

Today

Nursery – Natalie Schmucker (Elaine Frey); Sunday School – Erika Nofziger
Sound – Rod Miller; Video – Todd Schmucker; Projection – Colton Nofziger
10:45am Sunday School classes for all ages
3:00pm The bus will be leaving to take the Lockport Seniors 60+ to see the
Christmas musical “Christmas Changes Everything”.

This Week at Lockport

TUESDAY

Lockport will be hosting the Community Meal in Archbold. If you can help
serve and/or bring a dessert, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer.
6:30pm Leadership Team meeting

WEDNESDAY

6-8:00pm JYF Christmas Party at Jeff and Angie Wyse’s house.
7:00pm Life Planning will be meeting. How can we prepare ourselves for the
various things that come our way in life? Come as we learn together about
trying to stay the course as we keep our eyes on Jesus. Don’t forget your
plans for your paper airplanes. We will give you supplies to make them.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am Pastor Matt Weaver will bring the morning message. Other participants
will be Jeff Roth – worship leader; Brian Rufenacht – scripture reader;
Natalie Schmucker – prelude; Cris Keiser – offertory; Keith Short – chorister;
Aaron Wyse & Mackenzie Wyse – Advent candle lighters; Kids – special
music and there will be a drama.
Nursery – Jenny Stuckey (Donna Chupp); Sunday School – Luana King
Sound – Rod Miller; Video – Todd Schmucker; Projection – Colton Nofziger

Sharing Together in Community

We extend birthday greetings to *Karen Short* who will celebrate her 81st birthday
on Friday, December 15 and to *Donna Kauffman* who will celebrate her 80th
birthday next Sunday, December 17!

Thank you Dear Pastors, Brothers & Sisters from Lockport, We praise the Lord for
the way your church and believers in your church came together to help us lead and
volunteer at The Sanctuary Homeless Shelter for our basement project. We were
amazed at the graciousness and the generosity as well as how much skills and
expertise your believers were willing to put in to help save our foundation at The
Sanctuary. Thank you to brother Mike Stuckey and all the brothers who came to
help. We are so grateful to the Lord for your service.

In Christ, Pheba & Sabin

Fundraiser Today, the MYF will be selling party mixes and baked goods for a free will
donation. All of the proceeds will go towards supporting our youth in future MYF
activities.

Stories and Song Sunday: On Sunday, December 31, we will be having a Stories and
Songs Sunday. Along with more music that Sunday there will be a time for sharing
stories of ways you’ve seen God at work in your life recently. These don’t have to be
long, just snapshot testimonies giving witness, and praise to God. Where have you seen
God at work? What might God be calling you to share as a word of encouragement to
the congregation?

Please note: There will be NO 5th Sunday Potluck on December 31.

Need a special gift?? Do you need a gift for that hard to buy for person or just a little
something special for yourself? The kids from the Kids Time group have you covered!
We have been busy making those special little gifts that you have been looking for. We
have them available in the narthex today (what supplies are left) for a donation. We
will be purchasing a goat through Heifer International with the money we collect.
Thanks for your support with our mission project.

Good Grief! It’s Christmas! For some, the holidays are not all cheery and bright.
They can be reminders of loss, family dysfunction, or overwhelming pressure. If this is
you, or someone you know, please join Pastor Gary on January 4 to share together what
you are facing and to support one another. We will be meeting in the south overflow
area of the sanctuary at 6:30pm

Prayer Request for ACA The Ohio Leadership Team will again meet on December
14. Please cover this morning meeting in prayer as they work together to lead Ohio
Conference and welcome Dan Miller, the interim conference minister. Pray for wisdom,
discernment and the leading of God’s Spirit to reign in their discussion.

The biannual Ohio Conference Women in Leadership Retreat is quickly
approaching on February 2-3, 2024. This year’s retreat will be held at the Lial Renewal
Center in Whitehouse, Ohio. You won’t want to miss this time of learning, laughter,
and fellowship. Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, Dean of Lifelong Learning at
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, will lead participants in exploring what it
means to claim the fullness of their identity as leaders created in God’s image. This
retreat is for ALL women – those serving in pastoral or congregational roles such as
MYF leaders, mentor coordinators, Sunday School teachers and superintendents,
Christian Education leaders, delegates, commission leaders, or other positions, as well
as for women who want to explore possibilities for using their gifts in the church. The
registration deadline will be here soon (January 12) and spaces are limited. Visit
ohiomennoniteconference.org for more information. Brochures are available in the
church office.

Prayer List

Prayers of Intercession for:

Safety for farmers as they
harvest

Those with health concerns:

Sherm Hathaway, Wyatt
Lumbrezer, Nancy Crossgrove,
Barb Mabus, Dave Votaw, Paul
Nofziger, Harvey Bok, Valeria
Wyse, Ron Stockburger, Larry
Langenderfer, Donna Kelly, Carl
Short, Rollin Miller, Bruce Yancey,
Keith Schroeder, Jeff Clark,
Earles Schmucker, Jane Dahl,
Tyler Mignin, Shauna Rasor, Stella
Campbell, Steve Gruenhagen,
Elizabeth Schmucker

Our Church Family:

Nancy Crossgrove & Janet Foth,
Seniors of the week
Nick Fry & Aaron Wyse, Life
Planning partners 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
JJ Safehouse
Friendship House, Archbold
Noah House, Pettisville
Pray for Alfonsina & Jose
Oyanguren, serving in the
Argentine Chaco (Mission
Minder)

Global Requests

The Russian Ukraine turmoil
Earthquake in Afghanistan
Conflict in Israel

Other Requests

Attendance & Offerings Last Sunday

Worship Service	159
Budget	\$3,975.00
Dollar Offering	\$87.00
Student Aid	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$20.00

Coming Events

Dec 21	Longest Night Service
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Service
Jan 4	Good Grief! It's Christmas!
Jan 9	Delegate Cluster meeting at Tedrow
Jan 14	All Church Game Night

Mission Minders

Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for Alfonsina and Jose Oyanguren, who have walked alongside Toba-Qom churches and communities in the Argentine Chaco since 2004. Pray for them as they provide continuity in long-term relationships and encourage the preservation of indigenous languages and culture.

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December 10, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Call to Worship

Comfort, Comfort

Isaiah 40:1-2

Softly and Tenderly HWB # 491

Sharing and Prayer

Children's Lesson

Sermon "Comfort, Comfort"

Prepare the way for the Lord

Isaiah 40:3-8

Offering

Congregational Singing

Sermon "Prepare the way for the Lord"

Here is your God

Isaiah 40:9-11

Congregational Song

Sermon "Here is your God"

Song of Response

Sending

Worship Leader – Jo Short

Advent Candle Lighters – Randy & Becky Kauffman

Scripture Reader – Zelma Kauffman

Music – Band

Children's Lesson – Wanda Roth

Sermon – Pastor Matt Weaver

Sharing & Prayer Time – Pastor Gary Stuckey