

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 13, 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.

Third Sunday of Advent

Oh, that you would reveal your joy!

Prelude		Waterford Orchestra
Gathering songs		Vyron and Elvina Schmidt
	<i>Hark! The glad sound!</i>	H 184
	<i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i>	H 172
	<i>Emmanuel</i>	
	<i>Jesus, name above all names</i>	
Welcome and Call to Worship		Jim Gascho
Confession		
Words of assurance		
Congregational song	<i>Hope is a candle (v. 4, 5)</i>	SS 15
Offering	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Bonnie and Lyle Miller
Drama†		Amanda Stoltzfus and Zoë Brown
Scripture	Luke 1:46b-55	
Sermon	I join with Mary	Lyle Miller
Song of response	<i>My soul is filled with joy</i>	SJ 13

Congregational prayer

Cindy Voth

Benediction

Sending song

Joy to the world

H 318

† In last Sunday's drama, Mike was angry with his friend for not having thrown away the manger scene baby Jesus. His friend challenges him to give it back to his parents. Mike admits his stupid act of taking the baby Jesus when he left home, but also recalls the pain of never being able to please his parents that drove him to do it. He expresses a desire for reconciliation but doesn't know how to go back.

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

5:00 p.m. Annual Christmas Program; finger food/light carry-in to follow

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 Murray & Helen Bowman; Darrell & Karen Sommers

Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1st)
Herb Resler, Wade Ramer, Don Miller (2nd)

Nursery Cynthia and Emma Bontrager (1st); Jeff & Mariko Claassen (nurture); Audrey,
Nathan and Jenna Oostland (2nd)

Audiovisual Glen Kauffmann, Nathan Berkey, Jeff Claassen

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Our children as they lead us into the Christmas story at tonight's Christmas program.

Twelfth grade students – *Evan Beck, Nate Herrmann, Ryan Oostland, Noah Richer, Matthew Smucker, Micaela Yoder* – and their Sunday School leader *Kay Miller*.

Faculty, staff and students at Benin Bible Institute as they too prepare to celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation this Christmas.

Ministry Teams meeting this week (*Creation Care, Adult Nurture, Ministry Leadership Council, and Facilities and Finance*).

Early next year, *Moriah Hurst* will conclude seven years of Mennonite Mission Network ministry in Australia. Pray for her as she lives with difficult good-byes, and entrusts her work into the hands of colleagues.

Stanley Green, WMC member and Executive Director of Mennonite Mission Network, as he travels this week to Nigeria by invitation of the President of Nigerian Mennonite Church.

Immigrants as they seek a place to be safe and belong.

College students returning here or to their home communities, for safe travels, rest and renewal.

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship—322 (141+170 + 11—Bridge Builders Men’s retreat);
Nurture hour—282

Finances – December 6

Operating Fund	\$ 13,248.76	Mennonite Education	\$ 655.00
Either Fund	\$ 4,284.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 18,187.76
Children’s offering	\$ 3.63	Journey Church	\$ 95.00
Ecuador Two-Way Mission	\$ 100.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 50.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00	MDC Goldenrod	\$ 25.00
		Total:	\$ 18,561.39

This Week at Waterford

Monday	4:00 p.m.	Creation Care Ministry Team/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Nurture Ministry Team/Room 22
Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
	7:00 p.m.	Ministry Leadership Council/Room 22
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	7:00 p.m.	Facilities and Finance Ministry Team/Room 22

Looking Ahead

December 20	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love (<i>Psalm. 89:1-4, 19-26; Luke 1:26-38</i>)
December 27	Sermon: Cindy Voth; Christmas Sunday (<i>Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40; Galatians 4:4-7</i>) Christmas Brunch during nurture hour hosted by Agape and Seekers

Pastoral Team

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