

# NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are copies of ideas for saving money to help in contributing to the "Let's Thrive Together Campaign" from the Creative Giving Seminar several weeks ago, on the table by the bulletin board if anyone would like a copy.

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

Nevin & Selah Steiner have discontinued their landline phone service. Please use their cell numbers, found in the directory, to reach them.

Thank you to everyone who filled and donated shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Because of your generosity 56 shoeboxes were dropped off last Sunday!!

**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. Cookies will be served following the program.

**Christmas Boxes:** A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to donate food for the Christmas boxes. Thank you for your help to brighten Christmas for others! 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.

Today is the last day for saltines for our Holmes County Share-A-Christmas project, and also the hats and gloves. Thanks for all who donated and helped us exceed our goal of 300 boxes of saltines.

**Poinsettias:** Today is the last day to order beautiful poinsettias to raise money for Mongolia Missions. Order

forms and payment can be placed in the box provided by the bulletin board. Poinsettias can be picked up next Sunday.

Offerings are still collected in the Primary Sunday School classrooms each Sunday. The money the children donate is used to support a mission project. The past 2 years the monies were used to purchase school supplies--enough to donate 106 school kits to MCC for distribution in countries where children don't have the resources to purchase school supplies. Some money was also donated to Project Linus; a local project that supplies blankets to children that have experienced some kind of trauma or illness.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board to: 1) host the Hospitality Center for December. 2) volunteer at Save & Serve on December 6 from 1-5pm.

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

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 29<sup>th</sup> year of "Search for the Christ Child" will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite (7843 Smucker Road Smithville), Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 5:30-7:30pm. This is a forty-five minute, indoor/outdoor, walk-through experience. 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, Dec. 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. [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

## Happy Birthday!!

Emma Hershberger, Monica Miller, David Kuhns,  
Luis Wahl, Lauren Todaro

## Happy Anniversary!!

John & Irma Miller

## Dates to Remember:

- \*\*December 7 – Norwex Open House Fundraiser 5-8:30pm
- \*\*December 10 – Chuck & Jeanie Gatti share at 6:30pm
- \*\*December 17 – Christmas Program – 6:30pm. Cookies served afterwards.
- \*\*December 24 – There will be no Sunday School. The morning service will begin at 9:00am and include a candle lighting service and there will be no service in the evening.

## 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

- \*\*November 29 – fun night
- \*\*December 9 – Christmas Banquet & gift card exchange
- \*\*December 31 – New Years Eve party at the church

## JR YOUTH

- \*\*November 29 – Christmas Program Practice
- \*\*December 3 – Christmas Party & Gift Exchange. We will be staying after church for lunch and then exchanging gifts and playing games. If you exchanged names and won't be at the Christmas party, please give your gift to Kristle Weaver or Rhoda Gingerich, so that whoever's gift you have will receive a gift that day. Parents can pick up their children at 3:00pm.

## This Week at LMC

### Tuesday:

6:30pm Stitch & Share

### Wednesday:

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

### Saturday:

Family Life Center, Kitchen Reserved

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

Donna Shattuck, Brenton Schlabach, Earl Scheufler

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:

November: Chuck & Jeanie Gatti

### FOR THE RECORD Sunday November 26, 2017

Offering: \$4270.00 Love Offering: \$10.00  
Let's Thrive Together Campaign: \$2165.00  
SS Attendance: 120 Attendance: 158

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

Sunday School: Becky Raber, Monica Miller  
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

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**Sunday School 9:00am**

**Worship Service 10:10am**

### Pastor:

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### Administrative Assistant

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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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Dave Schlupe 740-808-2402

### Youth Ministry:

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Merlin G. 330-275-6728  
Rhoda G. 330-231-1149  
Daniel Weaver 330-231-8865  
Kristle Weaver 330-231-8864

## Welcome to Longenecker Mennonite Church



**November 26, 2017**

**Worship 10:10am**

**Prelude:** *Merlin Gingerich*

**Welcome:** *Nelson Weaver*

**Praising God in Song**

**Offering**

**Praising God in Song**

**Sharing Joys & Concerns**

**Prayer**

**Greeting**

**Scripture:** *Acts 1:8*

**Message:** *"Come Holy Spirit Come"*

Mervin Kurtz

**Closing song**

**Benediction**