

## NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

During this Christmas season our theme is to “Expect the Unexpected.” This requires us to always be on the lookout for His awesome deeds. During advent, and throughout our lives, interruptions will happen and things will not go as we planned. If we stumble because of things unexpected, or we’re not sure what comes next - that’s alright. God rejoices when His people remain ready and alert!

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This is the 2nd Christmas we have been privileged to celebrate with Longenecker. Thank you for the cards and gifts! We wish you all Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. God bless you all. *Janet and Dean*

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Bible Quizzing season will begin soon. It’s a great way for Youth and Jr. Youth to get into and learn God’s Word. This year, quizzing will be over the book of John and will run from January 2<sup>nd</sup> through March 25<sup>th</sup>; matches are usually Sunday afternoons. We will begin practicing this week. If you have any questions or are interested please talk to Ernie or Delores Raber.

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Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery on Sunday mornings; please sign up on the sheet provided on the bulletin board. Also, if you can help with the preschoolers on Wednesday evenings, please contact Amanda Mast.

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We will not have family night on December 28<sup>th</sup>.

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Sunday, January 1<sup>st</sup> we will have one service beginning at 9:00 am. We will not have Sunday school. The service will include baptism and the taking in of new members.

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The pastoral candidate weekend will be January 21 & 22. More details will be provided at a later date.

Mark your calendars now! Jeff Polen will be here Sunday evening, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 pm.

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Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> we will have one service at Behalt in Berlin.

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Four volunteers are needed to work at Save & Serve on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to help or have questions, contact Lorene Hershberger.

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Please check the lost & found for items that may be yours.

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Lori will be in the office on Wednesday, and Michelle will be in on Thursday and Friday this week.

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The Sight & Sound trip is planned for April 18-20, 2012. The itinerary along with prices and a sign-up sheet are in the foyer; please note that there are only 36 seats available. We ask that you make a \$100.00 down payment (or, if you wish, you may make payment in full) when you sign up; you may turn your money into Lori in the office. Thank you.

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Alumni Coffee House, December 30, at 7:00 pm, in the PAC lobby. Grab some coffee and dessert, and kick back for a fun and relaxing evening of musical entertainment by alumni performers and Tim Shue. [www.ccscomets.org](http://www.ccscomets.org)

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Mothers and Daughters, Camp Luz is hosting its annual Mother-Daughter retreat January 27-28, 2012. The speaker this year is Naomi Engle, Co-Pastor at West Clinton Mennonite Church. The theme is “Brave, Beautiful, and Beloved”. More information is available at [www.campluz.com](http://www.campluz.com).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michael Shoup, Zandra Miller, Miriam Miller,  
Aaron Edinger, Lindsey Mast

### SENIORS

Every Wednesday at 8:30 am, our seniors meet for a time of food and fellowship at the Mountain Top Restaurant in Mt. Eaton. You are welcome to attend, regardless of age.

### JR. YOUTH

Mark your calendars now for upcoming events!

- \*January 22 - Tubing
- \*February 24-25 - Lock in (at the church)
- \*March 11 - Bowling
- \*April Scavenger Hunt (to be announced)

### YOUTH

#### Youth This Week:

Wednesday – Christmas Dinner at Rockne’s in Massillon.  
Meet at the Raber’s at 5:00 pm; bring money for your meal.  
Friday - New Years Eve Party at the church @ 7:00 pm

#### Coming Up:

January 4 – Mission Impossible @ 6:30 at church

### NURSERY SCHEDULE

#### Today:

**No Sunday school**

**One Service:** Melissa Troyer, Mattie Yoder, Alice Todaro

#### Next Week:

**No Sunday school**

**One service:** Amanda Mast

### PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for discernment for the church family; pray for Interim Pastor, Dean & Janet, for God’s leading in their next steps; and please keep the pastoral candidate, Matt Flinner, and Martins Creek Mennonite in your prayers.

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Candas Riffle - Donna Mattison - Fannie Yoder - Fannie Garber - Mose & Naomi Erb - college students – schools – Alta Miller – Board - Administrative Assistant

#### MONGOLIA MISSIONARIES:

Laura Schlabach, Tonya Starner

# GATHERING

## ISAIAH 64:1-4

Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,  
that the mountains would tremble before you!  
As when fire sets twigs ablaze  
and causes water to boil,  
come down to make your name known to your enemies  
and cause the nations to quake before you!  
For when you did awesome things that we did not expect,  
you came down, and the mountains trembled before you.  
Since ancient times no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who acts on behalf of those who wait for him.



## This Week at LMC

### Today

3:00 pm Reserve

### Tuesday

2:00 pm Bible Study @ Beach City  
6:30 pm prayer time  
6:30 pm Stitch & Share

### Wednesday

5:00 pm Youth - meet at Raber's - Christmas  
Dinner at Rockne's in Massillon  
No Family night  
8:00 pm Worship Team practice

### Friday

7:00 pm Youth - New Year's Eve Party at church

## FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, December 18, 2011

Offering \$ 6,191.00 Building Fund \$ 2,095.00

College Fund \$ 37.00

Attendance 163

SS Attendance 123

The  
Mission of the 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 9:30; Worship 8:15 & 10:30**

### Pastor:

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

Office Hours: 9:00 am-3:00 pm Tuesday, Thursday, Friday



# LONGENECKER MENNONITE Church

Sunday, December 25, 2011  
Christmas Day

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