

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 23, 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



Fourth Sunday of Advent

Blessing and Restoration

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Joy to the world</i>	H 318
	<i>Blessed Savior, we adore thee</i>	H 107
	<i>The angel Gabriel</i>	H 180
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Welcome and Call to worship		Eldon Stoltzfus
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Offering		Ruthie Saunders, Bervalie Lehman
	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Veronica Berkey
Congregational song	<i>No wind at the window</i>	SS 11
Scripture	Luke 1:39-55	
Sermon	"Shoes of Blessing"	Neil Amstutz
Song of Response	<i>My soul is filled with joy</i>	SJ 13
Blessing of SOOP participants		Neil Amstutz
Congregational prayers		Velma Swartz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Hark the glad sound</i>	H 184

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

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

This week we remember in prayer *Anna Smucker* who is a student at Goshen College.

We remember this week our 3-year-old students *Eli Bowman and Charles Lehman* and their teachers *Char Stoltzfus and Becky Yoder*.

Pray that the *churches around the world* would be transformed by the Holy Spirit to embody a spirit of peace and reconciliation amid sharp polarization on political and theological issues in society and within congregations.

In this season of “Peace on earth, goodwill to all people,” Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for *peace in Burkina Faso*, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.

Rosetta Mast, who celebrates her 98th birthday tomorrow, for God’s grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Pray for *fruitful teaching and learning* during the first trimester of 2019 at SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano). Pray for SeBAH supporters and the many Hispanic/Latino churches that have benefited from SeBAH’s ministry. Pray that God brings all the funds needed for this fiscal year’s teaching program.

Arnold and Lucille Roth, who celebrated 63 years of marriage last Monday the 17th.

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; Jim & Lila Gascho
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Dennis Myers (1 st) Glenn Reinford, Don Miller, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Doug & Janette Yoder (1st); Kathy Myers, Barb Westerbeek (Nurture); Lorna Claassen, Lorraine Reinford (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen, Jeremy Stutzman

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship–307 (167+140); Nurture Hour–262

Finances – December 16, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 13,542.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,247.50
Either Fund	\$ 5,770.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 20,559.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,516.00</i>
MYF CD	\$ 80.00	JYF Fundraiser	\$ 1,183.10
Least Coin	\$ 27.00	Welcome Spaces	\$ 11,000.00
Relief Kits	\$ 50.00	Total:	\$ 32,899.60

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

This Week at Waterford

Monday 8:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Tuesday Office Closed

Looking Ahead

December 30 Sermon: Katie Misz; Christmas Sunday
(*Luke 1 & 2*)
Christmas Brunch hosted by Pathfinders and Agape classes
January 6 Sermon: Cindy Voth; Epiphany
(*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*)

Out of Office

Katie Misz December 23 – 25
Cindy Voth December 23 – 30
Velma Swartz December 26 – 27
Neil Amstutz December 28

Pastoral Team

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