

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.

# WORTH THE WAIT

## 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 Sandy Kauffman, Darlene Miller;  
Jordan & Christa Graber Kauffman  
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Dennis Myers (1st)  
Byron Yoder, Len Harms, Carolyn Kauffman (2nd)  
Nursery Dee Birkey, Cindy Yoder (1<sup>st</sup>);  
Kathy Myers, Amanda Stoltzfus (Nurture);  
Leah Berkey, Lorna Claassen (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
Audiovisual Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen, Micah Hunsberger

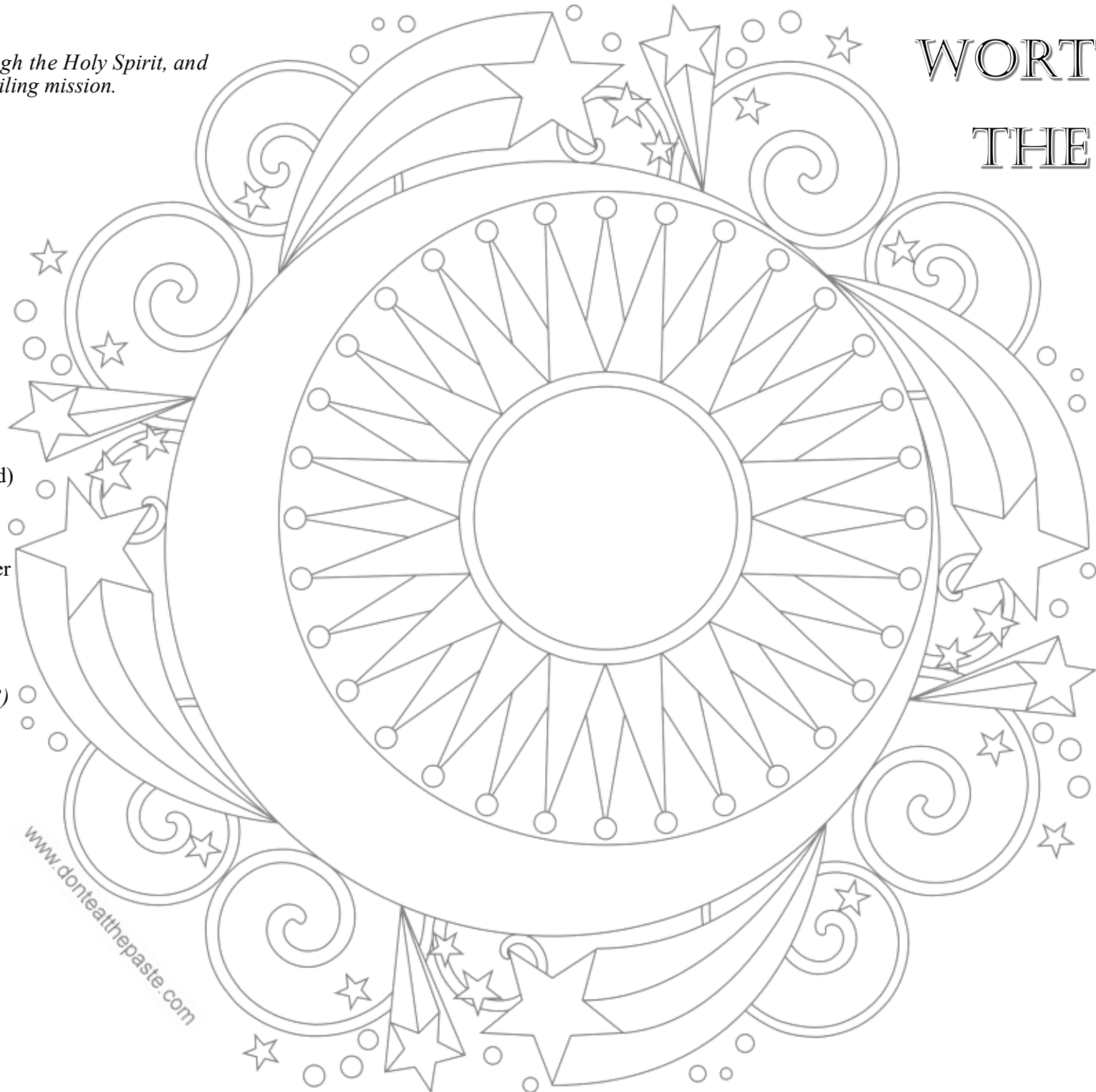
## Looking Ahead

December 29 Sermon: Terry Zehr; Christmas Celebration  
(*Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23*)  
Christmas Brunch, hosted by Sojourners & Koinonia classes  
January 5 Singing the Salvation Story

## Out of Office

Neil Amstutz December 22 - January 2  
Cindy Voth December 23-25  
Katie Misz December 25-29

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## Worth the Wait

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 2019

Prelude		Ruthie Saunders
Gathering songs		JD Smucker
	<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	H 201
	<i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i>	H 172
	<i>The virgin Mary had a baby boy</i>	H 202
Welcome and Call to worship		Sheldon Swartz
Congregational song	<i>See whose glory fills the skies</i>	
Lighting the Advent Peace lamp*		
Prayer of sending for Ina Ruth Breckbill (1st)		Cindy Voth
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	Matthew 1:18-25	
Sermon	"The Manger Rearranger"	Katie Misz
Song of response	<i>Hope is a candle</i>	SS 15
Congregational prayers		Cindy Voth
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Alleluia!</i>	SS 17

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

*Our Guests from Interfaith Hospitality Network* who stayed at St. Mark's this week, for God to continue to be a companion and guide on their life journeys.

*Rosetta Mast*, who celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday the 24<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.

Mennonite Mission Network requests *prayer for peace in Burkina Faso*. When armed protest groups ambush symbols of Western opulence and colonialism, like hotels and gold mines, civilians get caught in the crossfire. May the Mennonite Church in Burkina Faso live the way of the Prince of Peace through word and deed.

This week we remember in prayer *Matthew Herrmann* who is a student at the University of Notre Dame.

Let us join Hesston College in giving thanks for *host families* who welcome international students into their homes for Christmas break.

*Belmont Mennonite Church* as they continue with their pastoral search process: for the search team, any potential applicants for the open position, and the many people within the congregation who are doing extra work to keep things running during this time of transition.

### 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

*Tuesday*

6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

*Wednesday - Friday*

Office Closed

### Last Sunday Attendance:

Worship—389 (188 + 201); Nurture—278

### Finances – December 15, 2019

Operating Fund	\$ 8,813.50
Mennonite Education	\$ 6,905.00
Either Fund	\$ 10,764.97
<b>Budget subtotal</b>	<b>\$ 26,483.47</b>
<b>Giving needed to meet budget</b>	<b>\$ 17,380.00</b>
Least Coin Fund	\$ 21.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 25.00
Jubilee Fund	\$ 300.00
Sophie Miller Support	\$ 500.00
JYF sales for Ecuador trip	\$ 1,298.54
Ecuador Cofán projects	\$ 4,000.00
Welcoming Spaces 3.0	\$ 5,650.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,278.01</b>