

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

November 29, 2015

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.

First Sunday of Advent

Oh, that you would reveal your hope!

Prelude		Ariana and Felix Perez-Diener
Gathering songs		Dave Leatherman
	<i>I sing the mighty power of God</i>	H 46
	<i>Come, thou long expected Jesus</i>	H 178
Welcome and Call to Worship		Mark Haarer
Lighting the Peace Lamp*		
Confession	Isaiah 64:1-9	
Song of assurance	<i>My hope is built on nothing less</i>	H 343
Offering	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Parent-child dedications (2 nd service)		
	Mark, Mikki and Eli Bowman; Aaron, Anne and Charles Lehman	
Children's time		Mark and Krista Daniels
Congregational song	<i>Christ is coming! Let creation</i>	H 295
Scripture	Mark 13:24-37	Joan Walsh (1 st); Carol Shetler (2 nd)
Drama		Nick and Amanda Stoltzfus

Sermon	“When hope seems in short supply”	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>Hope is a candle</i>	SS 15
Congregational prayer		Lyle Miller
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>He came down</i>	SJ 31

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.

Living Stream Worship: Both services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org

Today

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
 9:15 a.m. Coffee and fellowship
 9:30 a.m. Nurture hour—classes for all ages

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 Henry & Fanny Mast
 Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1st);
 Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2nd)
 Nursery Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (1st); Monica Stutzman, Denise Diener (2nd)
 Audiovisual Len & Kathy Emery; Shawn Stutzman, Tony Miller

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

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

Tenth grade students – *Lucas Bontreger, Zoë Brown, Matthew Damer, Alexa Haarer, Matthew Herrmann, Gabriel Hartzler, Lauren Hoogenboom, Logan Hoogenboom, Anna Smucker* – and their Sunday School teacher *Mark Yoder*.

Syrian Refugees as they seek a place to be safe and belong.

Jason Boone of Mennonite Mission Network's Peace and Justice Support Network requests prayer for soldiers experiencing pain of “moral injury as a result of what they have done or seen in combat.” Pray for Jesus’ peace in their lives as Mennonites share from “our deep history of peacemaking.”

All teachers, students, and staff as they transition back to class schedules for the last few weeks of the semester following Thanksgiving.

Dave Selman, who will have ankle surgery on Friday.

Shirley Leinbach as she has hip replacement surgery on Monday.

All of us as we grieve the upheaval in Mennonite Church USA experienced in the announcement of Lancaster Conference leaving the broader church.

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship–312 (107+205); Nurture hour–278

Finances – November 22

Operating Fund	\$ 6,960.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 470.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,055.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 9,485.00
Children’s offering	\$ 3.94	Fall Mission	\$ 295.00
MYF	\$ 75.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 375.00
		Total:	\$ 10,233.94

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministries/Rooms 22, 6
	7:00 p.m.	Gifts Discernment/Room 15
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	Noon OWLS/Juniper Place
	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers

Looking Ahead

December 6	Sermon: Cindy Voth; Second Sunday of Advent: Peace <i>(Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Mark 1:1-8)</i>
December 13	Sermon: Lyle Miller; Third Sunday of Advent: Joy <i>(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28)</i>

Pastoral Team

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