



## Worship during January

In January, we will celebrate the liturgical season of Epiphany, with its emphasis on the coming of Christ's truth and light into the world. And, as is our tradition, we will share the Lord's Supper on Epiphany Sunday, January 3.

Sunday, January 3 – Epiphany Sunday  
Sermon by Lois Harder  
Isaiah 60:1-6; Palm 72:1-7, 10-14;  
Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12

Sunday, January 10 – Matt Lehman Wiens,  
preacher

Sunday, January 17  
Sermon by Tom Harder  
Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;  
I Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2: 1-11

Sunday, January 24  
Sermon by Lois Harder  
Nehemiah 8:1-10; Psalm 19;  
I Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21

Sunday, January 31  
Sermon by Tom Harder  
Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6;  
I Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30

## A CALL to generosity, hospitality, peace and love

*By the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break upon us...  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
--Luke 1:78-79*

During this season of Advent, we wait expectantly for the coming of Christ. We long for God's justice, peace and mercy to be fully revealed on earth. In the midst of the world's brokenness, we mourn with all who suffer, in Syria, Beirut, Paris, San Bernardino and across the globe.

In these difficult times, we reaffirm our commitment to the way of Jesus.

*In the face of fear, we proclaim our commitment to hospitality.* Just as Jesus offered table fellowship to all, we call on church members to welcome immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers into our communities and homes. Over the years many Anabaptists have come to the United States seeking refuge. We can do no less for those who are currently in need. We call on the U.S. government to [keep the doors open](#) to refugees and asylum seekers and to work toward more just and humane immigration policies.

*In the face of scarcity, we proclaim our commitment to generosity.* Thanks to the generosity of church members, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is [providing assistance](#) to Syrians affected by the war, including food, shelter, blankets and fuel. We call on church members to continue to give generously to all those in need. We urge the international community, including the U.S. government, to provide much more generous humanitarian assistance to people impacted by the crisis in Syria and Iraq.

*In the face of violence, we proclaim our commitment to peace.* As followers of the Prince of Peace, we believe that our weapons and use of military might are making our communities and our nation less secure. We call on church members to work for peace in their own communities. We support common-sense gun laws to prevent gun deaths and injuries in the United States. We oppose continued U.S. military involvement in Syria and Iraq and urge the U.S. government to devote its resources instead to a negotiated, political solution.

*In the face of hatred, we proclaim our commitment to love. Taking seriously Jesus' call to love our neighbors, we stand alongside our Muslim neighbors and friends in this country and around the world. Rather than giving in to stereotypes and prejudices, we call on church members to build bridges with our Muslim neighbors and work together for peace. We condemn the use of hateful and divisive rhetoric from political and religious leaders and urge them to support religious freedom for people of all faiths.*

As we celebrate Advent this year, we remember that the long-awaited Savior came as a vulnerable child who became a refugee, and as the Prince of Peace who disavowed the use of military might. Rather than giving in to fear, scarcity, violence and hate, may our lives show the incarnate reality of the Christ child among us.

J Ron Byler, Executive Director,  
Mennonite Central Committee U.S.

## Beyond Tolerance

What EVER does that mean? And, why are there brown, black, and white ribbons on the church's trees? Read on.

"In response to the murders of nine people in Charleston, South Carolina, a prayer vigil was held in Wichita at Progressive Missionary Baptist Church, a nearly all black congregation. That evening, something unexplainable happened. A more than usual number of white faces attended. Bishop Wade Moore, president of the Greater Wichita Ministerial League, welcomed everyone, including the white faces, with a comment – 'we need to get to know each other better.' And from that moment, the "Beyond Tolerance movement was born!"

Co-sponsored by Bishop Moore and Rev. Sam Muyskens of Global Faith in Action, there is one mission: ***"to transform our community by respecting all colors of humanity through truth and justice and for Wichita to be known as a city of peace among all peoples."***

And, that is why there are ribbons on the church trees! After the new year, there will be other manifestations – in the city and here at Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church.

At the "Moving Beyond Tolerance Rally" in November, several community and faith leaders pledged, in one to two sentences, to move *beyond tolerance* by \_\_\_\_\_. How will you and I fill in that sentence? In 2016, let's talk and act to find out.

