

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 6, 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.

Second Sunday of Advent

Oh, that you would reveal your peace!

Prelude		Felix Perez-Diener
Gathering songs		Jeff Miller, Debbie Fath
	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
	<i>Fling wide the door, unbar the gate!</i>	H 186
	<i>No wind at the window</i>	SS 11
Welcome and Call to Worship		Velma Swartz
Confession		
Lighting the Peace Lamp*		
Congregational song	<i>Come and fill our hearts</i>	SJ 59
Words of assurance		
Congregational song	<i>Hope is a candle (v. 2, 5)</i>	SS 15
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
Drama†		Nathan Berkey, Gabriel Hartzler
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11	

Sermon	<i>“Shepherded into Peace”</i>	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Comfort, comfort, O my people</i>	H 176
God’s work among us	MCC Learning tour to Guatemala, Joy Yoder	
Congregational prayer		Neil Amstutz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Peace before us</i>	SS 16

† In last Sunday’s drama, as Mike’s parents began their Christmas decorating, they relived the pain of Mike leaving home last Christmas and taking the manger scene’s baby Jesus with him.

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 & Helen Bowman; Darrell & Karen Sommers
Ushers	Ken Otto, Ken Houtz (1 st) Joanna Yoder, Byron Yoder, Glenn Reinford (2 nd)
Nursery	Lorene & Sophie Miller (1 st); Alan & Lyz Zimmerman (nurture); Vicki Weirich (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Len Emery, Karen Sommers, Felix Perez-Diener

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.

Eleventh grade students – *Nathan Berkey, Carly Gingerich, Simon Hurst, Jackson King, Byeong Min Lim, Khalid Miller, Lane Miller, Sophie Miller, Ariana Perez-Diener, Sierra Ross Richer, Daniel Robles Perez, Alex Yoder* – and their Sunday School teacher *Kay Miller*.

Join *Mennonite Mission Network* in thanking God for the safety of *five international workers based in Paris, France*, during the November bombings. Pray for wisdom as *French Mennonites* and others discern how to respond to these tragedies and to the violence that occurs in other countries on a daily basis.

Shirley Leinbach recovering from hip replacement surgery.

Dave Selman recovering from ankle surgery.

Jerrell, Jane, Sierra, Naomi, Teresa, Jordan Ross Richer and the *Ecuador Ministry Support Team* as the Ross Richer family prepares to return to Ecuador in January as part of their Two-Way Mission with Mennonite Mission Network.

Caregivers at Waterford who are providing ongoing care for their spouse or parent dealing with health concerns.

All those shut out by walls constructed out of fear, and those living in fear of deportation.

Students, teachers, and administrators involved in Christmas musical programs.

College students taking their final exams this week.

Emery and Mary Holsopple as they adjust to sharing Room 628 at Greencroft Healthcare. They would welcome guests.

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

9:15/10:30 a.m. Blood pressure checks in Velma's office

5:00 p.m. Ecuador Intercessory Prayers/Room 22

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship–314 (115+199); Nurture hour–244

Finances – November 29

Operating Fund	\$ 1,748.00	Mennonite Education	\$ 6,667.21
Either Fund	\$ 2,889.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 11,304.12
Children’s offering	\$ 11.35	The Window	\$ 105.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00	Jubilee Fund	\$ 50.00
		Total:	\$ 11,570.47

This Week at Waterford

Tuesday	6:30 a.m.	Praying the Office/Room 15
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Jr. MYF
	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	8:30 a.m.	Mennonite Women/MYF Room
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Ministry Team/Room 15
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Christmas Program rehearsal

Looking Ahead

December 13	Orchestra prelude Sermon: Lyle Miller; Third Sunday of Advent: Joy (<i>Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; John 1:6-8, 19-28</i>)
December 20	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Fourth Sunday of Advent: Love (<i>Psalms 89:1-4, 19-26; Luke 1:26-38</i>)

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