

Waterford Mennonite Church

Christmas Sunday

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 25, 2016

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.

Walking in the Way of God's Heart: *Jesus is born!*

Welcoming carols		JD Smucker, Anne Lehman
Welcome and Call to Worship		Velma Swartz
Congregational song	<i>Come, Light of the world</i>	SS 3
Lighting the Advent candle		
Reading	Psalm 148	Phil & Rebecca Ramer, Kent Myers, Kirk Martin
Confession and words of assurance		
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Scripture	Matthew 7:7-11	
Sermon	"The Greatest Gift"	Jane Ross Richer
Song of response	<i>To us a Child of hope is born</i>	H 189
Sharing and congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Joy to the world</i>	H 318

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

Thank you to Audrey Oostland and Deb Yoder for preparing the visuals at the front of the sanctuary and throughout the foyer for the Advent season.

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 invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

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 within and about us and with our help.

Byron Yoder as he recovers from ankle surgery.

Emily Bowman serving with Mennonite Central Committee in Honduras and away from her family this season of Christmas.

On this Christmas day, we pray for *Nazareth Village* near where Jesus grew up 20 centuries ago. Mennonite Mission Network partners with Nazareth Village in peeling away the layers that distort Jesus' message of peace in a world torn apart by conflict.

Jane Lehman and Claramae Klink grieving the loss of their great niece, Anna Barnard, who was killed in a car accident this last week; and for the *Bethany community* grieving the death of a student and classmate.

All those around the world *working on behalf of the church for peace and justice* to make the light and love of Jesus Christ real for all those seeking hope.

Axel Brown scheduled for a tonsillectomy on Thursday.

Today

10:45 a.m. Worship
12:00 p.m. Christmas potluck

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Doug & Janette Yoder; Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand
Ushers Bruce Snyder, Dennis Myers, Krista Daniels
Nursery Melanie & Greg Hire
Audiovisual Len & Kathy Emery

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship–281 (111+170); Nurture hour–251

Finances – December 18

Operating Fund	\$ 10,961.26	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,075.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,005.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 14,041.26
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 14,956.00</i>
Children’s offering	\$ 1.22	Mennonite Central Committee	\$ 50.00
Jr MYF Fundraiser	\$ 120.00	MYF Fundraiser	\$ 100.00
MEF Above Budget	\$ 2,000.00	The Window	\$ 50.00
MYF	\$ 75.00	MYF Service Auction	\$ 300.00
Total:			\$ 16,737.48

This Week at Waterford

Monday Office closed for Christmas Holiday
Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Office closed
Thursday 6:00 p.m. A Night with Femi, MYF Fundraiser

Looking Ahead

January 1 Sermon: Katie Misz; Epiphany
(*Isaiah 60:1-6; Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Matthew 2:1-12*)
New Year’s Fellowship Meal hosted by Open Door, Praying Companions, and Koinonia classes
January 8 Singing the Salvation Story

Out of Office

Neil Amstutz December 27, 30 – January 1
Cindy Voth December 31 – January 2
Velma Swartz December 26 – January 3

Pastoral Team

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