Submitted by Barbara Gingrich

## No More Lonely Wednesdays

Wednesday night supper, activities and Bible study will begin again February 3! We're looking for some cooks, servers, cleaner-uppers – so, dust off that Betty Crocker cook book, adjust those recipes by 10 times to feed 80 of your close friends, and sign up to take a Wednesday. It's really fun to do as a family, a house church, moms group! Look for the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office and WE will look forward to eating with YOU in the spring!



## Wellness Committee

***As children of God, we seek to nurture and encourage wholeness within our church family.***  
*Committee members: Ruth Holliday, Janet Kaufman, Marie Krehbiel, Kathy Long, Dolly Seibel, and Myra Swartz.*

### Stress, depression and the holidays: Tips for coping

The holiday season often brings unwelcome guests – stress and depression. And it's no wonder. The holidays present a dizzying array of demands – parties, shopping, baking, cleaning, and entertaining, to name just a few. But with some practical tips, you can minimize the stress that accompanies the holidays. You may even end up enjoying the holidays more than you thought you would.

When stress is at its peak, it's hard to stop and regroup. Try to prevent stress and depression in the first place, especially if the holidays have an emotional toll on you in the past. Below are some helpful tips to prevent holiday stress and depression.

**Acknowledge your feelings.** If someone close to you has recently died or you can't be with loved ones realize that it's normal to feel sadness and grief. It's OK to take time to cry or express your feelings. You can't force yourself to be happy just because it's the holiday season.

**Reach out.** If you feel lonely or isolated, seek out community, religious or other social events. They can offer support and companionship. Volunteering your time to help others also is a good way to lift your spirits and broaden your friendships.

**Be realistic.** The holidays don't have to be perfect or just like last year. As families change and grow, traditions and rituals often change as well. Choose a few to hold on to, and be open to creating new ones.

**Set aside differences.** Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if they don't live up to all of your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression too.

**Stick to a budget.** Before you go gift and food shopping decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts.

**Plan ahead.** Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. And make sure to line up help with party prep and cleanup.

**Learn to say no.** Saying yes when you should say no can leave you feeling resentful and overwhelmed. Friends and colleagues will understand if you can't participate in every project or activity.

**Don't abandon healthy habits.** Don't let the holidays become a free-for-all. Overindulgence only adds to your stress and guilt.

**Take a breather.** Make some time for yourself. Spending just 15 minutes alone, without distractions, may refresh you enough to handle everything you need to do. Find something that reduces stress by clearing your mind, slowing your breathing and restoring inner calm. Some options may include: taking a walk, listen to soothing music, read a book.

**Seek professional help if you need it.** Despite your best efforts, you may find yourself feeling persistently sad or anxious, plagued by physical complaints, unable to sleep, irritable and hopeless, and unable to face routine chores. If these feelings last for a while, talk to your doctor or a mental health professional.

From Mayo Clinic Guide to Stress-Free Living.

Submitted by Myra Swartz



Students: if your family uses Everence faith-based financial services, you are eligible to apply for scholarships of \$750-\$2,000 for the 2016-2017 school year. Submit your application by Feb. 29, 2016.

Go to <http://www.everence.com/college-scholarships/#gs.cw0TEzc>, or search for Everence and scholarship in Google.com, or contact me for a copy of the application. Allan Tanner, [atanner68@yahoo.com](mailto:atanner68@yahoo.com), your Everence Advocate.

## BITS & PEACES

As the Paris Climate Summit came to an end on December 12, 2015, 195 nations had signed on, making pledges to emission-reduction in green house gasses. Even though this summit was labeled a 'climate summit' it could also have been labeled a 'peace summit' because now more than ever the world needs solidarity in facing the climate issues making an impact globally. Climate change is the fuel exacerbating conflict in many parts of the world causing displacement



brought about by droughts, floods and intense storms. A global movement is needed to go beyond borders and cultural differences to come up with solutions to confront the threat to physical, emotional, and spiritual survival brought about by climate change. Nicolas Haeringer of [350.org](http://350.org) wrote, "There is a real danger here that those already impacted by both the climate crisis and the wars that are so intimately bound up with it-migrants, refugees, poor communities, and communities of color-will be further marginalized". The Paris Summit with the accord of 195 nations is a commitment to peace and hope.

The historic agreement to keep global warming contained at 1.5 degrees Celsius is a major achievement, but the downside is that there is nothing binding countries to this treaty. Furthermore, some of the developing countries will need help in replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy. In this country there will be an imperative need for individuals and organizations to send a message to the big fossil fuel industries that we as a people are committed to divesting from fossil fuel stocks to signal the "beginning of the end of the fossil-fuel era".

