

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Office Hours: Rhoda will be in the office this week on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.

Christmas Boxes and Plates: Be sure to sign up today to help furnish items for the Christmas boxes and plates. All items are due next Sunday, December 15. Thank you for helping those in need in our community and our church.

Christmas Program: We will be having a Christmas program on Sunday evening, December 15, at 6:00pm. Please sign up on the bulletin board to bring cookies or a salty snack for refreshments following the program. Thanks for your help!

Christmas Program Practice: We are excited for the Christmas program this year and will be having 2 practices to get ready for the program. The persons involved in the program include the worship team, students in Delores Raber's Sunday school class, and the Jr Youth Sunday school class. If you or your child is in the program please plan to attend practice on Wednesday evening, December 11, at 6:30pm and Sunday morning, December 15, during Sunday school at 9:00am.

Christmas Eve Service: Be sure to mark your calendars and plan to attend the Christmas Eve service at 6:30pm on December 24.

New Members: We will soon be receiving several new members into our congregation. Please talk to Pastor Mervin if you would like to be taken in as a member.

Locking the doors: A reminder to everyone, that if you are the last person to leave the church, please make sure all the front doors are latched properly before you leave. Normally the front doors will latch on their own, but sometimes they don't.

Also, keep in mind that if you unlock the kitchen door from the inside it needs to be locked from the inside. If you unlock it with a key, it needs to be locked with the key. If you unlock it with the key and lock it on the inside, it will not be locked.

Bible Quizzing: will begin in January, and meets are held on Sunday afternoons through mid-March. Quizzing is a fun way to learn God's Word and build friendships! This year,

quizzers will be studying the story of Joseph from the book of Genesis and the book of Esther. Anyone 5th grade through age 20 can quiz, so please contact Monica Miller or Michelle Raber if you are interested or have any questions!

Hospitality Center: Please sign up on the bulletin board to host the hospitality center next year. At the board meeting on Tuesday evening, it was decided that the elders will get several pots of coffee ready in the morning when they get here and the volunteer needs to be here by 8:30am. Their main responsibility is to keep the coffee going and then to clean up the hospitality center following the service.

Thank you: Dear church family, Thank you for your love and prayers while Sam was ill. The visits, meals, and gifts meant a lot. Thank you for coming to calling hours and the funeral. A special thanks to Pastor Mervin, Pastor Matt, Pastor Walt Morton, Nevin and Selah Steiner, and Barb Steiner. A special thanks to the kitchen crew. Our family's journey through this difficult time was made easier by all who showed the love of Jesus to us. God bless!

Ruby and the Sam Kuhns family

Wednesday evening family night services: There will be no family night services on December 25 and January 1.

Sonnenberg Station: will be at Berlin Mennonite Church on Sunday, December 15, at 7:00pm for a delightful evening of Christmas music you won't soon forget. Sonnenberg Station is an 18-voice men's choral ensemble based in Kidron, Ohio. This season's Christmas performances will inspire and uplift with a sprinkling of humor tossed in for good measure as the group adds their own flavor to pieces representing a variety of cultures, eras, and styles. A love offering will be taken at intermission.

"Search for the Christ Child": will be held at Oak Grove Mennonite Church on Sunday, December 8, from 5-7pm. The church is located at 7843 Smucker Road in Smithville. This is a 45 minute, indoor/outdoor walk-through experience of what the first Christmas may have been like. Dress warmly! The church is handicap accessible. Admission is one canned food item or toiletries for People to People Ministries. Everyone is welcome!

Happy Birthday!!

William Hershberger, Mary Bontrager

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 11 – Christmas program practice at 6:30pm for those involved in the program.

December 15 – Christmas program practice during Sunday school for those involved in the program.

December 15 – Christmas program at 6:00pm

December 24 – Christmas Eve service at 6:30pm

January 12 – Youth/Young Adult Lunch Fundraiser

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Sewing: The women's sewing will be meeting on December 11 to quilt and knot comforters. We will enjoy a meal prepared by Helen Schlabach. Our project for December is providing items for the Christmas boxes and plates that will be made and distributed on December 18. Come and enjoy the day of fellowship.

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

December 11 – Beacon Café at 6:30pm

December 14 – Christmas Banquet at 5:30pm at the church.

Please bring a \$15 gift that is suitable for everyone.

December 18 – Fun Night

January 12 – Lunch Fundraiser

January 18 – Movie Night

JR YOUTH

December 20 at 7:00pm – The jr youth will be having a \$15 gift card exchange. We will have snacks, games, and the exchange.

HOSPITALITY CENTER: December – Nelson Weaver

NEW SONG: December – He Shall Reign Forevermore
by Chris Tomlin

NURSERY SCHEDULE: SS: Mattie Yoder, Rosanna Miller
Worship: Amanda Mast, Arlene Hershberger

This Week at the LEAF

Today:

Church Reserved

Wednesday:

All Day Sewing
6:30pm Family Night Activities

**Christmas Program practice – please attend this practice if you are in the program!

Friday:

Church Reserved

Saturday:

5:30pm Youth/Young Adult Christmas Program

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Malinda Miller, Allen Miller, Martin Yoder, Pastoral Search

Continued prayers for those with cancer:

Phoebe Killy, Paul Miller, Roy Miller, Jeanie Gatti,
Nicole Wheeler, Janice Troyer, Atlee Mast, Janet
Swisher, Chris Miller, Paula Dodd, Sally Yoder,
Kristen Bietzel

MONGOLIA & NICARAGUA MISSIONARIES:

Laura Schlabach

Valentin & Judith Herrera; Melvin & Paola Mendez & family

FOR THE RECORD Sunday, December 1, 2019

Offering: \$2,006.00 Let's Thrive: \$610.00

Love Fund: \$50.00

SS Attendance: 85 Attendance: 113



The Mission

of LEAF 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 Evangelical Anabaptist Fellowship



December 8, 2019

Sunday School: 9:00am

Worship 10:10 am

Prelude: *Monica Miller*

Welcome: *Dave Schluep*

Advent Candle Lighting: *Joe & Rosanna Miller*

Praising God in Song

Offering

Praising God in Song

Sharing Joys & Concerns

Prayer

Greeting

Scripture: *Romans 5:1-5*

Message: *"The Gift of Access"*

Mervin Kurtz

Closing Song

Benediction