

Today

8:30-9:15am Coffee and Connections in the fellowship hall
Nursery – Rose Miller/Averie Nofziger; Sunday School – Joilyn Waidelich
Sound – Caleb Waidelich; Video – Todd Schmucker; Projection – Brian Rufenacht
10:45am Sunday School classes for all ages

This Week at Lockport

TUESDAY

6:30am Leadership Team meeting
Lockport will be hosting the Community Meal at St. John's Christian Church in Archbold

WEDNESDAY

6-8:00pm JYF (5th-8th) Christmas Party at Jeff and Angie's! Supper will be provided. Bring your favorite King Size Candy Bar and \$3. See you there!
7:00pm The MYF (9th-12th) will be meeting at the church for a Faith Night.

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30-9:15 Coffee and Connection in the fellowship hall
9:30am Pastor Gary Stuckey will bring the morning message. Other participants will be Laurin Wyse – worship leader; Ashley Stuckey – scripture reader; Keith Short - chorister; Primary Children – special music, Natalie Schmucker & Natelie Weaver – candlelighters and there will be a drama.
Sound – Al Stuckey; Video – Brody Beck; Projection – Doug Nofziger
Nursery – Natalie Schmucker/Amanda Wyse; Sunday School – Taylor Waidelich
6:30pm Longest Night Service

Sharing Together in Community

We extend birthday greetings to **Donna Kauffman** who will celebrate her 81st birthday on Tuesday, December 17 and to **Lowell Beck** who will celebrate his 95th birthday on Wednesday, December 18!

Christmas Giving It was suggested by Barb Mabus that we collect hats, gloves, and socks to be sent to those in need in Marshall, North Carolina. You can place your items in the basket in the mailbox area. Today, December 15, is the last day to bring in your items.

Thank You's

Just a brief note to thank you all for your kind words, prayers, support, and love shown to Jim & I this year. In January it will be one year since I was diagnosed with cancer. This has been a challenging time, but God has been good to us in all ways, helping us stay positive in His plans. I cherish your love and have kept the positive notes from the youth. It does help when things get rough. Sending love your way.
Happy Holidays, Veria & Jim Frank

We would like to thank the Visitation Committee for their visit, the fruit basket and poinsettia that they gave us last Friday. We would also like to thank the Christmas Carolers that came to our house on Sunday. It was all appreciated very much!
Sherm & Linda Hathaway

Cookies Needed On Sunday, December 29, there will not be any Sunday School for any of the classes, but instead we will be having a time of fellowship following the church service. If you would be willing to provide cookies for the Christmas fellowship time, please sign your name on the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you decide to bring cookies with peanuts or tree nuts, please mark the containers and keep them separate from the other cookies. The cookies can be brought to the fellowship hall kitchenette before the morning service. We appreciate your help and look forward to this time of celebration. If you have any questions, you may contact anyone on the Leadership Team.

The Longest Night Service: Join us on Sunday evening, December 22, at 6:30pm. The Longest Night Service is especially for those who are missing a loved one this holiday season or wrestling with the pain of conflict or strained relationships in the family. It is a service of grief and lament in the midst of this "most wonderful time of the year." We'll read scripture, pray together, worship and reflect through music, and light candles to remember loved ones and that the light of Christ shines in the darkness. Childcare will be provided.

End of Year Giving The Mission Committee has been given several suggestions for end of the year giving for those who are interested. Youth for Christ is in need of extra funding for their mission of spreading the gospel to young people in the Stryker area. Aaron & Kristen Short from Haven Homes in Detroit, Michigan, are hoping to finish up the 2nd house they're remodeling. This home will house women who are turning their lives around from human trafficking. Several groups from Lockport have helped on this house but funds are needed because of a break-in and theft of the furnace etc. Items were found and returned but they have the extra cost of reinstalling the furnace etc. If anyone would like to give to one or both needs, please mark your giving envelopes with a notation so Kent knows where to send the funds. Thank you for your generous giving on behalf of these organizations. The Missions Committee – Vern & Bette Dahl, Chris & Donna Keiser, Rose Miller, Mike & Linda Stuckey

Prayer List

Prayers of Intercession for:
Steve Waidelich, as he recovers
from cataract surgery
Shauna Rasor, as she recovers
from surgery

Those with health concerns:
Cooper Stuckey, Rod Miller,
Nancy Crossgrove, Rollin Miller,
Sherm Hathaway, Donna Kelly,
Deb Votaw, Dave Votaw, Harvey
Bok, Bruce Yancey, Veria Frank,
Barb Mabus, Jon Stuckey, Ron
Stockburger, Larry Langenderfer,
Carl Short, Alice Risser, Kent
Juillard, Laura Nafziger, Dr. Gery
Williams, Harold Banks, Felicia
Stuckey, Verlene Drohan, Mark
Stamm, Robert Reyes, Isaac
Grieser, Keith Schroeder, Tyler
Mignin, Stella Campbell
Our Church Family:
Richard & Conna Grieser,
Seniors of the week

The Church in Mission

Lukas Schaffner family,
serving with Life Action in
Michigan

Isaac and Jacinda Dahl,
serving with MCC in Juarez,
Mexico

Stryker Emergency Pantry
Fish Food Pantry
Shepherd's Circle

Pray for Wendell & Melanie
Nofziger & family, serving in
Costa Rica (Mission Minder)

Global Requests

The Russian Ukraine turmoil
Conflict in Middle East
Hurricane Helene & Milton
cleanup

Other Requests

Attendance & Offerings Last Sunday

Worship Service	146
Budget	\$4,916.00
Capital Fund	\$275.00
Reach Up	\$215.00
Dollar Fund	\$68.00
Primary Sunday School	\$8.30

Coming Events

Dec 22	Longest Night Service
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service

Mission Minders

Pray for protection for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger, their family, and those at the VidaNet base. Pray for God's truth and light to shine.

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December 15, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Congregational Singing

Offering

Sharing and Prayer

Drama: "It's Just What I Always Wanted"

Congregational Song

Scripture Zephaniah 3:11-20

Sermon "Singing for Joy"

Song of Response

Sending

Prelude & Offertory – Chris Keiser

Worship Leader – Jen Cobb

Lighting Advent Candles – Ember Stuckey, Averie Nofziger, Tucker King

Congregational Singing - Band led by Erika Nofziger

Sharing and Prayer – Pastor Gary Stuckey

Drama – Jr. High Boys

Scripture Reader – Brody Beck

Sermon – Pastor Matt Weaver