What can each of us do to support the goals and aspirations of the Paris Accord? It's going to take all of us who are interested in the safety of our planet to use our collective voice to keep the pressure on our government and representatives to make them accountable for their choices and their votes. We will need to stay informed and vocal about our concerns regarding climate change. There are several non profit organizations that are focused on climate change.

[350.org](http://350.org) develops climate focused campaigns and grassroots projects in 188 countries. [insideclimateneews.org](http://insideclimateneews.org) keeps track of the latest worldwide developments. [moms-clean-air-force.org](http://moms-clean-air-force.org) researches climate change from the viewpoint of parents, grandparents and concerned adults. The **Hightower Lowdown** – [hightowerlowdown.org](http://hightowerlowdown.org), written by Texan Jim Hightower, gives his analysis of current events.

If you want more direct action, you may want to consider installing solar panels on your house. Two companies working in Kansas are King Solar Wind and Plumbing 1461 Indigo, Hillsboro, KS 67063 (phone 316-265-8568) and Cromwell Environmental 615 Vermont St.,

Lawrence, KS 66044 (phone 785-749-6020). Members of our congregation who have solar panels on their homes include Willard and Ellen Ebersole, Doug and Catherine Everingham, Ellsworth Kauffman, Cindy and Miles Thompson, and Steve Waltner.

For some great photos of grass roots marches taking place on every continent before the summit, go to [350.org/global-climate-march/](http://350.org/global-climate-march/)

There is hope! Many people from around the globe raised their voices and were heard. We just need to keep raising our voices and keep demanding change. This is our only home and the earth deserves our care!



Submitted by Jonell Davies  
for the Peace Committee

## Work of the Church

### Board of Deacons Minutes December 8, 2015

**Attendees:** Lois, Mike, Tom, Susan, Cheryl, Myra, Miles, Sylvia

**We gather in God' Name**  
Devotions - Mike

### Sharing our Present Work

Family Concerns

As May Arise

Annual Reports due by Dec. 15th (representatives are being notified)

### Looking to the future

Mike is on call for December, Sylvia on call for January 2016

Next Meeting January 12, 2016.

Devotions

Susan, Host Myra

Church Council Attendees on December 15 - Susan and Sylvia

Submitted by Miles Thompson

**Lorraine Avenue Mission Board  
Electronic Meeting Minutes  
December, 2015**

*LAMB Mission Statement: To provide leadership and direction for the service programs initiated by the congregation as Christ would have us do.*

Many thanks to Jane Tanner for heading up the first "Holiday meal" provided to IRC clients in cooperation with Zion Mennonite, Elbing and First Presbyterian Church (who hosted this event) here in Wichita. There were about 100 participants at the meal, held on Saturday, December 5. Volunteers from LAMC were: Jane Tanner, Linda Doll, Pete Krause, Gretchen Eick, Mike Poage, Marie Krehbiel, Sara Penner, Grayce Kaufmann, Ruth Tieszen, Barbara Gingrich, Marjorie Krause, Nadine Reimer Penner, C.B. Balbierz, Linda Gebert, Mark and Hennie Janzen, John Schmidt, Jean Wollmann, Esther Schmidt, Chuck Graber.

Linda Doll is heading up a group of 17 (or more?) people from Lorraine Avenue to help with distribution of items at Operation Holiday this Thursday, December 17.

The LAMB is in the process of revitalizing the LAMP with contributed items being directed through the IRC to refugee/immigrant families here in Wichita. LAMB is asking for:

- Dish detergent
- Laundry detergent
- Aluminum foil
- Plastic wrap
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Toilet paper
- Bath soap bars
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Bathroom/kitchen cleanser

Doyle Wilcox and Lila Osborne have graciously continued their involvement in "LAMP-ing" with Lila taking inventory and helping to track the items we have as well as those we need and Doyle packing boxes and delivering them to the IRC as needed. Help from others is welcome!

The LAMB will need to set a date sometime in January to sort and organize children's clothing

from Joanna Friesen-Parks' sale so that they are ready for the charity sale later in the spring.

The LAMB is, again, planning to provide a meal for the "Warming Souls" overflow shelter on Sunday evening, February 7. CB Balbierz is giving organization to this.

Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 8, 5:30 p.m.

