

NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Christmas Season is here. Our theme this year 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!

No words can describe the Thank You that we feel for our church families, for your prayers, encouragement, food, etc. through this time of our loss. We have felt your compassion and prayers. Each one of you is special to us. Dustin will be missed deeply and will be in our hearts forever. Someday we will meet him again, and what a joyous reunion that will be.

Norm, Clara, Debra, BJ & Drew

Sunday, December 25th and Sunday, January 1st we will have one service beginning at 9:00 am. We will not have Sunday School on these mornings. The January 1st service will include baptism and the taking in of new members.

There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board to help with items for Christmas boxes.

Please contact one of the Women’s Ministry (*Gloria Winkler, Mary Miller, Miriam Kline, or Tara Hostetler*) if you would like to help supply household items for a family in need.

Are you interested in helping the Harvest Festival grow? Would you like to organize the event and help others come up with new and exciting ideas? Here is your opportunity! The Church Board is currently exploring the idea of creating a Harvest Festival Ministry that will organize and grow the event over the coming years. Please mention your interest to Church Board Chairperson, Ernie Raber, in the next couple of weeks.

The Sight & Sound trip is being planned for April 18-20, 2012. The 3 day/2 night trip will include the Flight 93 Memorial, shopping, Jonah at Sight & Sound Theatre and a visit to Central Market. We are still working out a few details, but if you plan to attend, the prices and sign-up sheet are on the bulletin board. Please note that there are only 36 seats available.

The children’s Christmas program is scheduled for Sunday evening, December 11, at 6:00 pm. The primary children and Jr. Youth are having practices on Wednesday evenings. Please bring your children to each practice if at all possible.

The youth are selling Christmas cookies! The cookies will be ready for pick-up on Sunday, December 18. New this year, we are offering cut-out cookies without icing, so you may ice your own if you like. See one of the youth or the bulletin board to order.

“Jesus Came Down to Find You”, a musical celebration of Christ’s birth, will be held on Sunday, December 4th, at 5:00 pm at the Martins Creek Mennonite Church. A free-will offering will be taken, and all proceeds will go to the Holmes County Share-A-Christmas program.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Devin Carbenia, Alvin Hershberger, Eldon Hershberger, Riley Kline, Roman Beachy, William Hershberger, Nicole Hostetler
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mervin & Mary Kurtz

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!

- *December 16 - PJ party at the Kurtz’s at 6:30 pm
- *January 22 - Tubing
- *February 24-25 - Lock in (at the church)
- *March 11 - Bowling
- *April Scavenger Hunt (to be announced)

YOUTH

Youth This Week:

December 4 – Christmas Caroling
December 7 – Christmas Program Practice @ 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

December 11 – Christmas Program
December 14 – Bible Study at Church @ 6:30 pm
December 15, 16, & 17 – Making Cookies
December 21 – Walnut Hills Retirement Home – Leaving church @ 6:00 pm

NURSERY SCHEDULE

Today

Sunday School: *Betty Miller, Janet Shoup*
First Service: *Miriam Yoder*
Second Service: *Laura Hershberger, Monica Raber*

Next Week

Sunday School: *Alice Todaro, Michelle Raber*
First Service: *Kristin Raber*
Second Service: *Mary Kurtz, Lisa Miller*

PRAYER REQUESTS

Remember to pray for the Staff Search Team (*Diane Duff, Krystal Hewitt, Dave Kline, Jerry Shoup, Eric Smith, Melissa Troyer and Justin Yoder*). Pray for discernment for the church family; pray for Interim Pastor, Dean & Janet, for God’s leading in their next steps; and finally, please keep the incoming pastor (whoever that may be) and their congregation in your prayers.

Mike Troyer - Connie, Logan & Baby Evjen- Candas Riffle - Yoder Family - Roman Beachy - Donna Mattison - Fannie Yoder - Fannie Garber - Mose & Naomi Erb - college students – Schools – Alta Miller – Board-
MISSIONARIES IN MONGOLIA
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.

In respect of those around you,
please remember to turn your cell phones off.
Our nursery is staffed to care for children ages 0-2;
please feel free to use it.

This Week at LMC

Today	Youth Christmas Caroling	
Tuesday	9:30 am	Staff Meeting
	2:00 pm	Bible Study @ Beach City
	6:30 pm	prayer time
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Supper
	6:30 pm	Adult Bible Study
		Primary Program Practice
		Youth Program Practice
	8:00 pm	Worship Team practice

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, November 27, 2011

Offering \$ 3,370.00
Attendance 179 SS Attendance 131

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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LONGENECKER MENNONITE Church

Sunday, December 4, 2011
Second Sunday of Advent

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