

# Echoes

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9:30 am—Worship Service

10:45 am—Sunday School



RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:  
**TURN IN YOUR ARTICLES EARLY!**  
REMINDER:  
**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES IS**  
**15th of every Month**

**PASTOR'S SCHEDULE**

Mon: 9:00 am– 12:00 pm

Tues: 12– 3:00 pm

Or by appointment

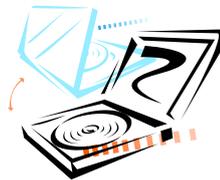
**Secretary Office Hours:**

Wednesdays

9:00 am– 1:00 pm



*The Messages are on the webpage at [www.mexicocob.org](http://www.mexicocob.org). However, we will make you a DVD upon request. See Dave Collins or Lorie Bowman.*



## Sunday Services in December

### Greeters

2– Allen, Mandy & Kylie Durst

9– Evan, Angie, Allie, Easton, Mack & Kendall

Wildermuth

16– Dean & Peggy Owens

23 - Brook, Kim & Rebekah Milburn

30– Jeff & Gina Hattery

**Thank you for serving our church family in this way!**





# December

BIRTHDAYS

- ★ 1 - Brett Hibbard
- ★ 1 - Pam Mygrant
- ★ 1 - Morgan Starkey
- ★ 1 - Garrett Starkey
- ★ 11 - Caden Clingaman
- ★ 13 - Dale Hight
- ★ 14 - Pat Mooney
- ★ 18 - Josie Wilhelm
- ★ 20 - Chuck Oldfather
- ★ 20 - Paislee Haus
- ★ 21 - Evan Wildermuth
- ★ 24 - Gina Hattery
- ★ 24 - Phil Thomson
- ★ 26 - Laina Kling
- ★ 27 - Brock Hagan
- ★ 29 - Madison Howell
- ★ 29 - Janice Hughes
- ★ 29 - Eden Martin
- ★ 30 - Chad Cox
- ★ 31 - Bob McKinley



- 8 - Kendel & Kandy Hattery
- 28—Josh & Adriene Clingaman



If we missed your special day let the office know. Simply drop us a note or an email.

## Wednesday Night Meal

December 5, 2018

At 6:00 pm

We hope you will join us in this meal!



### Prayer Concerns:

**Pray for peace** within the church, help for each one of us to show the love of Christ.

Please pray for our **Ministry Team** and the **Board** as these members are working diligently for the Lord's will at our church.



**Let us pray**



**Ministry Team:** Adriene Clingaman, Kim Milburn, Gina Hattery, Kody Myers  
Glenn Conner, Steve Hostetler & Pastor Matty Myers

**Board Members:** Brook Milburn, Dave Collins, Lorie Bowman, Dave Dawalt,  
Audrey Davis & Pastor Matty Myers

**Please remember these groups and individuals in your daily prayers.**

# Helping Hands!

Helping Hands is in need of specific items from our church! In helping them we help our church family and neighbors. Our church is asked to collect items on the **3rd Sunday of each month!** Here is the list of items they request from us!



**Canned Fruit, Cereal, Flour, Sugar, Toothpaste, Tooth brushes, Sanitary Napkins**

Please remember this important ministry!

## Five-Pointed Star

The star of Bethlehem is often shown as a five pointed star. Roughly shaped like a human being, it symbolizes Christ's incarnation. It also calls to mind the wise men's journey: "After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, 'Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him'" (Matthew 2:1-2 NIV).



# KEEP SEEKING HIM



for Those in Need

## Dare to Share

December 2nd will be Dare to Share during Worship. All of the money collected will go towards buying Christmas for kids in need.

### Items needed by Open Arms

Baby diapers and wipes, Onesies 6 mo.-18 mo. Socks, Kid's underwear and undershirts, socks, kid's Vitamins kid's allergy and cold medicine

Women's socks, undergarments. allergy and cold medicines

Kitchen Supplies-Bread, butter, cake mixes, icing, canned fruit, canned veggies, spices (lemon pepper, salt, garlic powder, pepper, baking powder), Kitchen towels, kitchen utensils (tongs, spatulas), large frying pans.

Cleaning Supplies-toilet bowl cleaner, Comet, window cleaner, Lysol, Laundry soap.

