

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we  
**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.

# OUR WAIT BEGINS

## Pastoral Team

Neil Amstutz, Pastoral Team Leader  
Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life  
Katie Misz, Pastor of Family Life  
Terry Zehr, Pastor of Senior Ministries

## Welcome Team

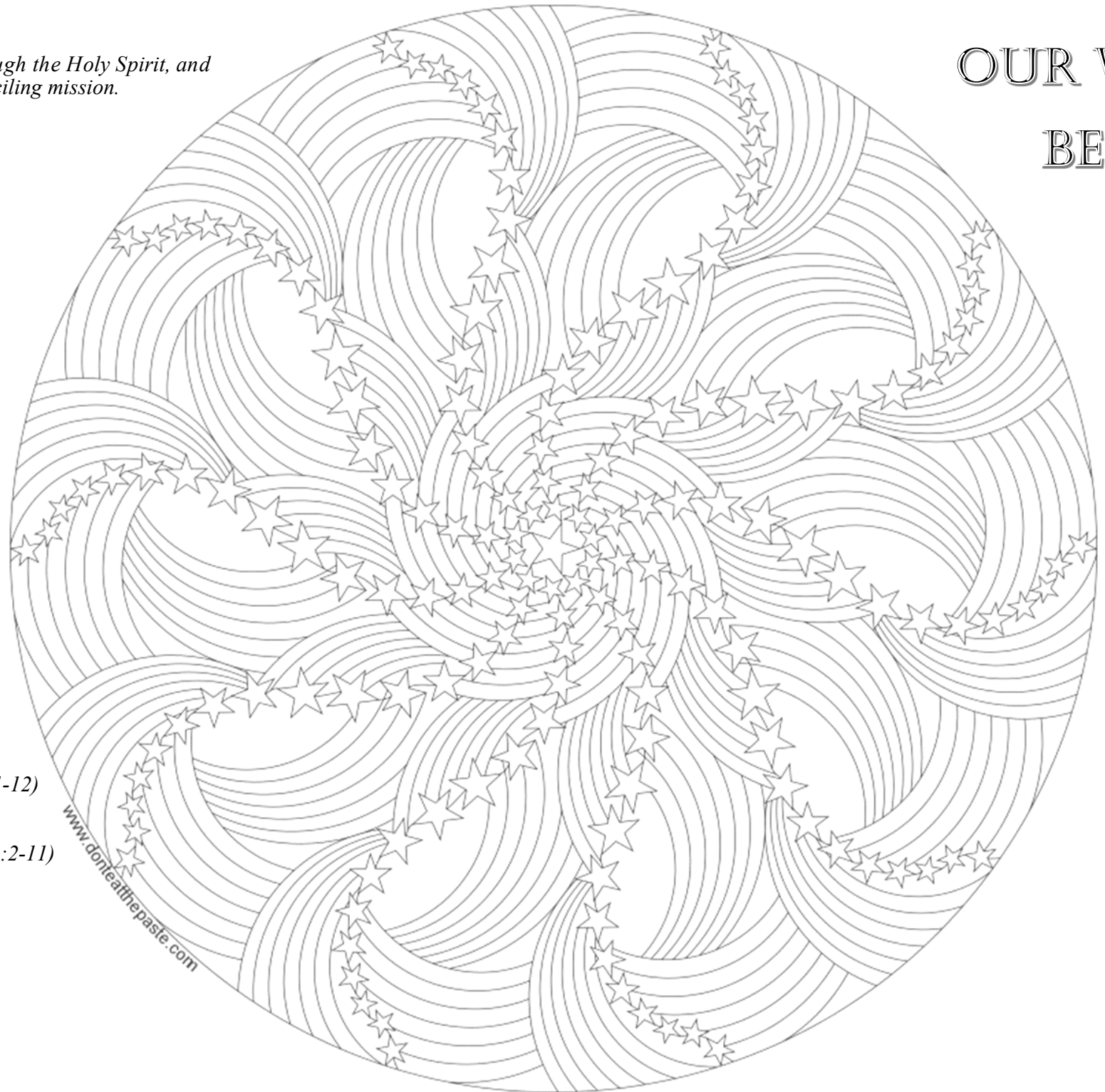
Greeter/Hosts Dan & Diane Bodiker; Ron & Vicki Weirich  
Ushers Ken Otto, Jerry Golden, Dennis Myers (1<sup>st</sup>)  
Glen Reinford, Wade Ramer, Krista Daniels (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Nursery Kristen & Steve Snyder (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Kathy Myers, Amanda Stoltzfus (Nurture);  
Greg & Melanie Hire (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Audiovisual Shawn, Jeremy, and David Stutzman

## Looking Ahead

December 8 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Advent 2  
(*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12*)

December 15 Waterford Christmas Musical; Advent 3  
(*Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11*)

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First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2019

Prelude		String Quartet
Gathering songs		MYF Worship Band
	<i>Come thou long expected Jesus</i>	H 178
	<i>Gravity of Love</i>	
	<i>It is well</i>	
Welcome and Call to worship		Rose Shetler
Lighting the Advent Peace lamp*		
Congregational song	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
Children's Time		Jerry Landes
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Scripture & responsive reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	
Sermon	"God, What Are YOU Waiting For?"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Build your kingdom here</i>	
Blessing for mentor/mentee pairs		Len Harms
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Seeds</i>	

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)**

### Welcome Guests!

We welcome you to our service this morning. 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 celebrates her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Andrew & Ruth Hartzler ask for prayers that *Goshen College students in Ecuador* continue to see God at work in their service assignments and that their lives are changed by a deepening understanding of who they are in the world

*Rachel Stoltzfus* having knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, December 4.

We remember this week our Preschool students *Jeremiah Voth, Lydia Voth, Luke Wiens* and *Sean Zimmerman* and their teachers *Lyz Zimmerman* and *Alan Zimmerman*.

As the *Argentina Mennonite Church* enters its second century, pray that its vibrant ministries of preaching, teaching, planting churches, and running businesses to support missions flourish. Pray specifically for a brick-making enterprise in Villa Mercedes, San Luis, that combines income-generating work with church planting.

This week we remember in prayer *Carly Gingerich* who is a student at Eastern Mennonite University.

For *Mennonite Early Childhood Network schools*, that God will help adults engage children in the joy, hope, peace and wonder of God's extravagant love during this Christmas season.

### Today

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

9:15 a.m. Coffee and Fellowship

9:30 a.m. Nurture classes for all ages

### This Week at Waterford

*Wednesday*

12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Place

7:00 p.m. MYF

*Thursday*

7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/Room 15

6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers/Rms 15, 22

*Saturday*

2:00 p.m. Musical Orchestra rehearsal

### Last Sunday Attendance:

Worship—268 (137 + 131); Nurture—230

### Finances – November 24, 2019

Operating Fund	\$ 5,616.00
Mennonite Education	\$ 1,347.50
Either Fund	\$ 3,512.50
<b>Budget subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 10,476.00</b>
<b>Giving needed to meet budget</b>	<b>\$ 17,707.00</b>
Hymnals	\$ 375.00
The Window	\$ 100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,951.00</b>