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Walnut Creek News

Weekly News at Walnut Creek Mennonite

Dec. 2, 2018

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THIS SUNDAY 12/02

First Sunday of Advent—Hope

Greeters: Eli & Muriel Yoder

Infant Nursery

SS: Jane Mast

Worship: Jonathan & Ohlen Troyer

Toddler Nursery (worship only)

Rachelle Miller & Andi Starner

Prelude: Sarah Hochstetler

Order of Service

Welcome/Sharing

Call to Worship *Jim Scherer*

Responsive Reading

**Offering for Agora (this will be our
5th Sunday mission offering)**

Special Music *Choir*

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Singing

Joy to the World

My Hope is Built #558 red hymnal

Children's Time

Lighting of Advent Candle

Message: *"The Days are Coming"*

By: Pastor Don Hamsher

Sending Song

Angels We have Heard on High

Today

Gift Wrapping party at Agora in
Columbus—leave after worship

Christmas at Agora Schedule—we will be traveling to Agora to wrap Christmas presents **this Sunday, Dec. 2**. Christmas at Agora will be on **Saturday, Dec. 8**.

We will be taking an offering for Agora Christmas this Sunday, Dec. 2nd. This will be our 5th Sunday mission offering since there are 5 Sundays in December.

Poinsettia Orders have arrived—if you ordered poinsettias to benefit Mongolia Missions, they are here in the cloak room where it goes upstairs to the sound room. **Please pick up your order today.** As a reminder—poinsettias are very sensitive to cold and should not be left in an unheated vehicle.

Nicaraguan Hope School Shoe Project is underway. Please stop by the display table in the foyer and pick up a shoe tag or tags for the number of shoes you would like to contribute money towards and then place your tags, along with your financial contribution, in the envelope provided at the display. (checks made payable to Walnut Creek Mennonite). The envelope can be placed in the first fruits offering earmarked for "Shoe Project" or placed in the box at the display table.

December Souper Thursday collection is laundry and cleaning supplies. Place on the table in the foyer. December Souper Thursday is **Thursday, Dec. 20**, at Barrs Mills Church of God from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY 12/09

Greeters: Maria Hershberger & Carol Parker

Infant Nursery:

SS: Rachel Schmucker
Worship: Karen Miller & Jillian Borter

Toddler Nursery (Worship Only)
Jonathan & Ohlen Troyer

THIS WEEK

Monday 6:30 p.m.
Handbell practice

WED. EVE ACTIVITIES

Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Meal

Wednesday 6:00—6:45 p.m.
Choir Practice (in sanctuary)
For youth 6th grade—adults

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Children (age 3-5th grade) -

Pioneer Clubs (upstairs)

M.S. (6th-8th grade) - “Tis the Season” with Rachelle

H.S.— “Tis the Season” with Heidi

Adults:

- Choir (6-6:45 p.m.)
- Bible Prophecy led by Al Mast (room 24)
- Where should we look for Jesus? Based on Luke 2:41-52 Led by Ray Miller
- SPUR Women’s group led by the Deaconesses

Thursday 7:00 p.m.
Dartball

WCMC(B) @ Nashville
Grace @ WCMC(A)

Saturday

Christmas @ Agora in Columbus
Meet at the church at 2:45 p.m.
so we can leave by 3:00 p.m.
(it will be late till we get back)

• **Missions to participate in during the upcoming months**

- Agora Christmas Saturday, Dec. 8 (offering Dec. 2)
- Shoe Project for Nicaraguan school children (December)
- Youth Soup Dinner—Jan. 13 right after worship
- Lifeline Food packing Day—Saturday, Feb. 23rd

Barrs Mills Church of God Cookie Walk—Saturday, Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to noon. Trays and trays of the best homemade cookies and treats will fill the tables of Barrs Mill Church of God fellowship hall. Walk along, fill your boxes for \$7/lb. (boxes provided). This is a fundraiser for CWC missions/budget. Barrs Mill Church of God is located at 4677 St Rt. 93 NW Sugar creek.

Mennonite Women will meet on **Wednesday, Dec. 12** to quilt and knot comforters. Devotions by June Miller. Please bring a can of soup to mix with other soups and a small side dish to share for lunch. December project is sewing kits for MCC.

Thank You—we as a family want to thank everyone for their support for our family during this difficult time. Also, for the ladies that prepared meals before the calling hours and after the celebration of life service. Thanks to all who prayed, sent cards or food for our family.

The Jim Hamsher Family

Wednesday Night Meals—Over the past several years, we have been preparing and serving meals on Wednesday nights before our activities begin. We are looking to continue doing this again this year, and we need your help....Sunday School classes, Small Groups, Friends Groups, Family Groups, individuals. Please contact Matt or Gloria if you would like to sign up to make a meal. We have 9 spots open after the new year.

A Musical Celebration of Christ’s Birth - Today, December 2nd @ 5 p.m. Martins Creek Mennonite will host a benefit concert for Share-A-Christmas entitled “*Let Heaven & Nature Sing*”, a musical celebration of Christ’s Birth. A free-will offering will be taken. Childcare will be provided and refreshments will be served following the performance.

