

Allensville Mennonite Church



THAT ALL OF THEM MAY BE ONE, FATHER, JUST AS YOU ARE IN ME AND I AM IN YOU, MAY THEY ALSO BE IN US SO THAT THE WORLD MAY BELIEVE THAT YOU HAVE SENT ME. JOHN 17:21

Coffee Fellowship 8:45 AM
Worship Service 9:15 AM • Sunday School 10:40 AM

JANUARY 19, 2025

Prelude - *John Haubrick*

Welcome & Announcements - *Pastor Randy Sunderland*

Congregational Singing

Message - Pastor Bob Zook

Caring for Your Soul through Life-Giving Relationships

Congregational Singing

Sharing & Prayer - *Joe Sharp*

An offering box is placed at the exits of the sanctuary.

Sunday School ~ 10:40 - 11:45 AM

Adult Superintendent - Lavern Peachey

Children's Superintendents - Marlene Peachey, Sonny Peachey

NURSERY

A quiet nursery is available outside the back of the auditorium. An active nursery is located in the Sunday school wing and is staffed during the worship service (at the start of the message, after congregational singing) through the Sunday school hour. Those serving in nursery today are:

- ▶ **Silas & Leah Neer** - *Morning Worship*
- ▶ **Volunteers Needed** - *Sunday School*

Emily Hostetler is serving in the library today.

Next Week's Service - January 26, 2025

Prelude.....	Betty Hostetler
Devotional.....	Joe Sharp
Message.....	Larry Yoder
Nursery Worship Service.....	Ted & Amanda Hart
Nursery Sunday School.....	Val Sharp & Michaela Yoder
Library.....	Juli Sunderland

Upcoming Events

- TODAY:** GriefShare Meeting, 3:30 PM
- Tues, Jan 21:** Leadership Prayer Meeting, 7 PM
- Thu, Jan 23:** Valley View Sunday School Class Visitation, 6:30 PM
- Sun, Jan 26:** Sanctity of Life Sunday with Larry Yoder (Pure Gift of God). Adult Sunday school in sanctuary.
- Sun, Jan 26:** GriefShare Meeting, 3:30 PM
- Tues, Jan 28:** Building Team Meeting, 7 PM
- Wed, Jan 29:** Annual Congregational Meeting, 7 PM
- Tues, Feb 4:** Ladies' Sewing Circle, 8 AM - 2 PM
- Tues, Feb 4:** Leadership Team Meeting, 7 PM
- Sun, Feb 9:** Groundbreaking Ceremony during Sunday school and Fellowship Meal to follow.

Service Notes

January 19, 2025

Last Week's Service - January 12, 2024

Worship Attendance - 199

Sunday School Attendance - 199

YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

SHINE Jr. High

- *Wed, Feb 5:* Bible study 7 - 8:30 PM at Adam & Becca's

KOL Sr. High

- *Wed, Jan 22:* Bible study 7 PM at church
- *Wed, Feb 5:* Bible study 7 PM at church
- *Wed, Feb 19:* Bible study 7 PM at church
- *Fri, Feb 28 - Sun, Mar 2:* Snow Camp at Gunsmoke Acres

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

On January 26, Larry Yoder from Pure Gift of God will be with us for a special Sunday focusing on Adoption. During the worship service he will be bringing a message and then during Sunday School for classes, KOL on up, Larry will be leading a panel discussion consisting of people from our congregation. Please be in prayer for this special Sunday and the focus on adoption ministry.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This morning, you should find a copy of the 2024 Annual Report in your mailboxes. A separate agenda for the meeting should be in your mailboxes as well. Please read this summary of what God has been up to - in and through the Allensville church body this past year! You will also find sabbatical information and a budget that will be presented for approval at our meeting January 29, 2025 at 7 PM. Among other topics, we will be presenting a minor change in the elder structure as well. Please plan to attend this meeting!

MEALS ON WHEELS

Our church is responsible for Meals on Wheels 1/28, 1/30, 2/4, & 2/6. If you are able to deliver meals any of these days, please let Sonny (717-994-1761) know!

BMS QUILTING

Quilting for the BMS Annual Auction will take place later this month in Oakwood Center at Valley View. You are invited to join the fellowship and fine stitching anytime from 8am - 3pm during the weeks of January 20-24 & 27-31. We hope to see you at the Auction on April 25 & 26 when the beautiful quilts will be featured along with much more!

BUILDING UPDATE

We have been on a journey with the building project. Several years ago, the Leadership Team appointed a Building Team to come up with a building design proposal for the congregation to approve. The Leadership Team also appointed a Building Finance Team to create a proposal on how to fund the project. The congregation approved both proposals on June 18th, 2023.

Due to inflation and code-related costs, the updated project total is approximately \$3.2 million. Though this is disappointing, we recognize that this is the world in which we live.

