

WELCOME TO LIMA MENNONITE CHURCH

Pastor Emily Hedrick *in absentia*

8 December 2019

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GATHERING

Prelude

Announcements

Call to Worship

Singing

O come, O come, Emmanuel

HWB 172

Lighting the Advent Candles and Prayer

Singing

To us a Child of Hope is Born

HWB 189

Trust and Obey

NCH 327

Passing the Peace

L: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

P: and also with you!

You are encouraged to greet one another with
the peace of Christ

CENTERING

Offering and Prayer of Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Singing

Love came down at Christmas

HWB 208

PROCLAIMING

Scripture

Matthew 1:18-25

Sermon

Kelly Baeza

RESPONDING

Song of Response

While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks

NCH 532

Prayers of the People

SENDING

Sending Song

Hope is a Candle

STS 15

Benediction

Hope is a Candle vs 2

Peace is a candle to show us a pathway

Threatened by gusts from our rage and our greed

Friend feel no envy for those in the shadows

Violence and force their dead end course

MCC: GIVE A KIT FOR CHRISTMAS!

From hurricanes and flooding to conflict and drought, MCC is responding to many disasters around the world. This Christmas, why not gather your family and pack a school kit as a gift to other families whose lives have been disrupted by war or disaster? For more information about school kit contents and how you can get involved, visit mcc.org/kits/school.

MCC school kit contents

(NEW items only, in original packaging)

4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks

(8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)

8 new unsharpened pencils

1 ruler

(flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)

12 colored pencils

(in packaging)

1 large eraser

2 new black or blue ballpoint pens

1 small all metal pencil sharpener

One or two holes. All metal sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or Bazic.com or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples.

Cloth bag

(11 3/4 x 16 3/4 in) School kits are distributed in a useful double drawstring cloth bag. You may sew the bag yourself, request bags from an MCC material resources center or donate contents that we will place in a bag.

To find an MCC drop-off location call 1-(888) 563-4676 or visit mcc.org/kits/dropoff to find a location near you.

Thank you for limiting your generosity to the items listed.

Feel free to donate individual items to contribute to a kit.

WINTER RETREATS

Save the Date: Camp Friedenswald 2020 Winter Camps

Can you imagine snow at this time of year? What about hot chocolate, sledding and crackling fireplaces? It will come soon enough.

Camp Friedenswald will host the following retreats in early 2020:

High School Winter Camp – January 3-5

Junior High Winter Camp – January 10-12

Family Winter Camp – February 14-16

Make plans with your youth and family to attend. We hope to see you there!

BLUFFTON

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY TO PRESENT

124TH PERFORMANCE OF ‘MESSIAH’

Bluffton University will present its 124th performance of Handel’s “Messiah” at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 8, in Yoder Recital Hall. While tickets are free, seats must be reserved at <http://tickets.bluffton.edu> or at Marbeck Center.

Dr. Bo Young Kang, director of choral activities, will conduct the oratorio. Soloists along with the Bluffton Choral Society including students, faculty, staff and community members will be accompanied by an orchestra. Audience members are invited to bring their score to sing along on two of the major choruses—“Glory to God” and “Hallelujah Chorus.”

Soloists are Hannah Lee, soprano; Rhy-Kyung Kim, mezzo; Benjamin Bunsold, tenor; and Robert Kerr, bass.

The event will also be streamed live at bluffton.edu/messiah

While Pastor Emily is on sabbatical during Oct, Nov and Dec, and if you are in need of pastoral care, please see Lydia Brenneman (419) 305-9989, Carolyn Huffman (419)-384-3316, Brian Good (419)-296-8471, or Dawn Wapperom (614) 917-7090.

MENNONITE MISSION PRAYER REQUEST

David and Sophie Lapp Jost of Mennonite Mission Network have moved from their ministry in the Middle East to Germany. Pray for them as they engage in language learning and a cross-cultural transition period. David serves with the German Mennonite Peace Committee and Sophie's work is with the Bammental Mennonite community.

Call to Worship: From Isaiah 30

Praise the LORD, for God is good;
sing praise to our God, for the Lord is gracious;
it is fitting to praise the Eternal One.
The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;
the dispersed of Israel God gathers.

People: Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

Our God heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.
The Eternal One tells the number of the stars;
and calls each by name.

People: Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

Great is our LORD and mighty in power:
to God's wisdom there is no limit.
The LORD sustains the lowly;
and casts the wicked to the ground.

People: Blessed are all who wait for the Lord.

Lima Mennonite Church

1318 N Main St Lima OH 45801
Email: limamc1318@gmail.com
Sunday School 9:30 am · Worship 10:30 am ·
Speaker: Kelly Baeza
Worship Leader: Karen Jantzi

Church 419-222-2120
Web: www.limamennonite.org
Spanish service 4:00 pm
Music: Joyce Daniels and Eric Basinger
Next Week: EZ and Company

Offering Last Week - Sunday School 16.00 - Missions 200.00 - Regular church 1859.00 -
Total \$2,075.00

CALENDAR

Today Brazo en Brazo church service 4pm
Oct-Dec Pastoral Sabbatical
Sun Dec.8 Messiah @ Yoder Recital Hall at 4 pm
Sat Jan 4 Game Night LMC @ 5pm
Jan 17-18 The Great Winter Warm-up comforter knotting Salem Menno Kidron
mcc.org/gww-kidron

LMC'S ORGANIZATION

Administrative Council
Brice Brenneman , chair
George Hostetler, treasurer
Carolyn Huffman
Jon Zickafoose
Deb Stauffer/Jenny Zickafoose

Spiritual Council

Lydia Brenneman
Carolyn Huffman
Brian Good
Dawn Wapperom

Trustees

Jon Zickafoose
Paul Allen
Larry Esmonde

Fellowship Commission

Iris Neufeld

Childcare board

Marti Wallace
Jenny Zickafoose
Nashley Smith
Deb Stauffer

Mission Commission

Brice Brenneman
Nate Daniels
Emilie Hamman

Worship Committee:

Joyce Daniels
Eric Basinger
Larry Oatman

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARYS

12-11 Jeremiah Grove
12-18 Jon & Jen Zickafoose
12-20 Libby & George Hostetler
12-21 Lydia & Brice Brenneman
12-21 Libby Hostetler

20 But after he had considered this,
an angel of the Lord appeared
to him in a dream and said,
“Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to
take Mary home as your wife,
because what is conceived in her
is from the Holy Spirit.
21 She will give birth to a son,
and you are to give him the name Jesus,
because he will save his people
from their sins.”