Birthdays This Week

12/02 Amanda Hochstetler
12/03 Davy Beachy
12/04 Ava Starner
12/06 Nancy Miller, Twila Ropp
12/07 Marvin Shoup, William Stutzman
12/08 Ben Miller

New Praise & Prayer

Elvina Miller—health
Lonnie Chewing—cont. recovery from back surgery
Blake Stutzman, son of Rod & Jill—recovering from encephalitis, attending school very part time and receiving therapy
Vivian Miller—moved to Walnut Hills rehab room 12
Doran Gerber—cont. recovery from surgery (at home)
Marvin & Shoup—(home) still has blood clots in lung
Ella Shoup—on heart monitor for 30 days
Wes Schmucker—health—radiation treatments
Caroline Huprich, cousin of Linda Oswald—health
Carrie Yoder, mother of Twila Ropp & Eva Keim—health
Adelene Smith, Dolly Hochstetler's mother—health—dealing with depression
Karen Hummel Troyer—chemo and radiation treatments
Friend of Ethan Horst—being deported to Canada—family feeling helpless
Nicaraguan families—Nicaragua is experiencing lots of unrest—safety for those living and serving there
Congo—political unrest
Praise for answered prayer
Unspoken prayer concerns

Continued Praise & Prayer

WCMC – putting mission to our vision
Youth & Children of WCMC
Retirement Home residents, Nursing Home residents, shut-ins
Rod & Valerie Hochstetler – serving in Congo
Nick & Ashlie Hershberger & Family –serving in Papua New Guinea through Wycliffe Bible Translators
Emily Hochstetler – serving in Kinshasa through ReachGlobal Ministries
Laura Schmucker – working and serving in Uganda
Marc & Edith Hochstetler - serving in France under YWAM
Agora Christian Fellowship in Columbus - work with at risk kids—showing them Jesus' love
Stan Hershberger—health
Ruth Schrock—health
Roy & Marilyn Schlabach - health
Galen Amstutz - health
Ada Weaver - health
Mario Amador & Xochil Lacayo Casco, Carlos Reyes and Aracelis Lacayo Casco and their three children, Fernando, Ruben and Ximena - ministering in Nicaragua
Martha Sommers— *cousin of Freda Hochstetler*—farm accident
Robert Hochstetler—*cousin of Freda Hochstetler*—cancer
Halle Hershberger— *granddaughter of Amanda Hershberger*—cancer diagnosis—improving
Rose Gerber—*sister-in-law of Dorothy Gerber*—stage 4 lung cancer
Merle Schlabach - *step-father of Josh Starner, son-in-law of Anna Mae Miller*—cancer
Linda Miller - *mother of Nicole Troyer*—cancer diagnosis
Kurt Stutzman – *brother of Jane Mast* – cancer
Ron—*father of a co-worker of Deb Hershberger*—undergoing chemo every 2 weeks for kidney cancer
John - *long time friend of Laura Coblentz*—terminal cancer

Washer & Dryer Needed—Nick and Ashlie will be moving back into the area in January and are in need of a washer and dryer to use for the time they are in the states (7 months). If you, or someone you know, has a set that they can use during their stay, please contact Malinda Hershberger or Mike Hershberger.

Looking ahead to VBS—Decorating Volunteers Needed—We are seeking 3-4 couples/individuals who would be willing to serve on a VBS decorating committee. This year's VBS will be held in June (exact dates have not yet been set). The theme will be "ROAR" - Life is wild...God is Good. ROAR will deepen kids' friendship with a mighty, loving and good, good God who empowers them to boldly face life's challenges. We will have a DVD available for you with suggestions as to how to decorate and you can go online to group.com/roar and they will also have ideas. See Nicole Troyer or Gloria Mishler if you would be interested.

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Al Mast	Nan Yoder
Ben Miller	Laura Coblentz
Mose Yoder	

Statistics for Nov. 25, 2018

SS: 130

Church: 187

First Fruits Offering

\$ 6,252.00

Designated

\$ 275.00

Total Offering

\$ 6,527.00

Grief Share Grief Support Group—Barrs Mills Church of God is offering a Grief Share weekly grief support group. The sessions will begin on **December 9 at 6 p.m. and run through March 3**. Call to register or register when you arrive. Cost is \$15 for the workbook. Call 330-852-2508 or email office@barrsmillchurch.org for more information.

New Volunteers are always welcome at Save & Serve. Whether its' sorting, pricing, or working at the cash register, volunteers are vital in helping our mission thrive and make a difference. Join the hundreds of volunteers who invest in our community. Come join us, build friendships, and support the work of MCC! Call Save & Serve @ 330-674-1323 or stop

Millersburg Save & Serve thrift Store is seeking a fulltime volunteer coordinator/assistant manager. This person will be responsible for coordinating, engaging and recruiting volunteers to help with daily operations. In addition to supporting the processing and retail aspects of the thrift shop. For a full job description or more information, contact general manager, Eric Raber at 330-674-1323 or eric@saveandserve.org.

Holy Lands Pilgrimage Tour with tour host, Glenn W. Nofziger II, MDiv, Associate Pastor at Martins Creek Mennonite. **The dates are June 4-13, 2019** (10 days) with an optional 5 day extension to Egypt to June 18 (15 days). Deposit of \$600 is due by Dec. 4. Total cost for the 10 day trip is \$3696 + and additional \$900 for the 15 day. If interested or have questions, please message or call Glenn at 419-572-0706 or gnofziger2@gmail.com. You can register by brochure, or online at <http://www.eo.travelwithus.com/tours/hl19-54750#.W-MAS9VKjIU>. Brochures are at the welcome center.

Mongolia Newsletter—Laura Schlabach's newsletter from Mongolia is at the welcome center. Please help yourself to a copy.