

Waterford Mennonite Church

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

December 3, 2017

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

Prelude		Elvina Schmidt
Gathering songs		Vyron Schmidt
	<i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>	H 178
	<i>Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming</i>	H 211
Welcome and lighting the peace lamp*		Cynthia Kauffmann
Call to worship		
Lighting the Advent candle		
Scripture	Isaiah 64:1-9	Lindsey Daniels (2 nd)
Congregational song	<i>Praise the One who breaks the darkness</i>	SS 1
Offering	(Gifts are for Operating Fund unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Luke Voth
Scripture	Psalm 80	
Sermon	"Sacred Clay . . . All of Us"	Cindy Voth
Song of response	<i>Longing for light</i>	SJ 54
Congregational prayer		Neil Amstutz
Drama		
Time of silence		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>O come, O come, Immanuel</i>	H 172

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: Becky and Gretchen Bateman (1st); Helen Bowman, Camila Perez Diener (2nd)
Drama: Carol Lehman and Daphcar Lehman (1st); Ron Weirich and Dane Yoder (2nd)



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
9:30 a.m. Sharing from WMC ambassadors to Benin in sanctuary

Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

For all, that we might fully enter the season of Advent of expectantly waiting with sustained hope for the coming of Christ, the celebration of the mystery of the incarnation.

Our children and youth preparing for our Christmas program next Sunday evening.

For our residents at Greencroft Manor III and IV who are no longer able to join us for worship: *Gladys Mast, Inez Culp and Rosetta Mast*.

We remember this week our 1st grade students *Logan Beck, Hannah Claassen, Harold Hartzler, Layna Stoltzfus, Susanna Stutzman and Dane Yoder* and their teachers *Beth Smucker, Mariko Claassen and Jennifer Beck*.

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

Lenora Coyle, who celebrates her 91st birthday on Tuesday, for God's grace and joy to be poured out on her. Join in her celebration by signing a card for her at the table in the foyer.

All teachers, students, and staff as they transition back to class schedules for the last few weeks of the semester following Thanksgiving.

The *MCUSA Executive Director Search Committee* as they continue to discern the leadership needs and evaluate candidates for the next executive director of Mennonite Church USA.

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.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Henry & Fannie Mast; Becky and Gretchen Bateman
Ushers	Ken Otto, Glenn Reinford, Dennis Myers (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Wade Ramer, Bob Shetler (2 nd)
Nursery	Melissa and Maddie Chupp (1 st); Waneda Miller, Veronica Berkey (Nurture); Matthew Damer, Ami Schlamersdorf (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstedler, Jeff Claassen, Jordan Graber Kaufman

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 252 (94+158); Nurture – 233

Finances – November 26, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 6,529.76	Mennonite Education	\$ 1,006.25
Either Fund	\$ 2,395.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 9,931.01
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,674.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 3.24	Fall Missions	\$ 175.00
Joyce Golden Memorial	\$ 150.00	Total:	\$ 10,259.25

This Week at Waterford

Monday	6:30 p.m.	Adult Nurture Ministry Team/Culver's
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Wednesday	12:00 p.m.	OWLS/Juniper Place
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Minister Training/Room 22
	6:30 p.m.	Venture Club; Jr. MYF
	7:00 p.m.	MYF
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers
	4:15 p.m.	Mission & Service Ministry Team/Room 6
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministers/Rooms 15, 22
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Children's Christmas Program Practice

Looking Ahead

December 10	Sermon: Neil Amstutz; Advent 2 <i>(Isaiah 40:1-10; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8)</i>
December 17	Sermon: Cindy Voth; Advent 3 <i>(Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Ps 126; Luke 1:46b-55, 1 Thes 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28)</i>

Pastoral Team

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