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## Worship Series Preview

Thanksgiving is just around the corner, and sometimes in our church calendars it means the beginning of the season of Advent, already before December. With Christmas Day on a Sunday this year, Advent begins as early as it ever does. Advent prepares our hearts for the arrival of Jesus Christ, who was the embodiment of God's heart. This year our worship series for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany gives us the invitation to walk in the way of God's heart. The series is entitled "The Holy Way." When we walk in the way of God's heart, we are co-creating the reign of God here on earth. A list of all Christmas-related events and services at Waterford will be distributed next Sunday. What follows is a summary of worship dates, Bible texts, themes and preachers. –Pastor Neil Amstutz

## Ministry Team of the Month

November is the month that we celebrate the mission work of Waterford Mennonite Church locally and beyond. It seems only fitting to highlight the Mission and Service Ministry Team and their calling to serve among us. MSMT works diligently to inspire, encourage and support WMC members to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus in our community and around the world. Currently, this five member team consists of Eldon Stoltzfus (LMP), Ruth Hartzler, Ann Burkholder, Deloris Wyse and Neil Amstutz and meets once a month.

MSMT listens for signs of God's work among our congregation members through individuals' service in our community on agency and organization boards, as staff and as volunteers. They work to inspire others by having those who serve share in worship services during the month of November.  
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Date	Scripture Text	Theme	Preacher
Advent 1: Nov. 27	Isa. 2:1-5; Ps. 122; Matt. 24:36-44; Rom. 13:11-14	God's peace is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.	Cindy Voth
Advent 2: Dec. 4	Isa. 11:1-10; Ps. 72:1-7, 18-19; Matt. 3:1-12; Rom. 15:4-13	God's harmony is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.	Neil Amstutz
Advent 3: Dec. 11	Isa. 35:1-10; Ps. 146:5-10; Lk. 1:46-55; Matt. 11:2-11; James 5:7-10	God's healing is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.	Cindy Voth
Advent 4: Dec. 18	Isa. 7:10-16; Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19; Matt. 1:18-25; Rom. 1:1-7	God's restoration is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.	Neil Amstutz
Christmas: Dec. 25 (only 1 service)	Isa. 9:2-7; Ps. 148; Lk. 2:1-20	Jesus is born! Come, walk in the way of God's heart.	Velma Swartz
Epiphany: Jan. 1	Isa. 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7, 10-14; Matt. 2:1-12; Eph. 3:1-12	God's day of radiance is at hand. Come, walk in the way of God's heart.	Katie Misz



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ing “God’s Work Among Us” times. They assist in the organization and coordination of the fall mission focus at WMC and plan the missions fair. The Mission and Service Team encourages those considering and dreaming of service opportunities with various organizations and helps them realize their financial goals if necessary. They form, coordinate and financially assist the work of support teams for specific ministries such as the Benin Bible Institute, the Ross Richer family in Ecuador, Support our Schools at Prairie View Elementary School and more.



Ministry Team: Ruth Hartzler, Ann Burkholder, Deloris Wyse, Eldon Stoltzfus, Neil Amstutz

This ministry team has also initiated and supported learning tours from this congregation to Mississippi, Honduras and Appalachia and will organize additional learning tours in the coming year. Mission and Service follows through in making these mission opportunities a reality by helping to raise funds or provide financial assistance from their budget. They are responsible for requesting and / or coordinating a major portion of the congregation’s budget that relates to outreach and service to our community and to the world. In the past five years, WMC has supported sixteen households doing service assignments or learning activities through individual contributions and budgeted church funds totaling more than \$31,000.

The most exciting part of MSMT’s work is witnessing the continued generosity of our congregation in supporting specific

projects and individuals. God has led WMC to support each of these missions, whether through friendship, prayer or financial contributions that sometimes extend above and beyond the commitment of the church’s budget. Although rewarding, sometimes discerning and sorting through the many incredible opportunities that are presented to the Mission and Service Ministry Team can be challenging. They also desire to find additional members for their team who also feel passionate about the mission of WMC. Interested individuals should contact Eldon, Neil or any other member of the team.

As we celebrate missions this month, please be in prayer for the Mission and Service Ministry Team. Their team prays for God’s work among us and for our congregation to become involved personally and financially. Let us pray for God’s Spirit to help them to discern and for the wisdom to inspire, encourage and support our congregation to become the hands, feet and voice of Jesus in our community and around the world. —Rita Herrmann

## Thank You From Myers Family

Thanks so much for your prayers, plants and many expressions of care during our mother’s, grandmother’s and great grandmother’s end of life and release to her eternal home. Also many thanks to the Seekers’ wonderful supper between visitations.

—Dennis & Anita Myers

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