

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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*As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we*

December 28, 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:  
Christmas**

Pre-service singing		JD Smucker
Gathering songs		Monica Stutzman
	<i>O come, all ye faithful</i>	H 212
	<i>Holy Child within the manger</i>	SS 28
Welcome		Loanne Harms
Scripture	Luke 2:1-20	
Call to worship		H 665
Offering and visualizing Scripture		Monica Stutzman
	<i>Angels we have heard on high</i>	H 197
	<i>To us a Child of hope is born</i>	H 189
	<i>What child is this</i>	H 215
	<i>Helpless and hungry</i>	SS 26
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings</i>	
Prayer of confession		
Lighting of the peace lamp*		
Children's time		Janette Amstutz
Children's song	<i>Away in a manger</i>	
Scripture (please stand)	John 1:1-5, 10-13	Rebecca Ramer
	Leader: For the gift of God's word, <b><i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i></b>	
Sermon	"Bird-watching with my dad"	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>He comes to us as one unknown</i>	H 498
Sharing and congregational prayer		Timothy Burkholder
Recitation	Hebrews 1:1-3a	
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Hope is a candle</i>	SS 15

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](http://www.waterfordchurch.org)**

## **Prayers for Brothers and Sisters**

*For us all* to have greater awareness of God's desire to be birthed in each of our lives, awakening us to the changes God has already made in the world, and to the changes God desires to bring about within us and with our help.

*Jerrell, Jane, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan Ross Richer* as they leave for Ecuador on Thursday, January 1.

*Faculty, staff, and students at Benin Bible Institute* as they celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation this season of Christmas.

*All who are grieving, lonely, experiencing pain, or dealing with a significant loss* during this Christmas season.

## **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	Darrel and Karen Sommers; Dwight & Carolyn Kauffman
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Joanna Yoder, Len Harms, Wade Ramer (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Nursery	Marge Gingerich, Carly Gingerich (1 <sup>st</sup> ); Ami and Rich Schlamersdorf (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Audiovisual	Len Emery, Karen Sommers, Mark Daniels

## **Today**

- 8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
- 9:30 a.m. Christmas brunch hosted by Sojourners and Open Door classes/Fellowship Hall  
No nurture classes for children or adults

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship – 297 (149+148)  
Nurture Hour – 251

### Finances – Dec. 21

Operating Fund	\$ 41,028.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 10,710.00
Either Fund	\$ 6,246.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 57,984.50
Children's Offering	\$ 5.52	Mennonite Disaster Service	\$ 100.00
Center for Healing and Hope	\$ 150.00	Faith Mission	\$ 50.00
		<b>Total:</b>	\$ 58,290.02

### This Week at Waterford

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. MYF overnight  
Thursday all day Church offices closed

### Looking Ahead

January 4 Sermon: Mike Yordy, Epiphany (*Matthew 2:1-12*)  
January 11 Sermon: Lyle Miller, Jesus' childhood (*Luke 2:21-52*)  
5:00 p.m. Year of the Bible Event: Night at the Movies

### Out of Office:

Lyle Miller: December 26-30  
Neil Amstutz: January 1-5

### Pastoral Team

		<u>Home Phone</u>	<u>E-mail</u>
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