

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

December 16, 2018

**Welcome** everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

**Minister** to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

**Call out** each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

## The Lord is Our Righteousness



**Third Sunday of Advent**

## Rejoicing in God's Justice

Gathering Song	<i>We three kings</i>	Worship Band
	Lighting the Advent Candle	
Welcome and Call to worship		Andrew Hartzler
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Special music		WMC Choir
	Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice	
	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus	
	Away in a Manger	
Scripture	Zephaniah 3:14-20; Philippians 4:4-7	
Sermon	"Unrestrained Joy"	Cindy Voth
Song of Response	<i>Joy to the world</i>	H 318
Children's time		Jane Ross Richer, Andrew Smucker
Congregational prayers		Neil Amstutz
Dedication of Elora Bowman (1 <sup>st</sup> service)		Katie Misz
Song of dedication	<i>Lord, we bring to you our children</i>	SJ 90
Offering	<i>God rest ye merry people all</i>	
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Congregational song	<i>What child is this?/Helpless and hungry</i>	SS 26
Congregational ballot		Tim Burkholder
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Hamba nathi</i>	SJ 2

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

\*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

**Living Stream Worship: The services are live streamed at [www.waterfordchurch.org](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

Thank you to Karen and Dave Hostetler for creating the banner stands and banners for our Advent series, and to Bob Hochstedler for providing the relief kit collection canoe. Thank you also to Karen Sommers, Mary Anne Wieand and Barb and Jerry Landes for creating a festive – looking foyer!

## Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

*Jason and Rita Herrmann* as Rita has surgery on Friday.

We remember this week our 3-year-old students *Nathaniel Snyder, Jeremiah Voth, Lydia Voth and Sean Zimmerman* and their teachers *Char Stoltzfus and Becky Yoder*.

Pray for *IN-MI Mennonite Women* as they look for new leadership as the president and vice-president positions will need to be filled in the next few months.

*Andrew and Ruth Hartzler* as Ruth has knee surgery on Tuesday.

*Mark and Mary Hurst*, working through Mennonite Mission Network, as they prepare to move to a new area west of Sydney. Pray for them as they settle in and continue their ministry of teaching, peacemaking and hospitality with the Anabaptist Association of Australia and New Zealand.

This week we remember in prayer *Daniel Robles* who is a student at Goshen College.

*Galen Yoder and his family* as they grieve the loss of wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Esther, who died Wednesday.

## Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship

9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship

9:30 a.m. Nurture hour – Classes for all ages

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program followed by potluck finger foods

## Welcome Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

## Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Elmer & Deloris Wyse; Jerry and Barb Landes

Ushers Ken Otto, Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Joanna Yoder (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Nursery Anita Myers, Anna Myers (1st); Kathy Myers, Barb Westerbeek (Nurture);  
Pushpa King, Julie Zehr (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Audiovisual Glen Kauffmann, Chrissy Kauffmann, Félix Pérez Diener

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship—287 (145+142); Nurture Hour—285

### Finances – December 9, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 4,897.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 8,566.55
Either Fund	\$ 5,712.42	Budget subtotal	\$ 19,175.97
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,718.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 22.40	Welcome Spaces	\$ 1,000.00
Ecuador Two-Way Mission	\$ 1,000.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 50.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 21,248.37</b>

### This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
	6:00 p.m.	Ecuador Ministry Support Team/Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Ministry Leadership Council/Room 22
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	MYF/Honey's
	7:00 p.m.	Purpose-full work conversations/Room 6
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers/Room 15

### Looking Ahead

December 23	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent ( <i>Luke 1:39-55</i> )
December 30	Sermon: Katie Misz; Christmas Sunday ( <i>1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41</i> ) Christmas Brunch hosted by Pathfinders and Agape classes

### Out of Office

Katie Misz	December 21 – 25
Cindy Voth	December 23 – 30

### Pastoral Team

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