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Christmas Eve Service 2020

WMC celebrated Christmas Eve by gathering in the church parking lot to listen to a bilingual verses and carols service produced by College Mennonite Church and broadcast on local radio stations. People got out of their cars with a light to sing “Silent Night” together at the end. *Photos by Loanne Harms*



Looking for hope? January worship series coming

Christmas has provided many of us with a welcome visual and emotional respite from short days and long cold nights. But the coldest part of winter, and an untamed pandemic, lies still ahead of us, perhaps dampening our spirits even more. For most of the month of January at Waterford, we’ll enter into a worship series focusing on hope. Specifically we’ll examine some characteristics of faith we will need in the year ahead. Where do you expect to find hope in 2021?

To guide us in the series, we will use the acrostic of H.O.P.E. for these four Sundays:

Jan. 10: **H**onest reflection

Jan. 17: **O**penmindedness

Jan. 24: **P**assionate following

Jan. 31: **E**volving faith

Bringing a variety of perspectives on these themes will be the following four preachers, respectively, from our congregation: J.E. Misz, Neil Amstutz, Andrew Hartzler, and Cindy Voth. As part of our “passionately following” Jesus on the 24th, we will observe communion together. May God guide us in 2021, not into mere attitudes of hopefulness, but into practices to sustain us as disciples of Jesus Christ in a frequently changing world.

—Pastor Neil Amstutz



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Thank You

Thank you for your gifts and words of support and encouragement as we walked the stages of Dad's final days, his death, and gathering to remember a long life well lived. We are thankful to be part of a caring community that knows how to laugh and how to cry, to mourn and to be comforted.

-Lyle, Bonnie, Tony and Ryan Miller

Thank you from MCC

A sincere thank you from Mennonite Central Committee to our friends at Waterford for your recent generous donation of \$4,050 as part of our Centennial campaign. Your support assures that even in the midst of a global pandemic, your love, care and prayers are supporting the vulnerable people being served by MCC partners as they minister in their communities. Your donations continue the 100 year mission of MCC of offering dignity, solidarity and hope to communities in crisis. Thank you for caring and ministering through MCC in the name of Christ.

—Les Gustafson-Zook, MCC Great Lakes

Cars parked around the periphery of the parking lot for the Christmas Eve service, facing the manger scene.

Photo by Lyle Miller

