

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 9, 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



Second Sunday of Advent

Proclaiming

Prelude		WMC Orchestra
Gathering songs		Vyron & Elvina Schmidt
	<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	H 178
	<i>Comfort, comfort, O my people</i>	H 176
	<i>Lo, how a rose e'er blooming</i>	H 211
Lighting the Advent Candle		
Welcome and Call to worship		Debbie & Steve Fath
Lighting the peace lamp*		
Congregational song	<i>Prepare the way of the Lord</i>	SS 14
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
God's work among us		Pat Lehman, Shipibo Mission Center, Peru
Children's time		Janette Amstutz
Scripture	Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 3:1-6	
Sermon	"What Kind of Christmas Do You Deserve?"	Neil Amstutz
Song of Response	<i>Wild and lone the prophet's voice</i>	SS 8
Congregational prayers		Cindy Voth
MLC Announcement		Tim Burkholder
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Prepare the way of the Lord</i>	SS 14

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!

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.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Lenora Coyle, who celebrated her 92nd birthday on Thursday, Dec. 6, 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.

Wayne Saunders, who will have surgery Tuesday for a large tear in his meniscus.

For *Stephen Ministers and the persons they care for* as the high expectations of the Christmas season accentuate personal loss. Pray that they may experience the reality of “God with us.”

Russ Hochstetler and his extended family grieving the loss of his brother, Herman, who died last week in Florida.

Mennonite Mission Network’s *Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi*, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.

We remember this week our Pre-Kindergarten student *Lena Claassen* and her teachers *Lyz Zimmerman and Alan Zimmerman*.

Cynthia Kauffmann recovering from hip replacement surgery.

The Burkholder family—Tim and Sharon, Melanie and Greg Hire, Zoë and Axel Brown—as they celebrate the good and long life of Sharon’s mother, Martha Sitler, who died this week.

Andre Beasley and his family. Andre frequently preaches at Fairhaven Mennonite Church in Ft. Wayne, and recently two of his brothers were shot multiple times. Pray for emotional and physical healing for his brothers and God’s sustaining grace and peace during this difficult time.

This week we remember in prayer *Sierra Ross Richer* who is a student at Goshen College.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Doug & Janette Yoder; Darrel & Karen Sommers
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Dennis Myers (1 st) Glenn Reinford, Joanna Yoder, Wade Ramer (2 nd)
Nursery	Deb Brenneman, Dee Birkey (1st); Kathy Myers, Barb Westerbeek (Nurture); Amy & Rich Schlamersdorf (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Colin Berkey, Jordan Kauffman, Félix Pérez Diener

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship–290 (112+140+38 – Seekers trip); Nurture Hour–266

Finances – December 2, 2018

Operating Fund	\$ 13,633.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 5,685.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,300.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 22,618.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,835.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 76.47	Welcome Spaces	\$ 2,200.00
Relief Kits	\$ 100.00	Sharing Fund	\$ 125.00
The Window	\$ 75.00	Total:	\$ 25,194.97

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
2:00 p.m. Worship Band rehearsal/sanctuary
5:00 p.m. Ecuador Prayers

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Praying the Office/Room 15
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Gifts Discernment Ministry Team/Room 15
6:30 p.m. Venture Club & JYF
7:00 p.m. MYF/Waterford Crossing
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/Room 15
8:30 a.m. Mennonite Women
6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Rooms 28/30
7:00 p.m. Worship Ministry Team/Room 15

Looking Ahead

December 16 Sermon: Cindy Voth; 3rd Sunday of Advent
(*Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18*)
December 23 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; 4th Sunday of Advent
(*1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17; Luke 2:41*)

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