The Building Finance Team was informed of this increase and has adjusted their plan accordingly. The plan now includes goals of \$1 million cash in-hand, \$1.2 million in personal loans and \$1 million in commercial lending.

Thanks to God's provision, we as a Leadership Team are excited to announce that the funding is now in place! Our current balance for cash in-hand is almost 950,000, our personal lending is a little over \$1.2 million and EMM approved our commercial loan application for \$1 million. Therefore, the Leadership Team has given the Building Team the direction to move forward with the project.

We are probably only a couple of weeks away from having permits in hand! We are looking forward to a ground-breaking ceremony to take place in the upcoming weeks with more details to follow. Again, please join us as we thank God for how He has been guiding and providing!

YOU'RE INVITED!!

On February 9th there will be a Groundbreaking Celebration during Sunday School! This will be for everyone - adults and children - with a fellowship meal following the service. Please plan to stay and join us as we celebrate how God has been answering our prayers with the plans and provisions for the project!

BUILDING PROJECT - THE "WHY"

At Allensville Mennonite Church (AMC), our desire is to most effectively invite and empower the congregation to engage in community, discipleship, mission, stewardship, and worship.

With this goal in mind, we as a Leadership team think it is helpful for us as a congregation to remember the "Why" for the proposed addition/remodel.

Throughout the last 6-7 years, we have been listening and taking steps towards what we believe God is calling us to do in regards to stewarding the growth we are experiencing. These areas that we feel need to be addressed for our current needs and for future generations to be more fully engaged in the spread of the Gospel are:

- More classroom space for the children's department and create a limited access area for the safety of the children
- More classroom space for adult Sunday School classes
- Greater accessibility to all areas of the church, sanctuary, fellowship hall, restrooms, and Sunday School rooms
- Update the sanctuary
- Larger foyer, coffee area
- Larger/more accessible kitchen and fellowship hall area
- Designated counseling space/pastors offices
- Covered entrance area
- Update mechanical systems

Following times of corporate prayer, the above items were prompted by surveys and listening to God through the voice of the congregation.

BUILDING FUND PROGRESS

Building Fund Money Received - **\$950,360.65**

Personal Loans Pledged - **\$1,212,500**

MEAT CANNING PROJECT

The Central PA World Hunger Association will begin its annual Meat Canning Project in February. 2025 marks the 50th year for the Meat Canning Project locally. Did you know that 10% of all meat canned remains local? This year, they will be canning 20,000 pounds of chicken and 20,000 pounds of pork! Details are as follows:

Dates:

- *February 10 - 13 for canning*
- *February 14 for cleanup*

Times:

- *Mon - Thur 6:30 am - 8:00 pm*
- *Fri 7:00 am - 2:00 pm*

Where: *Chief Logan Firehouse
1800 Glenwood Ave, Lewistown, PA*

How you can help: *Groups preferred by not required to help with all steps of the canning process. Volunteers can be scheduled for as little or as much time as preferred.*

Contact:

Sylvanus Peachey, Canning Coordinator
at 717-935-2511

OR

Jesse Diem, Assistant Coordinator
717-348-9577

Monetary donations are also accepted and can be sent to Central PA World Hunger Association, PO Box 76, Belleville, PA 17004.

THE INVITATION

The Invitation is a 3 day prayer and fasting gathering. You are invited to experience the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement through six primary areas of focus: remembrance, reverence, reflection, repentance, re-baptism, and re-mission. This 500-year mark of the believer's baptism is a strategic time in church history to look beyond the past. Come join us as we consider "The More" that God desires to release in and through the Anabaptist family.....Amish, Mennonites, Brethren in Christ, Hutterites, Independents, etc!

*Dates: Monday 1/20/25, Tuesday 1/21/25,
Wednesday 1/22/25*

Sessions to be held with input by various Anabaptist groups. Come despite our differences!

Schedule:

10 AM: Daily Worship and Prayer

1 – 5 PM: Daily Sessions

7 – 9 PM: Daily Sessions

Location: Petra Church, 565 Airport Road, New Holland, PA 17557.

Registration is recommended:

www.allianceus.org/the-invitation

Church Phone - (717) 483-6774

Prayer Chain Message: ext. 1

Announcements: announcements@allensvillemennonite.org, ext. 2

Danielle Peachey, Secretary - secretary@allensvillemennonite.org, ext. 2

Randy Sunderland, Admin. Pastor - randy@allensvillemennonite.org, ext. 3

Bob Zook, Care Ministry Pastor- bob@allensvillemennonite.org, ext. 4

Bob's Church Office Hours - Mondays from 8 AM to 12 PM

Adam Peachey, Teaching Pastor - adam@allensvillemennonite.org, ext 5

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