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 are due on Sunday, December 17 and will be available for pick-up on December 24 and 31.

Plan to join us on December 10 at 6:30pm as Chuck & Jeanie Gatti will be sharing about their trip to the Holy Lands.

**Christmas Boxes:** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate food for the Christmas boxes. Place your donations on the table in the gathering area by December 10. If you are furnishing cookies, please clearly mark that they are for Christmas boxes. Thank you for your help to brighten Christmas for others!

Sign-up are on the bulletin board to volunteer at Save & Serve on December 6 from 1-5pm.

The Share-A-Christmas Benefit Show is on Sunday, December 3, at 5:00pm at Martins Creek Mennonite. They will be telling the story of the first Christmas through skits and music. There will be a free will offering. Nursery will be provided and there will be finger foods after the show.

On Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 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!

The 29th year of "Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite (7843 Smucker Road Smithville), Sunday, December 3rd, from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a forty-five minute, indoor/outdoor, walk-through experience of what the first Christmas may have been like. Dress warmly! Handicap Accessible. Admission is one article of canned food or toiletries for People to People Ministries.

Central Christian Elementary School will present a Christmas Concert, *A Lamb's Tale*, on Thursday, December 7, at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

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!!

Alvin Hershberger, Eldon Hershberger,  
Riley Kline, William Hershberger

## Happy Anniversary!!

Mervin & Mary Kurtz

## Dates to Remember:

- \*\*December 7 – Norwex Open House Fundraiser 5-8:30pm
- \*\*December 10 – Chuck & Jeanie Gatti share at 6:30pm
- \*\*December 17 – Bob Mortimer, will be the guest speaker for the morning service. Bob has 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.
- \*\*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.
- \*\*December 27 – No family night activities

## SENIORS

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

## YOUTH & POST HIGH

- \*\*December 6 – Service Night
- \*\*December 9 – Christmas Banquet & gift card exchange at 6:00pm at the church
- \*\*December 13 – Bible Study
- \*\*December 20 – make cards
- \*\*December 27 – No service
- \*\*December 31 – New Years Eve party at the church

## JR YOUTH

- \*\*December 3 – Christmas Party & Gift Exchange today after the service. Parents can pick up their children at 3:00pm.
- \*\*December 6 – Christmas Program Practice
- \*\*December 13 – Christmas Program Practice
- \*\*December 20 – Bible Study
- \*\*December 27 – No service
- \*\*February 9 – Lock-in

## This Week at the LEAF

### Today:

Noon Jr Youth Banquet and Christmas Exchange

### Wednesday:

6:30pm Family Night Activities  
Adult Bible Study, Primary – Jr Youth  
Christmas program practice,  
Youth service night

### Thursday:

5-8:30pm Norwex Open House Fundraiser

### Saturday:

6:00pm Youth/Post High Christmas Banquet

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Continued prayers for those with cancer:

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 November 26, 2017

Offering: \$2872.00 Youth: \$40.00  
Let's Thrive Together Campaign: \$140.00  
SS Attendance: 97 Attendance: 138

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday School: Alice Todaro, Monica Miller  
Worship: Kristle Weaver, Andrea Hamsher

## 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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**Sunday School 9:00am**  
**Worship Service 10:10am**

### Pastor:

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

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

### Elders:

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### Youth Ministry:

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## Welcome to Longenecker Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship



**December 3, 2017**  
**Worship 10:10am**

**Prelude:** *Carrie Hamsher*

**Welcome:** *Les & Janet Shoup*

**Advent Candle lighting**

**Praising God in Song**

**Offering**

**Praising God in Song**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** *Luke 2:25-32*

**Message:** *"My Whole Being Waits"*

Matt Hamsher

**Closing song**

**Benediction**