

Today

8:30-9:15am Coffee and Connections in the fellowship hall
Nursery – Pete & Luana King; Sunday School – Lisa Waidelich
Sound – Caleb Waidelich; Video – Todd Schmucker; Projection – Brian Rufenacht
10:45am Sunday School classes for all ages
4:04pm The bus will be leaving the church parking lot to take those wanting to go Christmas Caroling.

This Week at Lockport

TUESDAY

9:00am Worship Planning meeting

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm The MYF will be meeting in the basement kitchen to bake Christmas cookies.

SATURDAY

5:45pm The bus will be leaving the church parking lot to take the Lockport Seniors 60+ to Lakeview United Brethren Church, Camden, MI to see the Christmas musical “Love Came Down at Christmas”.

NEXT SUNDAY

8:30-9:15 Coffee and Connection in the fellowship hall
9:30am Pastor Matt Weaver will bring the morning message. Other participants will be Jen Cobb – worship leader; Brody Beck – scripture reader; Chris Keiser – prelude & offertory; Erika Nofziger - band; Jr. High Boys – drama and Ember Stuckey, Averie Nofziger & Tucker King – candlelighters.
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Nursery – Rose Miller/Averie Nofziger; Sunday School – Joilyn Waidelich

Sharing Together in Community

We extend birthday greetings to *Karen Short* who will celebrate her 82nd birthday next Sunday, December 15 and to *Randy Kauffman* who will celebrate his 75th birthday also next Sunday, December 15!

Thank you to all of you for your generous giving to the Missions offering for our brothers and sisters at Good Shepherd Mennonite Church. The total giving was \$26,120.

A Christmas Concert, “Dona Nobis Pacem” will be given at Zion Mennonite Church, Archbold, on Sunday evening, December 8 at 7:00pm.

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. You can bring items in until December 15.

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

Medicare Education Everence will be hosting a Medicare education session on Monday, December 9 at 6:30pm. This will be a Zoom meeting. Please go to www.everence.com and search for Medicare Monday and click on the December 9, 2024 session to register for this event.

Prayer List

Prayers of Intercession for:

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, Shauna Rason, Stella
Campbell

Our Church Family:

Janet Foth & Gloria Graber,
Seniors of the week

The Church in Mission

Mike & Linda Stuckey serving
with MDS in Texas

Jon & Jenny Stuckey serving with
MDS in Mississippi

Lukas Schaffner family,
serving with Life Action in
Michigan

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

JJ Safehouse

Friendship House, Archbold

Noah House, Pettisville

Pray for Gerry & Donna Keener as
they support the Vietnamese
Mennonite Church (Mission
Minder)

Global Requests

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

Other Requests

Attendance & Offerings Last Sunday

Worship Service	160
Budget	\$4,325.00
Dollar Fund	\$338.00
Reach Up	\$215.00
Christmas Cheer	\$200.00
YFC - Thanksgiving	\$60.00
Capital Fund	\$20.00
Primary Sunday School	\$8.86

Coming Events

Dec 17	Lockport hosts the community meal
Dec 22	Longest Night Service
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service

Mission Minders

Pray for Gerry and Donna Keener as they continue to support and encourage the Vietnamese Mennonite Church. Pray for continuing vision and resources for the Vietnam Mennonite leaders to continue to reach out and lead the church into maturity.

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Lockport Mennonite Church

December 8, 2024

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Advent Candle Lighting

Congregational Singing

Sharing and Prayer

Children's Lesson

Offering

Congregational Song

Scripture Malachi 3:1-7

Sermon "Preparing the Way of Peace"

Song of Response

Sending

Worship Leader – Aaron Stuckey
Lighting Advent Candles – Lydia, Jade & Violet Frey
Congregational Singing - Band
Sharing and Prayer – Pastor Gary Stuckey
Children's Lesson – Megan Weaver
Scripture Reader – Vern Dahl
Message – Pastor Matt Weaver