

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

December 30, 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



**Christmas Sunday**

## Love Revealed

Prelude		Carol singing
Gathering song		JD Smucker, Anne Lehman
	<i>Joyful, joyful, we adore thee</i>	H 71
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Welcome and Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Congregational song	<i>Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem (v. 1)</i>	SS 32
Reflections of a physical birth		Cheryl Snyder
Congregational song	<i>Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem (v. 2)</i>	SS 32
Reflections of a spiritual birth		Katie Misz
	Zechariah's Song (Luke 1:67-79)	
	“Sing God a Simple Song”	Matthew Smucker
	Mary's Song (Luke 1:46-55)	
	“Rain Down”	Daphcar Lehman
	The Angels' Song (Luke 2:8-20)	
	“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”	The Berkey Family
	Simeon's Song (Luke 2:28-32)	
	“Welcome to our World”	Alex Yoder
Song of Response	<i>The Virgin Mary had a baby boy</i>	H 202
Offering	<i>We invite you to bring your offering forward and place it in the basket</i> (Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Prayer for the offering, Dedication of relief kits		Loanne Harms
Congregational prayer		Velma Swartz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	H 210

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

We remember this week our Nursery students *Elora Bowman, Matilda Graber-Ditzler, Beckett Replogle and Katherine Snyder* and the nursery coordinator *Julie Zehr*.

*C. Paul and Hildi Amstutz* worship with German- and Spanish-speaking churches in Paraguay. Pray for them as they mentor members of these congregations and as they share the good news of Jesus through business chaplaincy and spiritual direction.

Celebrate with *Mary Ann Miller and Terry Stuckey* as they commit their lives to each other in marriage this evening, in Archbold, Ohio.

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

*Glen and Thelma Horner* who will celebrate 63 years of marriage tomorrow, Dec. 31.

Thank God for the *Hesston College faculty and staff* who have put numerous hours and lots of energy into creating a healthy community for students to learn and grow. Pray that they may find renewed energy during Christmas break.

## Today

7:50/10:30 a.m. Pre-service Christmas carol singing

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

9:30 a.m. Christmas Brunch hosted by Pathfinders and Agape classes

## 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 Luke & Becky Gascho; Sheldon & Velma Swartz

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

Nursery Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (1st); Kathy Myers, Barb Westerbeek (Nurture);  
Melanie & Greg Hire (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Audiovisual Colin Berkey, Bob Hochstedler, Jordan Kauffman

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship—293 (118+175); Nurture Hour—215

### Finances – December 23, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 20,111.10	Mennonite Education	\$ 2,620.00
Either Fund	\$ 1,235.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 23,966.10
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,102.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 2.90	JYF Fundraiser	\$ 73.90
MYF Leaf Fundraiser	\$ 865.47	Welcome Spaces	\$ 6,210.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 90.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 150.00
<b>Total:</b>			<b>\$ 31,358.37</b>

### This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	Office Closed
Wednesday	12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Pl 7:00 p.m. CTM Planning Group/Room 15
Thursday	7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/Room 15 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Friday	5:30 p.m. MYF leaves for Winter Retreat

### Looking Ahead

January 6	Sermon: Cindy Voth; Epiphany <i>(Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12)</i>
January 13	Sermon: Luis Tapia <i>(Luke 2:41-52)</i>

### Out of Office

Cindy Voth December 30

### Pastoral Team

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