Submitted by Lois Harder

**Board of Trustees Minutes  
December 13, 2015**

**Attendees: Al Beck, Nathan Ebersole, Robert Gaeddert, Roger Kaufman, Wes Miller, Angie Smith**

**Meeting chaired by: Roger**

**New Trustee candidates** --- The Trustees looked over a list of potential Trustee candidates drawn up by Roger, and added a few more names. Roger will send the list to the church office to be vetted.

**633 S. Lorraine house documents** --- The Trustees looked through a packet of information given to the church by the owner of the 633 S. Lorraine house that the church is buying. The packet contained the "Home For Sale" description, cancelled checks for roofing and siding, bank mortgage paperwork, loan payoff / lien release certificate from bank, Sedgwick County real estate tax statements, water heater owner's manual, furnace and air conditioning installation documents, and Westar thermostat documents. The Trustees will store these documents in a folder in our file drawer in the bookkeeper's office.

**633 Lorraine house actions** --- Treasurer Murray Reimer Penner graced our meeting for a short chat about the house situation, which was very helpful. The Trustees will contact our insurance carrier to have the house added to our church insurance polity. The Trustees will arrange to have the billing for the gas service, water service, and electric service changed to the church's name. Soon after the closing date, when we get

the keys to the house, the Trustees will look through the house and make sure everything is secure. This will probably happen early in January.

**Snow removal** --- Last winter's snow removal service was unsatisfactory. We need to hire a new snow removal service. Not sure where to find one. Maybe Craig's List.

**Water fountain** --- The water fountain in the basement remains shut off because of a water leak. The covers have been removed we we can look inside to find the problem. Trustees will work on this unit as time permits, but not our highest priority.

**Christmas wreath** --- After adjourning the meeting, the brought up the big wreath from the storage room and fastened it up outside the north entryway. Now it's Christmas!

**Next meeting** - Our next Trustees monthly meeting will be January 10, 2016.

Submitted by Roger Kaufman

**Board of Christian Education Minutes  
December 12, 2015**

**Children/youth**

*Christmas program* was sensational! Kudos to Cindy and Bev. *Children's Advent Retreat* will be held December 12, 3:00 to 6:30 pm. Beth will be in touch with Alan Stucky from 1<sup>st</sup> Church of the Brethren. Cathy will notify teachers that we will have *no Sunday school on December 27*. Bev and Beth will facilitate at *mentor/mentee ice skating outing*.

**Adult**

Life/Faith Journey stories will continue to comprise Faith & Issues thru January 17 at least.

**Other**

Annual reports are now due to the office. Bev will write the Wednesday evening programming, mentoring, and VBS reports. Alison has been asked to write the nursery committee report. Dwayne Schrag has submitted a library report. Melanie Mitchell has submitted a report for Sunday school attendance and offering.

Beth will work with Murray to arrange for Sunday school offering checks to be mailed out. Beth and board members wrote thank you notes to all ongoing SS teachers.

**Coming up**

Church council meeting will be Dec. 15 at 7 pm. Beth and Cindy are attending.

Next BOCE will be Jan 9 at 11 am.

Christmas lock-in date to be announced.

Submitted by Bev Baumgartner

**Church Council Minutes  
December 15, 2015**

Present: Nathan Ebersole, Linda Gebert, Lois Harder, Ellsworth Kauffman, Roger Kaufman, Pete Krause, Beth Lichti, Murray Reimer-Penner, Nadine Reimer-Penner, Sylvia Schmidt, Karl Swartz, Cindy Thompson, Susan Unruh

1. **Centering and Invocation.** Karl read an Anne Lamott piece on Advent, and offered a prayer.

2. **God's Work Among Us**

The minutes from November 17 were approved. Treasurer's Report.

50 weeks through 12/15/2015

	Cash
General fund	\$ 70,403
Restricted	20,189
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Total	\$ 90,592

	50wks	Budget	Variance
Contributions	\$345,314	\$302,885	\$42,429
Expenses	<324,781>	<302,885>	<21,896>
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Profit	\$20,533	\$0	\$20,533

**Furthering the Kingdom**

2016 Budget: Murray presented a 7 -year comparison of the effects of consistent and standardized budgeting as opposed to previous years when the church overspent. Tracking trends in giving allows for better planning for the budget as well. He then presented the actual 2014 budget, the 2015 budget up through November, and the proposed budget for 2016. Each board

was asked if they saw any problems with the proposed 2016 allocations for their board, and none were mentioned at this meeting. The boards can discuss their budget and propose changes before the deadline of the January 19, 2016 Council meeting.

