

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 14, 2014

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.



Year of the Bible

READ IT STUDY IT PRAY IT LIVE IT

**Living into God's Story:
Advent**

Prelude		Waterford Orchestra
Visualizing Scripture		
Gathering songs		JD Smucker & Anne Lehman
	<i>Hark the glad sound</i>	H 184
	<i>Open my ears</i>	SS 5
	<i>Come, come Emmanuel</i>	SS 7
Welcome and Call to worship		Eldon Stoltzfus SS 126
Congregational Song	<i>Bless 'd be the God of Israel</i>	H 174
Lighting of the peace lamp and Prayer of confession *		
Offering		String Ensemble
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings</i>	
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11	Kassy Miller (1 st); Samantha Stoltzfus (2 nd)
Children's Time		Lyle Miller
Scripture (<i>please stand</i>)	Luke 3:1-18	Eldon Stoltzfus
	Leader: For the gift of God's word, <i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i>	
Sermon	"Setting things straight"	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>Wild and lone the prophet's voice</i>	SS 8
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		Lyle Miller
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Peace before us</i>	SS 16

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 and to remind us of our calling to be peacemakers.

Living Stream Worship: Both services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org
Live streaming is now compatible for mac, mobile, and portable devices.

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Jason Herrmann as he has surgery on his ankle on Wednesday.

WMC young adult MJ Sharp serving with Mennonite Central Committee in The Congo.

WMC young adult Emily Bowman, and her parents Murray and Helen, as Emily prepares at the end of January to begin a three year term with Mennonite Central Committee in Honduras.

Jerrell, Jane, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan Ross Richer and the *Ecuador Ministry Support Team* as they attend to final details before the Ross Richers leave for Ecuador on January 1.

Faculty, staff, and students at Benin Bible Institute as they too prepare to celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation this Christmas.

Dave Selman as he continues to recover from recent shoulder surgery.

Dale and Leanne Wentorf as Leanne has been diagnosed with thyroid cancer and will have additional medical testing in January.

Welcome, Guests

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 encouraged to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Russ & Cathy Hochstetler; Dwight & Carolyn Kauffman

Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1st);
Glenn Reinford, Bonnie Miller, Wade Ramer (2nd)

Nursery Becky Bateman, Rachel Brenneman (1st); Julie Yoder, Maddie Chupp (2nd)

Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Ethan Miller, Jeff Claassen, Ryan Oostland

Today

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

9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship

9:30 a.m. Nurture hour—You are invited to join us for one of our classes for all ages.

9:30 a.m. Welcome back snacks for returning college students

5:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Program

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – (126+186) 312
Nurture Hour – 300

Finances – Dec. 7

Operating Fund	\$ 16,099.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 872.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,411.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 19,382.50
Children's Offering	\$ 6.37	Sharing Fund	\$ 1,100.00
		Total:	\$ 20,488.87

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. "Take our Moments" prayer group/Rm 15
5:00 p.m. Ecuador Ministry Team Meeting/Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Facilities and Finance Ministry Team Meeting/Rm 22
7:00 p.m. Ministry Leadership Council & Facilities & Finance T/Rm22
Wednesday p.m. Small Groups
7:00 p.m. Mennonite Youth Fellowship/ MYF
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers/Rm 15

Looking Ahead

Dec. 21 Sermon: Velma Swartz, Advent (*Luke 1*)
Sending for Ross Richers during morning services.
Dec. 28 Sermon: Neil Amstutz, Christmas (*Luke 2:1-20*)
9:30 a.m. Christmas Brunch

Pastoral Team

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