

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 7, 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:
Intertestamental developments**

Prelude		Lorraine Reinford
Visualizing Scripture		
Gathering songs		Vyron & Elvina Schmidt
	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
	<i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i>	H 172
	<i>Emmanuel</i>	
	<i>Jesus, name above all names</i>	
Call to worship		Laurina Graber SS 129
Prayer of confession		
Lighting of the peace lamp*		
Songs of Assurance		
	<i>Comfort, comfort, O my people</i>	H 176
	<i>New earth, heavens new</i>	H 299
Offering		Lorraine Reinford
	<i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings</i>	
Scripture (<i>please stand</i>)	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
	Leader: For the gift of God's word, <i>Response: Thanks be to God.</i>	
Sermon		Lyle Miller
Song of response	<i>Come, thou long expected Jesus</i>	H 178
Sharing and Congregational Prayer		Velma Swartz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>You shall go out with joy</i>	H 427

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

WMC young adult Ryan Miller, serving at Camp Menno Haven, as he prepares to celebrate his birthday (December 18) away from home.

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.

Karen Sommers as she recovers from a partial knee replacement.

Jerry and Jane Detweiler and granddaughter Holli waiting to see what next steps are in her medical treatment.

Leanne Wentorf for healing after surgery

Glen Hochstedler will be starting treatment for cancer of the esophagus Monday Dec. 8th. Pray that the treatments will be tolerated and successful. Surgery will follow chemo and radiation.

College Students that are studying for finals and traveling home this week.

All who are actively working against racism and oppression in our community, around our nation, and world.

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	Elmer & Deloris Wyse; Sheldon Swartz
Ushers	Ken Otto, Glen Hochstedler, Ken Houtz (1 st) Glenn Reinford, Herb Resler, Don Miller (2 nd)
Nursery	Lorene Miller, Sophie Miller (1 st); Jeff Claassen, Len Harms (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Len and Kathy Emery, Gene Leinbach, Tony Miller, Ryan Oostland

Adult Nurture Classes: You are invited to join one of the adult nurture classes.

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m.	Worship
9:15 a.m.	Coffee and fellowship
9:15/10:30 a.m.	Blood-pressure checks/Cindy Voth's Office
9:30 a.m.	Nurture hour—classes for all ages
Noon	College students' fellowship meal/FH

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – (105+163) 268

Nurture Hour – 250

Finances – Nov. 30

Operating Fund	\$ 1,075.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 6,434.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,297.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 10,806.00
Children's Offering	\$ 3.38	Mennonite Central Committee	\$ 210.00
Fall Mission Offering	\$ 150.00	Sharing	\$ 200.00
		Total:	\$ 11,369.38

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	“Take our Moments” prayer group/Rm 15
	7:00 p.m.	Benin Bible Institute Meeting/Rm 15
Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	JYF/Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice 1&2 graders/Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Venture Club
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Mennonite Youth Fellowship/MYF
	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers/Rm 15
	8:30 a.m.	Mennonite Women/MYF
Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team Meeting/Rm 15
	9:30 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice 1-6 graders/Sanctuary
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	Prelude Instruments for Worship
	9:30 a.m.	College Student Welcome Back
	5:00 p.m.	Children's Christmas Program

Looking Ahead

Dec. 14 Sermon: Neil Amstutz, Advent (*Isaiah 40:1-11; Luke 3:1-18*)

Dec. 21 Sermon: Velma Swartz, Advent (*Luke 1:5-24, 57-66*)

Pastoral Team

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