

# Waterford Mennonite Church

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As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 27, 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.

## Christmas Sunday

### Your beauty is revealed

Pre-service carols		JD Smucker
Congregational songs	<i>O come all ye faithful</i>	H 212
	<i>Hark! the herald angels sing</i>	H 201
Welcome and Call to Worship		Mark Haarer
Lighting the Peace Lamp		
Confession of faith		
Congregational song	<i>What child is this</i>	H 215
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Blessing and sending for Ross Richer family		Cindy Voth
Children's time		Mark and Krista Daniels
Congregational song	<i>To us a Child of hope is born</i>	H 189
Scripture	Luke 2:21-38	
Sermon	"Our response: Worship and praise"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Joy to the world</i>	H 318

Congregational prayer

Mark Haarer

Benediction

Sending song

*The first Noel*

H 199

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](http://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	Elmer & Deloris Wyse; Darrel & Karen Sommers
Ushers	Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers (1 <sup>st</sup> ) Joanna Yoder, Byron Yoder, Wade Ramer (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
Nursery	Lorene and Sophie Miller (1 <sup>st</sup> )
Audiovisual	Len & Kathy Emery

## **Prayers for Brothers and Sisters**

*For us all* to have greater awareness of God's desire to be birthed in each of our lives, awakening us to the changes God has already made in the world, and to the changes God desires to bring about within us and with our help.

*Jerrell, Jane, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, and Jordan Ross Richer* as they leave on Saturday to return to Ecuador until June.

*Faculty, staff, and students at Benin Bible Institute* as they celebrate the miracle of the Incarnation this season of Christmas.

*Alisha and Joshua Garber of Mennonite Mission Network* request prayers for wisdom for LCC International University in Lithuania and for all Mission Network personnel in Europe as they try to find appropriate and Christ-centered responses to the massive influx of refugees

*WMC Young Adults Emily Bowman and Jesse Amstutz* serving in Honduras with Mennonite Central Committee.

*Jerry and Barb Albrecht* as Jerry recovers from a mastectomy where a cancerous mass was removed.

*Shirley Leinbach* dealing with continuing health complications.

### **Today**

8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Christmas Brunch hosted by Agape and Seekers classes/Fellowship Hall  
No nurture classes for children or adults

### **This Week at Waterford**

Tuesday 6:30 a.m. Praying the Office

Friday Office closed

**Last Sunday Attendance:** Worship–335 (153+182); Nurture hour–251

## Finances – December 20

Operating Fund	\$ 15,174.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 785.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,855.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 18,814.00
Children's offering	\$ 2.25	Journey Church	\$ 50.00
Maple City Health Care	\$ 50.00	Center for Healing & Hope	\$ 100.00
Ecuador Two-Way Mission	\$ 100.00	Jr MYF Fundraiser	\$ 344.00
Jr. MYF	\$ 75.00	<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 19,535.25</b>

## Looking Ahead

January 3 Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Epiphany  
(*Ephesians 3:1-12*)

January 10 Reflections by Rachel Stoltzfus, Lorraine Reinford, Chris Judson;  
5 T's of Stewardship: Time

## Out of Office

Neil Amstutz: December 27-28

Lyle Miller: December 27-28

Cindy Voth: December 28-January 3

## Pastoral Team

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Pastoral Team Leader	Neil Amstutz	831-6865	neil@waterfordchurch.org
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