

**December 5, 2010**

Salem Mennonite Church  
Kidron, Ohio

Bob & Enid Schloneger, Interim Pastors

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

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**Chimes** Herb Himes, Organist

**Silence**

**Opening Prayer / Welcome** Luke Ediger, Worship Leader  
Please sign and pass the Welcome Pads.

**Opening Hymns** Janelle Roshong, Chorister  
*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Brown Hymnal (FG) #169  
*O Come, All Ye Faithful* (FG) #193

**Lighting the Advent Candle** Jeremy & Carli Braun

**Gathering:**

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!  
Straighten the crooked paths!

**People: A shoot shall come out of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.**

Leader: The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
and the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

**People: Nations will rejoice, for God's kingdom has come  
near.**

**Hymn** Beth Gerber, Chorister  
*Redeeming Love* (FG) #199  
This hymn is sung in honor of Bob Sprunger's birthday.

**Moments with Children** Cindi Clark

**Offertory** Adult Choir  
*The Call* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Douglas E. Wagner

**Scripture** Isaiah 11:1-3; Matthew 2:1-6; Galatians 4:4-5

**Message** "Ready or Not, I'm Coming" Eldon King, Guest Pastor

**Hymn of Response**  
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Blue Hymnal (H) #195

**Responding (unison):**

Holy One, the flurry of motion and money  
consumes our vision and clogs our ears.  
Though we lack your spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
of counsel and might,  
we long to know and love you.  
Refresh us and fill us with your Spirit  
as the waters fill the sea. Amen

**Sharing****Congregational Prayer****Announcements****Closing / Sending**

*How Great Our Joy*

(FG) #182

**Benediction**

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, so that you may with one voice glorify the God of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the God of hope fill you with the joy and peace in believing, so you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

**Brief Congregational Business Meeting**

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*Greetings, on this second Sunday of Advent, in the name of Jesus, whose coming to earth we will soon celebrate.*

**Last Sunday's Guests**

*Maxine & Alexandra McGuire - Cleveland, OH*

**Prayer Concerns and Joys**

- New address for: Rebecka Hackett  
11091 Ft. Laurens Rd., N.W.  
Bolivar, OH 44612
- *(MMN Request)* Drew & Mary Ellen Robinson of MMN are preparing to leave Mongolia next May, bringing closure to more than 15 years of ministry. Pray that God will call leaders to carry on the work the Robinsons are doing. Remember their children also - Caleb, Sophie, and Leah - for whom Mongolia is home.

*The flowers this morning are in celebration of Bob Sprunger's birthday this coming Wednesday, December 8. Happy Birthday, Bob!*

Dear Salem Church Congregation,

Thank you so very much for the prayers before, during and now after both surgeries are done. We are both doing quite well. Thank you for the hospital visits, meals, and encouraging cards. Christ's love is now and forever more. Bless You All!  
Chuck & Patty Rohr

**Today**

People to People Collection

9:10-9:30 & 10:10 - 10:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Checks

There will be a congregational meeting after the morning worship. This meeting is for the ratification of the 2011 budget and to receive information pertaining to the status of the reorganization concept. This is an important meeting, but should not be lengthy.

SYF - Input and lunch (provided) after church

6:00 p.m. Joyful Jammers - practice for caroling

**Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Mini Notes

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Choir

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

**Friday - Saturday**

JHY - Mountain Vision mission trip to West Virginia

*(Next Sunday continued on insert)*

Reception Committee

Today - Harley & Margaret Himes, Lyle Nussbaum & Myrle Trefney

Dec. 12 - John & Janet Sprunger, Jack & Shelley Salsburey

Ushers

Today - Dennis Horst & Neal Clemens

Dec. 12 - Luke Ediger & Angelo Napolitan

Sunday School Nursery

Today - Seth & Rachael Clark

Dec. 12 - Jacqui Hershberger & Steph (Rohr) Ediger

Worship Service Nursery

Today - Ryan & Amber Doty

Dec. 12 - Stephanie Clemens & Kaelyn Horner

Attendance

Nov. 28 S.S. - Advent Breakfast  
Worship - 161

Offering

Nov. 28

General  
Designated

\$3,025.50

\$ 490.78

\$3,516.28

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**Next Sunday**

10:30 a.m.   Worship Service - Enid Schloneger  
Scripture:    Luke 1:26-56  
Message:      “Mary remembers ...” (a monologue)

Kings Kids - Meet after church and go to Wendy’s for lunch and on to Shady Lawn to pass out Christmas cards to the residents.

3:00 p.m.     Caroling with The Joyful Jammers! We will be meeting at the church to go over last minute details and review songs. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome! We will carpool from the church leaving at 3:30 p.m. Ted & Beth Gerber will provide a snack at their home to follow. (FYI - Glendora would like us to carol in their Dining Room at 5:15 p.m.)

SYF - Caroling with the Joyful Jammers

**Happy Birthday To:**

Monday        Jeremiah Mast  
Wednesday    Bob Sprunger  
Friday         Bob Fitzwater  
                  Carli Braun



**Happy Anniversary To:**

Thursday      Jan & Cindy Sohar - 38 Years!