Report on 633 S. Lorraine: Karl announced that the purchase of the property is in the works, for \$75,000, currently undergoing the title search. When a closing date is set, Roger Kaufman, chair of the Trustees, will change the utilities to the church's account and he will also get the property included in our insurance. More discussion took place on possible uses of the building, and the proposed timeframe for the payback of the loan. No new business.

Closing and adjournment.

Submitted by Linda Gebert, Church Clerk

### **Special Congregational Meeting August 23, 2015**

The purpose of this specially called congregation meeting was to discuss the thoughts of the congregation on Lois Harder having been asked to perform a same-sex wedding.

Nadine Reimer Penner, Congregational Chair, opened the meeting with the singing of *The Love of God*. Lois was asked for an opening statement.

Lois thanked Jane Tanner and Nadine for preparing a lunch for the group.

Lois stated she wanted to perform the same gender ceremony as she believes it is the right thing to do but wanted to bring the request to the congregation. She mentioned that several people had already asked her about the impact this would have on her ministerial credentials. She said she couldn't say for sure, but precedent had shown that Western District Conference would review her credentials and hopefully the outcome would be similar to what happened with Joanna Harader of Peace Mennonite in Lawrence, Kansas. Ms. Harader had the approval of her congregation to do a ceremony, and WDC reviewed her credentials and found that she had followed the appropriate channels, so she was found "at variance" by WDC with Mennonite Church USA polity, but her credentials were not removed. Lois believed the same process might take place in her case. She

said "however, I am not fearful, as I would not want to pastor a church that had a problem with me being "at variance" anyhow." She said she wanted this to be a safe space to speak, with questions for her, or regarding the "body" of the church.

The minutes will not reflect the names of people making the comments.

The following is a tabulation of the types of comments made:

Supportive of Lois performing a same gender ceremony: 15

Not in favor of the ceremony being called a marriage: 2

Clarification comments/questions: 3

Comments regarding WDC/MCUSA: 3

Other: 2

The following statements in their original order were made at the meeting:

I believe I'm quoting (name) correctly when he said that he doesn't like having to perform a duty for the state, as the law requires of the clergy. He would like the civil ceremony to take place elsewhere, and he would perform a blessing at the church. I have always believed that a marriage is between a man and a woman, and that a ceremony between same-sex couples should not be called a marriage. However, I do believe that since God created us all, God loves everyone. I would still be disappointed if my pastors married a same-sex couple.

We have welcomed one of the parties involved as a member of the church, so I would hate to think we wouldn't marry them. I think that would mean we don't fully believe in our Welcoming Statement.

We are a family, we should all love one another. You love who you love. When anybody wants to get married, that's wonderful.

(Response to first statement): I have no problem with the word "marriage", I just resent having to go to the courthouse as part of the process of marrying people.

Regardless, I'm very impressed with putting our faith into action; it's a good example for churches.

I would like to ask if this couple, or any same-sex couples would be asked to go through the same procedure of pre-marital counseling and any other processes? (Lois affirmed that they would.)

(Re: first statement) I'm not against the union of these people – just the word “marriage”. And it makes a difference to me that they should be members of the church. I would not like to see this church become known as a marrying church for any same-sex couples that wish to marry.

Someone said he asked his Methodist daughter if this was as important an issue in her church in Oklahoma. She said she believed that her church would not marry them in the church, but would welcome them into the church anyhow if they were already married.

This is 2015 and perhaps the issue needs to change within WDC, or perhaps a redefinition is needed.

We are a welcoming church. If we were to say something like “as long as you agree to change” and we decide that this marriage is not a good idea, then we've shot ourselves in the foot as a welcoming church.

Thank you Lois for taking this stand. I dislike that restrictions are still in place. The organization needs to do something about this. I am an ordained minister, but not working in a church currently, but I know I'll be asked someday to do this, so I will follow this with great interest.

I just want to say that I fully support you!

Whether we change definitions, or whatever, it is important to have the church community upholding the relationship. I appreciate that this is a safe, welcoming and appreciative church.

We don't need to have a redefinition, but rather to think of it as the removing of old restrictions.

