

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21st | 6:30PM |

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

Are you hurt? Sad? Overwhelmed? Not experiencing the joy others are this Christmas season? If so, you are invited to bring your struggles and join us as we light candles, sing songs, hear scriptures and find comfort in a God who comes near to the brokenhearted. That's the heart of the Christmas story, and good news for us in our grief.

MISSION MINDERS

Join Gerry and Donna Keener in prayer for the recently formed Evangelical Peacebuilding Team in Vietnam to grow skills in coaching and mediation to effectively guide people through conflict in order to experience reconciled relationships in marriages, families, and in the church.



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LOCKPORT MENNONITE CHURCH

December 7, 2025

Advent Candle Lighting: Empty

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Advent in Action: "Go Where?"

Offering

Advent Candle Lighting: Comfort

Congregational Song

Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-13

Message

Song of Response

Advent in Action: "Comfort Food"

Sharing & Prayer

Sending



COMFORT

THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Art Chupp | Chorister: Keith Short

Children's Lesson: Bethany Stuckey

Advent in Action: Ashley Stuckey, Carson Stuckey, Jeff Roth,
Jeremy Beck, Jenny Stuckey, & Todd Schmucker

Nursery: Laurin Wyse (Joilyn Waidelich) | Sunday School: Lisa Waidelich

10:45am: Sunday School for all ages

THIS WEEK AT LOCKPORT

TUESDAY

7:00 - 10:00am - Leadership Team Meeting

9:30am - Ladies Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm - Woven Cookie Exchange

7:00pm - MYF: Meet in the basement to make cookies.

SUNDAY

8:30 - 9:15am - Coffee & Connections in the fellowship hall

9:30am - Pastor Gary will bring the morning message from Isaiah 35;

worship leader - Galen Nofziger, prelude & offertory - Chris Keiser, scripture - Jeff Wyse, chorister - Jeff Roth, candlelighters - Patsy Miller & Lydia Frey, Children's Christmas Drama

10:45am - Sunday School classes for all ages

Sound - Josh Wyse; Video - Jace Beck; Projection - Colton Nofziger

Nursery - Taylor Waidelich (Natalie Schmucker);

Sunday School - Megan Weaver

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ⇒ Quietness in our hearts during this Advent & holiday season.
- ⇒ Tori Schaffner dealing with dizziness
- ⇒ Pat Short being treated for a blood clot in her lungs
- ⇒ Renew publishing team as they seek God's guidance in creating curriculum that glorifies God.

SENIORS OF THE WEEK

- ⇒ Janet Foth & Gloria Graber

CHURCH IN MISSION

- ⇒ Lukas Schaffner family, serving at Camp Ray Bird
- ⇒ Isaac & Jacinda Dahl, serving with MCC in Juarez, Mexico

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthday Blessings: to **Wayne Kauffman** celebrating his 87th birthday on Monday, December 8th.

Advent Candlelighters: A few of our life planning pairs will be lighting the Advent candles during this Advent season .

Advent Candle - Empty: Brian Rufenacht & Wyatt Lumbrezer

Advent Candle - Comfort: Eric Beck & Ethan Walters

****CHANGE:** The rollerskating party scheduled for this evening has been changed to a Game Night! Join us here at the church from 5:00-7:00pm, bring your favorite game(s) and a snack to share!

SENIORS: here are several suggestions of December activities that you can drive to. 1) Sunday, December 7, 3pm, *The Messiah* by the Toledo Choral Society at the Gesu Catholic Church, 2049 Parkside Blvd., Toledo. Tickets can be purchased on-line or at the door. 2) The choral program – *Noel, Light of Everlasting Love* at Lakeview Church, 4616 E. Territorial Road, Camden MI will be given December 12 and 13, 7pm and December 14, 4pm. If you have an activity you would like to plan for the Seniors to do, please feel free to follow through with it.

Medicare Webinar - Everence Financial® is hosting a FREE educational Medicare webinar on Monday, December 8 at 6:30 p.m. As you approach retirement, you may have some questions about moving to Medicare and Social Security. During this workshop, Everence discusses the important details you need to know about retirement income and transitioning to Medicare, including: Enrollment details and deadlines, budgeting for health care and income in retirement, what your options are if you continue to work, when to start Social Security, prescription drug coverage, and plans that supplement Medicare. Register online at everence.com/medicare-monday.

Need a Special Gift? 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. The items are on display on the table behind the sanctuary and on a table in the breezeway TODAY and will remain there until December 14th (while supplies last) for a donation. The proceeds will be used to sponsor a stud through Habitat for Humanity and make gift bags to be given out at Stryker food pantry. Thanks for your support with our mission project!

Library Additions:

Fiction: #1 The Protector, #2 The Peacemaker, #3 The Pretender

By Wanda Brunstetter

The focus on the carousel in the library is Christmas, with some new additions.

COMING EVENTS:

December 10 th	Woven Cookie Exchange
December 16 th	Community Meal
December 21 st	Longest Night Service @ 6:30pm
December 24 th	Christmas Eve Service @ 6:30pm