

Waterford Mennonite Church

Advent 2

December 10, 2017

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

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.

Yes! Let it Be!



Zoë Brown

Bring it on, God!

Let it be so

Prelude		Christmas Orchestra
Gathering songs		Bob Brenneman, Josh Tyson
	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
	<i>Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem</i>	SS 32
Welcome and lighting the peace lamp*		Cynthia Kauffmann
Call to worship		
Lighting the Advent candle		
Advent Choir		
Offering	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Luke Voth
Scripture	Isaiah 40:1-11; 2 Peter 3:8-15a	Karen Hostetler
Sermon	"Ready for Regime Change?"	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>Slowly turning, ever turning</i>	SJ 23
Sending prayer for Ross Richer family (2 nd service)		Steve Fath
Congregational prayer		Katie Misz
Voices of "Wisdom" and "Wonder"		
Time of silence		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Hark! The glad sound!</i>	H 184

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: The services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org



Special Worship Participants

Candle lighters: Nick & Amanda Stoltzfus family (1st); Luke & Cindy Voth family (2nd)
Drama: Carol Lehman, Daphcar Lehman (1st); Ron Weirich, Dane Yoder (2nd)



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

We remember this week our Kindergarten students *Poppy Habecker, Brynn Replogle, and Thomas Voth* and their teachers *Phil & Liz Habecker, Lyz Zimmerman and Luke Voth*.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Ryan Miller* who is a junior at Goshen College.

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the *recording of the entire New Testament* in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God's word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

Our *children and youth* as they lead us into the Christmas story during tonight's program.

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

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

Lenora Coyle, who fell twice last week and is receiving treatment for a cracked vertebrae and bulging disc.

Steve and Emily Landis and their family as they grieve the death of their son-in-law, Anuraj.

Special Events this week

Monday 7:00 p.m. Learn more about the 2018 Ecuador Learning and Fellowship Tour. There will be an orientation for everyone, committed or just curious, on Monday, December 11 at 7:00 in the Multipurpose Room.

Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Mennonite Women. All women are invited to come quilt, knot comforters or knit prayer shawls and join in a potluck noon meal.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts Henry & Fanny Mast; Becky and Gretchen Bateman

Ushers Bruce Snyder, Ken Otto, Dennis Myers (1st);
Glenn Reinford, Byron Yoder, Len Harms (2nd)

Nursery Jon. & Mary Ann Wieand (1st); Barb Westerbeek, Kathy Myers (Nurture);
Zoë Brown, Lauren Hoogenboom, Sharon Burkholder (2nd)

Audiovisual Shawn Stutzman, Jeremy Stutzman, Félix Pérez Diener

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 302 (145+157); Nurture – 267

Finances – December 3, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 17,667.50	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,540.00
Either Fund	\$ 3,230.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 22,437.50
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,399.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 4.54	The Window	\$ 115.00
Sharing Fund	\$ 100.00	Ecuador Two-Way Mission	\$ 6,500.00
AV Fund	\$ 400.00	Total:	\$ 29,557.04

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
4:00 p.m. Ecuador prayers/Room 15
5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Program and finger food potluck

This Week at Waterford

Monday 7:00 p.m. Ecuador trip orientation/Room 22
Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Stephen Minister Training/Rooms 22, 15
6:30 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

Looking Ahead

December 17 Sermon: Cindy Voth; Advent 3
(*Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Thes 5:16-24*)
December 24 Lessons and Carols; Advent 4

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