

Today

Nursery – Jenny Stuckey (Donna Chupp); Sunday School – Luana King
Sound – Rod Miller; Video – Todd Schmucker; Projection – Colton Nofziger
10:45am Sunday School classes for all ages

This Week at Lockport

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Kids Time will be meeting for a pizza meal. Following this there will be Bible stories, games, singing and crafts.

The MYF will be going Christmas caroling. Bring money for Dairy Queen afterwards. More details to follow.

THURSDAY

6:30pm The Longest Night Service will be held in the south overflow area.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am Pastor Gary Stuckey will bring the morning message. Other participants will be LaMar & Kelly Schaffner – worship leaders; Kevin Frey – scripture reader; Piano Students – prelude & offertory; Band – music; Rose Miller – children’s lesson; Jeff Wyse & Judson Nofziger – Advent candle lighters and Men’s Group – special music;

Nursery – Lisa Waidelich (Amanda Wyse); Sunday School – no nursery
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There will be a time of fellowship and cookies following the service. No Sunday School classes will be meeting.

4:30pm We will gather at the church to go Christmas caroling. The bus will be leaving at 4:44pm.

Sharing Together in Community

We extend birthday greetings to **Lowell Beck** who will celebrate his 94th birthday on Monday, December 18! His address right now is 30382 Peomy Rd, Gravois, MO 65037.

New email address for Mike & Linda Stuckey – mlstuckey80@gmail.com.

The Longest Night Service: Are you missing a loved one this Christmas season? Are you worried about the future of a child, friend or spouse? Are you wrestling with pain and grief in the midst of the joy and hope that surrounds you? If so, you are invited to the Longest Night Service on Thursday, December 21 at 6:30pm. Or, if you are aware of others that are dealing with any of these issues invite them to the service. We will light candles to remember that the light of Christ shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. Childcare will be provided.

Christmas Eve Plans: Next Sunday is Christmas Eve and the celebration of the Good News of Jesus' birth! We are planning to go caroling as a church before the Christmas Eve service to spread the joy of Jesus at Christmas. We will gather in the parking lot at 4:30, to leave by 4:44 on the church bus. We are planning to carol around Fairlawn and potentially in the Archbold area. We will return around 6:00 for hot chocolate and fellowship before the service starts at 6:30. Hope you can join us for the caroling and/or the service at the church!

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.

Snacks & Drinks The Stryker Loft could use some help with snacks and drinks during the months of January and February. If you would be able to help provide a snack or drink for any of the Mondays that they will be meeting, it would be greatly appreciated! A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the narthex. Details are included on the sign-up sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Angie Wyse.

MCC Comforter Bash will be held on January 10, 2024, from 3-8:00pm at Central Mennonite Church. This comforter bash is for all ages – men, women & children. A light meal will be provided, beginning at 4:30pm. Come when you can and leave when you need.

Mennonite Women at Lockport will not be meeting on the 3rd of January because of the Comforter Bash at Central on January 10.

GAME NIGHT FOR ALL AGES!! Join the Social Committee on January 14th at 5:07pm in the basement for a church wide game night! Bring a snack to share and your favorite card or board game. If you are not a game player, that is okay, please come enjoy some snacks and fellowship with us too!!

Prayer List

Prayers of Intercession for:

Those with health concerns:

Jon Stuckey, 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 Rason,
Stella Campbell, Steve
Gruenhagen, Elizabeth Schmucker

Our Church Family:

Gloria Graber & Zelma Kauffman,
Seniors of the week
Olivia Breckler & Amanda 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
Stryker Emergency Pantry
Fish Food Pantry
Shepherd's Circle
Pray for the mediators of the
Southern African
Development &
Reconstruction Agency
(Mission Minder)

Global Requests

The Russian Ukraine turmoil
Conflict in Israel

Other Requests

SADRA (Southern African Development and Reconstruction Agency) Conflict Transformation is a Mennonite Mission Network partner that offers a Christian response to injustice in South Africa. Pray for the conflict mediators, who train members of their communities to de-escalate situations that could lead to violence.

Attendance & Offerings Last Sunday

Worship Service	150
Budget	\$4,465.00
Building Fund	\$8,268.46
Student Aid	\$1,640.00
Dollar Offering	\$99.00
Primary SS	\$11.00

Coming Events

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

Mission Minders

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Lockport Mennonite Church
December 17, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

"To us a Child of hope is born" HWB #189

"O little town of Bethlehem" HWB #191

Special Music

Advent Candle Lighting

Offering

Drama

Scripture Ezra 3:1-6, 10-13

Sermon "What Matters"

Special Music

Sharing and Prayer

Congregational Song

"O come, all ye faithful" HWB #212

Sending

Prelude – Natalie Schmucker

Worship Leader – Jeff Roth

Advent Candle Lighters – Aaron Wyse & Mackenzie Wyse

Scripture Reader – Brian Rufenacht

Chorister – Keith Short

Offertory – Chris Keiser

Drama – arranged by Galen Nofziger

Special Music – Children & Keith Short

Sermon – Pastor Matt Weaver

Sharing & Prayer Time – Pastor Gary Stuckey