# Our Daily Prayers



Our community children spend approximately 45 hours per week with our area teachers and other employees at the North Miami School System. For that reason we ask that you add the following people to your daily prayers.

Every month throughout the school year you will see one teacher/faculty from the elementary and one from the high school listed per week. Each day that week please lift the designated employee in prayer. Praying for the adults who influence our children will enable us to indirectly pray for the unnamed students as well.

During the week we also encourage you to pray for the school system as a whole.

Week Of	Staff	Staff
December 2	Kathy Enyart—Full Day K	Stacy Masters—Elem. Aide
December 9	Elaine Million—Title 1	Lesley Parson—Full Day K
December 16	Wendi Piel—Elem Aide	Nicole Pugh—Title 1
December 23	Tracy Savage—Title 1	Autumn Spradling—Elem. Aide
December 30	Cindy Sturch—Title 1	Angie Betzner—Elem Dishwasher



## DISTRICT PRAYER CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER

- December 2 - Please pray with us for the Upper Fall Creek COB and Western Pa. District.
- December 9 - Please pray with us for On Earth Peace.
- December 16 - Please pray with us for the Wabash COB and the Puerto Rico District.
- December 23 - Please pray with us for the West Eel River COB and Shenandoah District.
- December 30 - Please pray with us for the White Branch COB and Southeastern District.

## -40 Year Anniversary-

As winter is just around the corner, I thought I'd compare some of the blizzards of the century.

First up is the winter of 1977 and blizzard of January 1978. Research shows 1977 was colder and lasting much longer than normal but did not have the snow like we had on January 26, 1978. Worst blizzard on record with a tally of 40" of snow, wind gusts up to 55 mph, 10' – 20' drifts, wind chill - 50°. All cold weather and snow events were compared to 1936 at the time. In 1936 the issue was running out of coal due to not being able to get cars to the mines and few deliveries. By the 70's for home heat we had moved on to more convenient sources of heat. Even though 1978 might have had the worst weekend event and continuous cold for a month, we had ways of keeping warm and plowing snow they did not have in 1936.

Dad always talked about the house fire in January 1936. They took up residence afterwards at the Sun Set Lodge in one of those little shacks. You could never get warm, even sitting on one of those kerosene heaters. The homes were designed for overnight stays for travelers and definitely not cold weather. To top the winter off, 1936 was a drought year and went on to set heat records through the summer. So let's give 1936 the award for the most miserable year.

Back to the 1970's. We milked cows through all of these storms. Lots of times because the snow was so deep you could not spread the manure and snow on the fields, you started your morning off by clearing off a ½ acre or so just to have some place to push the snow. You could work at that for 3-4 hours before you ever began your regular chores. During some of the coldest and worst storms the cows wouldn't come out of the sheds to eat so the silage would freeze and you had to shovel all that out. There was also the tank heaters and calves being born. Then you begin the process of clearing roads and driveways. You are the county cleanup at that point. Hopefully you don't lose your lights; we have run a generator through these storms also at times. Can you see a pattern here as to why I don't miss the cows in the winter?

Did we have church? We sure did...

In 1977 the church was 1 month old; everybody wanted to enjoy the new church. And yet every weekend it stormed and/or snowed. In my archive of old bulletins, on January 16, 1977, the temperature at 8:30 AM was -20° with a wind chill of -72°, yet there were 197 present at church and 170 at Sunday school. The following Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, was the dedication of the church and I remember snow everywhere and still, worship had a count of 340 with Sunday school at 295, and a noon meal. The following Sunday, January 30, 1977, one more storm, the ole Brethren were becoming weary. Apparently it was coming down faster than possible to get rid of the snow, but 23 showed up and services were across the road at Pastor Don's house. Only the 2<sup>nd</sup> time, in 17 years, that we did not have church in the church on Sunday morning.

Through the years I have been involved in stacking snow, moving it off the parking lot. As these events will happen again, don't forget to thank the people that clear the snow before church, lately Dean Owens, Kendel Hattery, and even Phil Tomson on occasion, if I missed anyone, "Thank you!"

As December gets here, I want you to know I have the drudgery of having to pack and go to Florida for a month or so. I want you to know, lots of times when you all are cold up here; it gets chilly clear down in the bottom of Florida, too. -Historian, Glenn Conner

