

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 20, 2020

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.

On the Road . . . Advent IV: On the road to revelation

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Welcome and Call to worship		Cynthia Kauffmann
Song		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	H 212
	<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	H 197
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Daniels Family & Revy
Pastoral prayer and Lighting the peace lamp*		Velma Swartz
Monologue	"The Birth of Jesus Revealed"	Madeline Smith Kauffman
Song	<i>What child is this/Helpless and hungry</i>	H 215/SS 26
Scripture	<i>Luke 1:26-38, 46b-55</i>	
Sermon	"Promises of Presence"	Cindy Voth
Confession and words of assurance		
Words of blessing for Ross Richer family		Steve Fath
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.

Thank you to Loanne Harms for the visuals at the front of the sanctuary during this Advent season.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

For wisdom, strength and harmony for *George and Karen Thompson* as they welcome home their son, Mark, from prison December 23, and for *Mark as he searches* for a place to live by January 4.

For everyone as we are unable to celebrate Christmas in person with our families, and for those who must spend it alone.

Prayers for Senior Adults from Waterford Crossing and Miller's Merry Manor as they live with very limited human interaction: *Shirley Leinbach, Felton & Una Ross, and Leona Yoder.*

Mennonite Mission Network's *SOOP* on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico. Pray for *volunteers to serve* there through tutoring and Christmas activities.

Lauren Hoogenboom who is a student at Ball State University.

For the *Warming Shelter* on Eisenhower Drive, operated nightly through the winter by Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network and other community agencies, that staff and guests may stay safe and healthy.

Our wee wonder students *Katherine Snyder, Matilda Graber-Ditzler, and Elora Bowman*, and their teacher, *Mikki Bowman.*

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This Week at Waterford—via Zoom

Monday

8:30 a.m. Anabaptist Prayers
7:00 p.m. Longest Night Service

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. JYF
7:00 p.m. MYF

Thursday

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service in parking lot
8:00 p.m. Anabaptist Prayers

Friday

Office Closed

Looking Ahead

December 27: Sermon: Neil Amstutz;
Christmas

(Gal. 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40)

January 3: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Epiphany

(Is. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12)

Finances – December 13, 2020

Operating Fund	\$ 5,497.50
Mennonite Education	\$ 2,677.50
Either Fund	\$ 16,147.50
Budget subtotal	\$ 24,322.50
Center for Healing & Hope	\$ 153.00
Henry Mast Memorial	\$ 10,900.00
Welcome Spaces 3.0	\$ 1,000.00
Jubilee Fund	\$ 200.00
Total Offering	\$ 36,575.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget:</i>	<i>\$ 18,946.00</i>

Pastoral Team

Neil Amstutz, Pastoral Team Leader
Cindy Voth, Pastor of Community Life
Katie Misz, Pastor of Family Life
Velma Swartz, Interim Pastor of Senior Ministries