“Praises We Bring” ... Our Thanksgiving Sale/Offering for 2010 is history but our congregation has so very many blessings still fresh in our minds as a result of it. The committee especially gives sincere appreciation to each donor, bidder, helper, attendee, who, through a generous spirit, made it all possible. The fruits of our labors are listed here:

Offering and sale:	Offering	\$ 3,638.44
	Sale	\$ 8,684.50
	SYF food stand	\$ 197.06
		<u>\$12,520.00</u>

Distributed as follows:

Salem Family #1 - 50%	\$ 6,260.00
Salem Family #2 - 12.5%	\$ 1,565.00
Salem Family #3 - 12.5%	\$ 1,565.00
Tornado victim family - 12.5%	\$ 1,565.00
MDS (building) - 12.5%	\$ 1,565.00
	<u>\$12,520.00</u>

WIM December Project: Love Gift

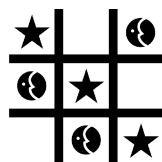
\$380.00 was collected for sewing kits for the November project. Thank you for your generosity!



**Totally "Tool" Tree**

Weigh down the branches generously with your favorite tool.

In the historical display case for December: Just a little information about Salem's advent traditions. One date in the display is incorrect. Do you know which one?



**GAME NIGHT**

Not looking forward to a winter spent indoors? Mark your calendars for Game Nights this winter! One Sunday evening a month we'll have games to play in the church basement. Board games, group games, and kids' games will be included. It should be a fun night for ages newborn through 110. (If you're reading this you qualify!) Right now we're planning on **January 16, February 13, and March 13, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. (Please note the corrected dates)**. Questions or suggestions? Talk to Aaron Hershberger



Annual Report reminders were placed in church mailboxes last Sunday. Please turn your reports into the church office by Sunday, Dec. 19.

It's time to renew our subscriptions to THE MENNONITE. If you are not a current subscriber and would like to be added, or maybe you would like to try it for a year, please tell Carolyn or Eileen. Those currently receiving THE MENNONITE will continue to do so unless you let us know otherwise. All subscriptions are paid for by the church through the Mennonite-in-Every-Home plan.



Please remember to save your Our Family brand labels and place them in the box under the church mailboxes. Be sure to include the UPC symbol when cutting off the labels. Every label helps our SYF raise funds for future mission trips. Thanks!

A bulletin board has been designated for Christmas cards and family letters/pictures to be shared with the entire church family. Feel free to add your greetings!



For church cancellations due to winter weather, please listen to these radio stations: WQKT - 104.5 FM or WCRF - 103.3 FM. Jan Sohar will also start the prayer chain, so please check your email.



Come to Camp Luz for an afternoon of family fun including viewing the newest VeggieTales movie, "It's a Meaningful Life." Sunday, Dec. 12, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. We will have crafts, inflatable activities, Guitar Praise (Christian Guitar Hero), snacks, door prizes, and, of course, watch the movie around 4:15 p.m. The whole thing is FREE, but donations will be accepted to help cover costs. Bring your friends! RSVP would be appreciated so we have enough supplies for crafts and snacks. 330.683.1246.

See the flyer on the bulletin board for the Alternative Christmas Gift Giving Event at Martin's Mennonite on Dec. 12, 11:30 am - 3:00 pm.

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Central Christian Elementary School will present a Christmas concert, *Star of Wonder* on Dec. 9, at 7:00 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center.

Central Christian School Varsity Singers will present a Madrigal Feast on Dec. 10 & 11, at 6:00 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center lobby. The evening includes instrumental and vocal music, appetizers and dinner, and will feature the short musical, "The Reluctant Dragon." This event is one of several fundraisers for the Mennonite School Council choir festival in San Juan, Puerto Rico in April 2011. Call Kristen Conrad at 330.857.7311 for details and reservations.

Central Christian High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship and Christmas celebration Dec. 14, at 7:00 p.m., in the Performing Arts Center.

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We had a very successful Fun-Raiser Sale on November 20, but we have more items and have heard some people express interest in the sale who were not able to attend on November 20. So, we have scheduled another Fun-Raiser Sale for Saturday, December 18th at Wooster Mennonite Church. Fun-Raiser Sale 2 -- Want to buy brand new items at inexpensive prices? Want to support local and global ministries while choosing some wonderful Christmas or Birthday gifts? Then, please come to a fun sale that will raise funds for global and local ministries. On Saturday, December 18 from 9am until 2pm at Wooster Mennonite Church (on Beall Avenue), Tamara Gill will be selling brand new items for less than retail prices. The proceeds from this sale will also benefit Oak Grove Mennonite Preschool Tuition Assistance Fund (10%), People to People Ministries (10%) and Joni and Friends International Ministries (10%). Come early in order to get the best choice of a wide selection including children's clothes, toys and books; Bibles; jewelry; CDs; ornaments; Christmas decor and much more! Any questions? Call Tamara at 330-749-6918. Hope to see you there!