Thinking of it in terms of the Gospel. If we think of the Bible of a living document, not stuck in 1<sup>st</sup> C. thinking, we see that many things have changed through the years due to scientific findings, social enlightenment, etc. Even in Biblical times we saw the eventual opening up to the Gentiles. We need to think what the Gospel teaches us – it's about inclusion, grace and love, always growing away from being judgmental.

We evolve, grow, and we are social people. Laws change through the years, so inclusion can within our religion too.

I just want to thank you for doing this Lois.

Gosh, didn't a lot of people find Jesus “at variance”?

A question again about who holds the credentials of a pastor, and what the impact is? Tom Harder explained that it is congregations who call pastors, so it doesn't matter so much if the credentials are pulled by MCUSA, or at variance within the conference. And where the state is concerned, the status of the credentials doesn't matter if someone is employed as a pastor with a church.

I grew up Catholic, so the sacrament of marriage and the word “marriage” perhaps has a different meaning to me as well, but I have been in a nearly 30-year commitment to my same-sex partner, and so I appreciate that this congregation fully accepts us and is making this stand.

In our society, many heterosexual couples are not marrying anymore, so that is changing too. I believe what God desires is a commitment, a spiritual journey. I think unconditional love pleases God.

It is disturbing to me to think that the privilege my husband and I have of being married is a privilege that could be denied to others.

Marriages should be about marrying whomever you want.

I want to say that I am so pleased to see that a couple committed to this church, who have now split up, are still committed to the church, and the church is committed to them, and that they are still raising the daughter of that partnership. For that child, the relationship of her “moms” is a treasure, and the church is supportive.

We are true to our principles and thank you for bringing this to the congregation. This shows that we mean our mission statement. Thank you.

I would hate to see Lois lose her credentials. Is it time to think we might become other than a Mennonite Church, if MCUSA keeps us from doing what we believe in?

I think back 40 years to the time that WDC conference ordained their first woman pastor. The



walls really went up between churches then. I think individual Mennonite churches need to go out on a limb again!

Actually, being “at variance” makes me excited! It is needed.

I believe marriage is between children of God. God is not male or female so I think every child of God has the right to marry another child of God.

I spoke in a sermon recently about lifting our candles higher. Well we have an opportunity to lift our candles even higher, which means we will challenge, or anger, but we will be a witness and we will encourage and strengthen a lot of people.

A question was asked about what happens with health insurance, as an example, if credentials are revoked. Our treasurer said that’s based on someone being an employee of the church, so it would not be affected.

I suggest if WDC would deny health benefits, LAMC could deduct the cost of those benefits from our contribution to WDC.

I know we are supposed to be known for being humble, but I have never been prouder!

Lois: I want to say that I’m so appreciative of this amazing congregation, that we accomplished this in such a loving manner – that we could do this together!

Submitted by Linda Gebert, Church Clerk



### Contributions to LAMC by

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- Go to the PayPal website, [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com), and select **Send**
  - Enter the pay-to email address of [treasurer@lorraineavenue.org](mailto:treasurer@lorraineavenue.org) and the amount to be paid, and then click **Continue**
  - Select the **Friends or family** option
  - Add a note to explain the purpose of the contribution (such as “General fund”)
  - Follow the online instructions to complete the payment
- If you instruct PayPal to send the money from your bank account, rather than from a credit card, no fees will be charged to LAMC. Contact our treasurer, Murray Reimer Penner, for more details.



## Birthdays and **ANNIVERSARIES**

(Please let the office know if any birthdays or anniversaries are not included)

- 1 Mike Robinson
- 3 Vern Zielke
- 4 William Ozor
- 5 Junior Spilker
- 6 Amber Schroeder
- 7 Jonas Lichty
- 8 Matthew Christman
- 8 Braeden Cleary (15)
- 9 Linda Doll
- 11 Willard Ebersole
- 12 Gracia Toubia-Stucky
- 12 **DEBRA WHITERMORE & STEVE CARTY (3rd)**
- 13 Kelly Cleary
- 13 John Schmidt
- 14 Vena Stucky
- 16 Deborah Shorthill
- 20 Scott Thompson
- 21 Myra Swartz
- 22 Zahir Douglas Everingham (6)
- 22 Wendell Alan Kaufmann (1)
- 26 **GREG & LISA TURNER**
- 27 Jesse Huxman
- 27 Eugene Kaufman
- 27 Roger Kaufman
- 28 Suzanne Birch
- 29 Randy Pankratz
- 29 Shirley Riesen
- 30 Hillary Harder
- 31 Jonathan Bartel



