



Waterford Mennonite Church

Dare to Imagine

Advent 1: God's goodness!

November 28, 2021

Prelude		Colton & Shelby Eby
Song	<i>My Soul Cries Out</i>	Colleen Stoltzfus VT 412
Welcome and Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Advent Candle Litany		
Confession and Assurance of Pardon		
Song	<i>Solemn Stillness, Weary Streets</i>	VT 276
Offering	<i>Please pass the friendship pads</i> (Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise)	
Children's time		Mark & Krista Daniels and Revy
Song	<i>To Us a Child of Hope Is Born</i>	VT 259
Scripture	Luke 21: 25-36	
Sermon	"Not Either/Or But Both/And "	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
Pastoral prayer		Neil Amstutz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Hope Is a Candle</i>	VT 211

Advent is about waiting; this year about waiting and imagining a future filled with God's good plans for our world. Our peace lamp is one of the ways we keep that imagination alive throughout the year here at Waterford as we dare to imagine peace and justice for those suffering from violence and oppression. Its light shines throughout our service this morning.

VT = Voices Together; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Elsie Yoder as she began chemotherapy treatment for lymphoma on Tuesday.

Alfonsina and José Oyanguren serving in the Argentine Chaco with the Toba-Qom churches through a partnership that includes the Argentina Mennonite Church, Mennonite Mission Network and congregations in Ohio.

Dale Wentorf as he continues to receive medical treatment for Guillain Barre Syndrome.

For a renewed sense of energy and wellbeing for *Bonneyville Mennonite Church* as they struggle with the lingering effects of COVID.

This week we remember in prayer young adult *Matthew Damer* as he discerns the focus of his studies.

For *Goshen College students* who are returning from Study-Service Term in Ecuador.

Ministry Leadership Council and pastors as they meet on Saturday for ongoing discernment in the midst of transition.

We remember this week our 4th grade students *Poppy Habecker, Brynn Replogle* and *Thomas Voth* and their teachers *Phil Habecker* and *Luke Voth*.

Praise for the *release of two of the Christian Aid Ministries workers* in Haiti and continued prayers for the remaining 15 hostages who have not yet been released.

Welcome Guests

We are glad to have you join us in worship today. If you have young children, there are sermon boards for children outside the main sanctuary doors; please pick one up as you enter. You may also watch the live-streamed service with others in the pavilion outside. Large print copies of the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

This Week at Waterford

Today 9:00 a.m. Worship
10:30 a.m. Nurture hour classes for all ages
Wednesday 7:00 p.m. MYF
Thursday 6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministers / MYF Room
Saturday 8:30 a.m. MLC-Pastors meeting
Zoom prayers Monday - 8:30 a.m., Thursday - 8:00 p.m.

Looking Ahead

December 5: Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Advent 2: God's embrace
(*Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11*)

December 12: Sermon: Cindy Voth; Advent 3: God's song
(*Zeph. 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18*)

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 143 (+63 virtual devices);
Nurture hour – 170

Finances – November 21, 2021

Operating Fund	\$ 7,472.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 7,270.00
Either Fund	\$ 4,265.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 19,007.00
Least Coin	\$ 35.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 305.00
WS 3.0	\$ 5,000.00	Two-Way Mission	\$ 4,000.00
		Total Offering	\$ 28,347.00

Out of Office

Katie Misz December 4-15

Pastoral Team

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

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