

...from the Creek

MCMC

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THANK YOU'S

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the Share-A-Christmas Benefit Concert a success again this year. The offering totaled \$3,279.04. Thanks to everyone who helped provide the delicious food for our fellowship time after the program. It was very much appreciated!

Jann Hershberger

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to bake cookies for the Prison Christmas Cookie Project. What a wonderful way to show Christ's love at Christmas.

Albert & Jenny Troyer

It's Cookie-Ola!

Cookie-Ola is a granola-type cookie that can be used for:

Snacking (careful....it's addictive!)

Crumbling on top of ice cream, oatmeal, yogurt or sweet potatoes (yum!)

Two varieties are available featuring:

Chocolate Morsels, Cranberries and Pecans
White Chocolate Morsels, Apricots and
Walnuts

Purchase Cookie-Ola in the foyer
\$5.00

OFFERING ENVELOPES



If you currently do not use offering envelopes and would like to have them in 2012 – please contact Peggy Miller at 330-893-2282. Also, if you currently are using offering envelopes and would like to discontinue them, please let her know as well.

“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that is laid,
which is Christ Jesus.”

I Corinthians 3:11



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- Saturday, Dec. 24th, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service
- Christmas & New Year's services will be held as usual:
 - 9:00 a.m. – Fellowship time with coffee & donuts
 - 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School
 - 10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

There will be no Children's Church on Christmas day.

In preparation for the 2012 meat canning season, donations are being accepted. All funds are used for MCC relief purposes. The approximate cost of the meat, plus other miscellaneous expenses is \$80,000. This buys approximately 30,000 lbs. of turkey thigh meat. This year's canning dates are January 31, February 1 & 2. Please send donations to Holmes-Tuscarawas Relief, Box 66, Berlin, OH 44610.

MONGOLIA PRAYER BREAKFAST



Saturday, December 17th, 7:30 a.m. at Longenecker Mennonite.



Congratulations to Ken & Marge Gerber on the birth of a grandson, Bridger Thomas Barnes, born to Isaac and Jayne Barnes on November 28th.

Bridger weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and joins big brother and sister, Mason and Maizy.

The Pastoral Search Committee continues to meet and discern God's leading in the path to find a new pastor. If you have thoughts or concerns, please feel free to contact one of the committee members: Kim Kellogg, Jordan Miller, Bernadine Mast, Aden Troyer, Jesse Weaver, Carol Sommers or Tess Arnold.

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 18th for "**Revival in Berlin**" beginning at **7:00 p.m.** in the Berlin Mennonite Church Sanctuary. Join us for a special time of worship as we sing and hear from special speaker, Alex Agha-Khan. All are welcome!

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!



A lot of "stuff" has already accumulated in the new kitchen in the Family Life Center. A table has been set up in the kitchen with all of the items. Please take a look and claim any item that is yours. Items not claimed by Sunday, December 25th will be taken to Save & Serve. Thank you.

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN EVENTS:

- High School choirs and instrumental groups will present an evening of worship at the Christmas program on Dec. 15 at 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center.
- Alumni Coffee House, December 30 at 7:00 pm in the PAC lobby. Grab some coffee and dessert, and kick back for a fun and relaxing evening of musical entertainment by alumni performers and Tim Shue. www.ccscomets.org

MCC WELCOMES INQUIRIES FOR THE FOLLOWING URGENT SENIOR LINE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Area Directors for South America / Mexico, Europe and Middle East, Central / Northeast Asia, and Southeast Asia. For more information on these and other urgent service positions, please visit our website at mcc.org/serve/positions/volunteer

Shaping Families Weekend of December 17, 2011 – Christmas Miracles

Take a needed 15-minute break during your busy Christmas preparations and listen to new, touching Christmas stories, scriptures and carols. The program airs on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. on WKLM 95.3, or visit www.ShapingFamilies.com for a podcast or transcript. (If you have family devotions on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, consider using the podcast.)

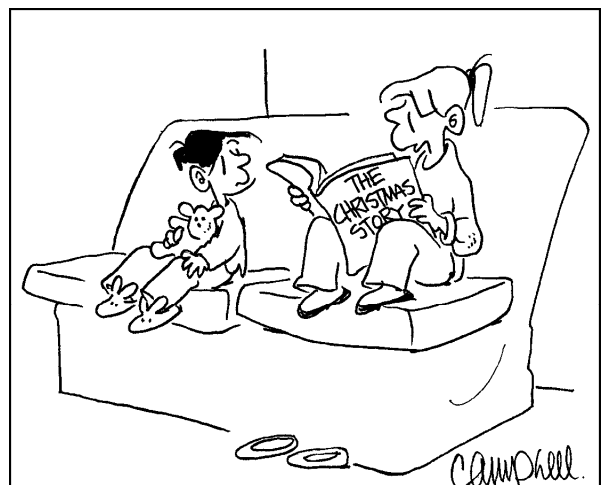
Kits for Christmas

A gift of joy with some assembly required

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) thanks you for your material resource donations throughout the past year. If you haven't already made plans to contribute, MCC invites you to consider donating a kit this Christmas.

Recent shipments to places like drought-affected East Africa have largely drained MCC's warehouses, so 10,000 school kits and 10,000 hygiene kits are especially needed to replenish the supply. However, all types of MCC kits are always welcome and needed.

Call the MCC Great Lakes office at (574) 534-4311 for more information, or visit www.mcc.org/kits



"Because they didn't have e-mail then.
That's why God sent an angel
to proclaim the baby's birth."