



Hutterthal Mennonite Church

Christ-centered - Living, Relating, Serving

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 21, 2014

Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Silent Meditation

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

The Love Candle

Gathering Hymn: HWB no. 208,

Love Came Down at Christmas

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: Come, let us worship in faith the God who is here and desires our worship.

Time of Silence

L: Redeeming God, work in our hearts, that our worship would be filled with the Your redeeming love.

ALL: Oh, that You would reveal Your love to us, O Lord.

L: When Mary was sent away, she found an embrace in Your arms.

P: When we feel isolated by the world, we find security in Your kingdom.

L: The world does not see us as the Lord does.

P: The world does not value us as the Eternal One does.

L: The world cannot love us like the Lord does.

P: The world cannot comfort us as our Creator does.

ALL: When others abandon us, God makes a home with us. Praise be to God, our Immanuel!

Prayer

Hymn: HWB no. 172,

O Come, O Come, Immanuel

Children's Time:

Candy Canes

Sharing Time

Sharing Together

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

Time of Offering
Offertory Invitation
Sharing Our Gifts
Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Silent Meditation

Luke 1: 26-38 (Pew Bible p. 540)

Hymn: HWB no. 181,

My Soul Proclaims with Wonder

Message:

Watch and Wait

Hymn: HWB no. 201,

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Benediction

Musical Response

Postlude

Worship Participants: Amos and Tina Decker (*Advent Wreath*), Charlene Friesen (*piano*), and Todd Jones (*worship leader, children's time & message*)

PRAYER CONCERNS

- **Heather VanMeveren**
- **Glenda Langeland** (undergoing therapy)

TODAY

Greeters: Cole Hofer & Chad Hofer

Coffee Time: Phil & Joline Thomas

11:10am: Sunday School

MW December Project: Carrol & Glenda Langeland/Cookie Walk

Children's S.S. Winter Quarter Project: to be announced

7:00pm: Family Christmas

NEXT SUNDAY

Greeters: Clara Koerner & Monica Hofer

Organ: Phyllis Hofer

Coffee Time: Derrick and Jessica Preheim

7:00pm: Christmas Program/Family Christmas

THIS WEEK

Wed.: Christmas Eve

Connections Deadline, 12:00pm (hutterthal@goldenwest.net)

Thurs.: Christmas Day Worship, 10:00am

Greeters: Larry & Brigitta Hofer

Organ: Shirley Hofer

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve

Jan. 6: Deacons Meeting, 7:30pm (Koerner Residence)

Jan. 7: Freeman Network for Justice & Peace, 11:30am (Library)

Midweek Bible Study — 6:30pm Soup Fellowship

7:00pm Orientation

Jan. 8: Freeman Ministerial, 10:00am (Oakview Terrace)

Jan. 11: Communion & Benevolent Fund

Jan. 13: Worship Committee, 7:00pm

Jan. 18: Worship, 2:30pm (Diamond Care Center)

Youth Cheese Log pick up is TODAY.

Deadline for Yearbook info.: TODAY. Please get all info to Edie.

Reminder: You may donate toward **Coffee Time** expenses throughout December during Coffee Time in Fellowship Hall.

THE MENNONITE: Those interested in receiving The Mennonite at the group price are asked to give a check to Ardella Gross for \$37.00 made out to "The Mennonite."

Plan to attend the **Christmas Program/Family Christmas** this evening at 7:00 pm.

Offering on Christmas Day: S.D. Mennonite Disaster Service. If you are unable to attend that day, place a check indicating S.D. MDS in the memo line (or cash in an envelope) in the offering plate on Sunday.

Memorial Services for LeRoy Graber will be held on December 27, 2014 at 10:30am at the Salem Zion (North) Mennonite Church.

You are invited to attend an **alternative discussion-based Sunday School** class on January 4, 11, 18, 25. We will be studying the book from Anabaptist Seed by C. Arnold Snyder. We will be discussing 1. Anabaptist Doctrines, 2. Anabaptist Church Ordinances, 3. Discipleship: Living the Faith, 4. Conclusion: Now what?. There is a sign-up sheet in the back foyer, please sign up so we can get you a book. I am leading this study as part of my PSDE studies and would appreciate your participation. -Jill Hofer

One Thousand Gifts: Our Midweek Bible Study will kick-off with a fellowship meal and orientation on January 7, 2015 at 6:30pm. In anticipation of our study titled “One Thousand Gifts,” the Deacons invite you to take and read a copy of the book by Ann Voskamp that inspired it. Physical copies of the book can be found in the church foyer (one per household please!) or can be purchased at The Kairos. (Digital editions are also available for both Kindle and Nook.)

Freeman Academy and FJC Alumni and Friends are invited to an evening of fellowship and activity on Monday, **Dec. 29** in Sterling Hall. The women’s volleyball game begins at 7:00 p.m. followed by a men’s basketball game around 8:00 p.m. Free popcorn and pop sponsored by the FJC/FA Alumni Association. Drawings for various Bobcat spirit items throughout the evening – you must be present to win!

KC2015, the Mennonite Church USA Convention will be held from June 30-July 5, 2015 in Kansas City and we are currently seeking an interested person to represent Hutterthal as a delegate. Information regarding this important gathering of the national church can be found on the MCUSA website. Those interested in participating as a delegate or who would like further information regarding being a delegate are asked to speak with Colin Hofer or Pastor Todd.

Communion & Benevolent Fund: We will celebrate Communion on January 11, 2015. This time of thanksgiving is open to all persons who are seeking Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, regardless of church affiliation. January 11 will also mark the first of four annual Benevolent Fund Offerings. The Benevolent Fund is administered by the Deacons of HMC (Todd Koerner, Monica Hofer, & Monica Clem) and is used to offset acute financial needs. If you or someone you know is in financial need, please contact one of the



Deacons who can confidentially assist you.