

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 21, 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		Felix Pérez-Diener
Visualizing Scripture		
Gathering songs		JD Smucker and Ruthie Saunders
	<i>Blessed be your name</i>	
	<i>10,000 reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	
	<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	H 178
Welcome		Krista Allen
Call to worship		
Prayer of confession		
Lighting of the peace lamp*		
Children and Youth time		Ruthie Saunders
Commissioning Ross Richer family		Neil Amstutz
Congregational song	<i>'Twas in the moon of wintertime</i>	H 190
Offering		Simon Hurst
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings</i>	
Scripture (<i>please stand</i>)	Isaiah 40:3-5	
	Luke 1:5-7	
	Leader: For the gift of God's word,	
	<i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i>	
Sermon	"Prepare ye the way of the Lord"	Velma Swartz
Moment of silence		
Song of response	<i>Prepare ye the way of the Lord</i>	
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		Neil Amstutz
Benediction		
Sending song		

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

All who are grieving, lonely, or experiencing pain today on “the longest night” (the shortest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere).

Jason Herrmann as he recovers from surgery on his ankle.

WMC young adult Matthew Amstutz serving with Mennonite Central Committee in China.

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.

Vyron and Elvina Schmidt and family as they prepare to celebrate and remember the life of Vyron’s mother, Jeannette Schmidt, who died September 19.

For us all that we might fully enter the season of Advent of expectantly waiting with sustained hope for the coming of Christ, the celebration of the mystery of the incarnation.

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	Ken Otto, Glen Hochstedler, Dennis Myers (1 st); Byron Yoder, Emily Landis, Herb Resler (2 nd)
Nursery	Cindy Yoder, Sherry Mast (1 st); Len Harms, Amanda Stoltzfus (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Glen Kauffman, Nathan Berkey

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

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 305 (147+158)
Nurture Hour – 282

Finances – Dec. 14

Operating Fund	\$ 3,360.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 7,336.50
Either Fund	\$ 3,996.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,692.50
Children's Offering	\$ 6.07	Sharing Fund	\$ 220.00
Center for Healing and Hope	\$ 80.00	The Window	\$ 50.00
		Total:	\$ 15,048.57

This Week at Waterford

Monday 10:00 a.m. Visitation for Jeannette Schmidt
11:00 a.m. Memorial service for Jeannette Schmidt
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service
Thursday all day Church offices closed
Sunday 9:30 a.m. Christmas brunch
Hosted by Sojourners and Open Door classes

Looking Ahead

Dec. 28 Sermon: Neil Amstutz, Christmas (*Luke 2:1-20*)
Christmas brunch at 9:30 a.m.; no nurture classes for children or adults
Jan. 4 Sermon: Mike Yordy, Epiphany (*Matthew 2:1-12*)

Out of Office: Lyle Miller, December 26-30

Pastoral Team

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