

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 20, 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.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Oh, that you would reveal your love!

Prelude		Anna Holbrook
Gathering songs	Nick Stoltzfus, Ruthie Saunders	
	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
	<i>Helpless and hungry</i>	SS 26
	<i>Hope is a candle (v. 3, 5)</i>	SS 15
Welcome and Call to Worship		Liz Gingrich
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Confession		
Words of assurance		
Congregational song	<i>Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming</i>	H 211
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Mark and Krista Daniels
Congregational song	<i>The angel Gabriel</i>	H 180
Drama†		Nick Stoltzfus and Nathan Berkey
Scripture	Luke 1:26-38	

Sermon	“Mothers of God”	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>O little town of Bethlehem</i>	H 191
Congregational prayer		Lyle Miller
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>God be with you</i>	H 431

† In last Sunday’s drama, Angelica, Mike’s girlfriend, visited his mother to tell her how Mike feels about the way things ended the previous Christmas. Angelica promises to convey the message to Mike that he is welcome to come home.

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

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 and Helen Bowman; Darrel & Karen Sommers
Ushers	Ken Otto, Ken Houtz (1 st) Herb Resler, Emily Landis, Bonnie Miller (2 nd)
Nursery	Amanda Stoltzfus (1 st); Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus (nurture); Aaron & Anne Lehman (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Shawn Stutzman, Gene Leinbach; Ryan Oostland, Tony Miller

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

Rosetta Mast who celebrates her 97th birthday on Thursday, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in Rosetta's celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

Eric, Julie, Dane, and Heath Yoder as they joyfully welcomed *Claire Eloise*, daughter and sister, on December 16.

Matthew Amstutz as he travels from China this week to spend Christmas with family in Goshen.

Jim and Lila Gascho as they leave this week for Phoenix where they will be serving as SOOP Coordinators (Mennonite Mission Network) from January through March.

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 2.

All who are homeless, hungry, or lonely this week of Christmas.

Shirley Leinbach struggling with complications from a stroke

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
6:30 p.m. Longest Night Service

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Praying the Office
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Friday Office closed

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship—330 (153+177); Nurture hour—316

Finances – December 13

Operating Fund	\$ 24,938.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 13,222.68
Either Fund	\$ 3,372.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 41,532.68
Children's offering	\$ 3.01	Journey Church	\$ 283.19
MCC	\$ 130.00	Sharing Fund	\$ 2,120.00
Least Coin Fund	\$ 15.75	Jr MYF Fundraiser	\$ 2,370.25
		Total:	\$ 46,454.88

Looking Ahead

December 27 Sermon: Cindy Voth; Christmas Sunday
(*Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Luke 2:22-40; Galatians 4:4-7*)
Christmas Brunch during nurture hour hosted by Agape and Seekers

January 3 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Epiphany
(*Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12*)

Out of Office

Neil Amstutz: December 22-28
Velma Swartz: December 23-26
Lyle Miller: December 25-28

Pastoral Team

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