

Today

Nursery – Lisa Waidelich (Amanda Wyse); Sunday School – no nursery
Sound – Josh Wyse; Video – Brody Beck; Projection – John Dinius
Following our worship service there will be a fellowship time with cookies!
4:30pm Meet at the church to go Christmas caroling. The bus will be leaving at 4:44pm.
6:00pm We will return to the church for hot chocolate and fellowship.
6:30pm Christmas Eve service with scripture reading, singing and candle lighting.

This Week at Lockport

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm The MYF will be meeting at the church for a gingerbread house making contest.

NEXT SUNDAY

9:30am This will be a Stories and Song Sunday. What story do you have to share of where you have seen God at work? Participants are Mike Stuckey – worship leader; Band – prelude & offertory; Kevin & Jordan Schaffner – scripture readers; Megan Weaver – chorister and Men’s Groups – special music.
Nursery – ?? (??); Sunday School – ??
Sound – Keith Short; Video – Brody Beck; Projection – John Dinius
There will be no 5th Sunday Potluck.

Sharing Together in Community

We extend birthday greetings to **Ruth Ann Yancey** who will celebrate her 75th birthday on Tuesday, December 26!

New address for Lukas & Anna Schaffner & family: 3148 East Snow Rd., Berrien Springs, MI 49103.

Good Grief! It’s Christmas! Christmas is upon us, and we will soon be moving into a New Year. How are you coping with all the activities this season brings? Join Gary and Sandy on January 4th at 6:30pm to share together your experience of the holiday season.

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!!

Christmas Eve Plans: Tonight 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: Next 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.

Prayer Request for ACA Ohio Conference invites your prayers for its Administrative Assistant, Judy King, as she continues her work of preparing the documents for the Annual Conference Assembly registration, which will be published next week. Lift her up, praying for peace as she ties up all the loose ends and creates the final documents. May she feel confident in the job she has been called to complete.

On the Level The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares stories of people “moving toward Jesus”; meet two women who enjoy cooking and painting with MDS; learn why a retired Army General in Kentucky says, “only God could have made that happen”; and we are now accepting registration for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3v4fpYd>

Child’s World Preschool registration for the 2024-2025 school year opens on January 1st at 1:00pm! Register on the Preschool tab of Zion’s website: <https://www.zionmennonitechurch.com/childsworldpreschool/> After completing the online registration, you’ll be contacted with information about the registration fee to hold your student’s spot. Register early, as spots fill up very quickly!

Prayer List

Prayers of Intercession for:

Fred Frey family as they grieve the passing of his mother

Those that are grieving during Christmas

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, Tyler Mignin, Shauna Rasor, Stella Campbell, Steve Gruenhagen, Elizabeth Schmucker

Our Church Family:

Richard & Conna Grieser, Seniors of the week
Maggie Langenderfer & Lisa Waidelich, 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
Compassion Medical Clinic of
Williams County
Free Clinic of Fulton County
CPC Women's Health Resource
Pray for peace in the land where
Jesus was born more than
2000 years ago (Mission
Minder)

Global Requests

The Russian Ukraine turmoil
Conflict in Israel

Other Requests

Attendance & Offerings Last Sunday

Worship Service	166
Budget	\$7,205.95
Building Fund	\$1,499.80
Reach Up	\$315.00
Dollar Offering	\$76.00
Student Aid	\$40.00

Coming Events

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 peace in the land where Jesus was born more than 2000 years ago. Pray, especially, for partners – Bethlehem Bible College, Nazareth Hospital and Nazareth Village – who faithfully work to peel away the layers of fear and hate that distort Jesus' message of peace, in a time of escalating violence in Israel-Palestine.

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Lockport Mennonite Church

December 24, 2023

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Special Music

Children's Lesson

Advent Candle Lighting

Offering

Special Music

Scripture

Luke 1:67-70, 76-79

Sermon "Zechariah's Story – The Silence is Broken!"

Song of Response

Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Prelude & Offertory – Piano Students

Worship Leaders – LaMar & Kelly Schaffner

Music - Band

Advent Candle Lighters – Jeff Wyse & Judson Nofziger

Special Music – Children & Men's Group

Children's Lesson – Rose Miller

Scripture Readers – Kevin & Violet Frey

Sermon – Pastor Gary Stuckey

Sharing & Prayer Time – Pastor Matt Weaver