

January 2021

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Mennonite
Church

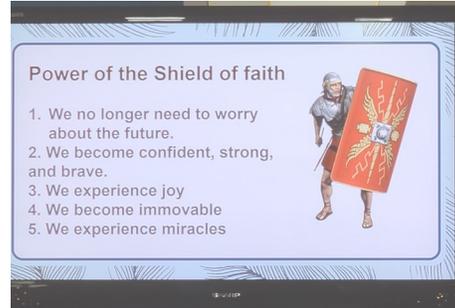
Connection!

Making a CONNECTION with one another



Blessings and Farewells

To Pastor Gene



Pastor Gene used visual aids that went along with the sermon.



Pastor Gene received a blessing from the deacons



Edie Tschetter presented Pastor Gene with a prayer shawl on his last Sunday at Hutterthal. He wore it as he closed his service



Advent Season
at Hutterthal



Nov. 29
Assisting with the service as the
Advent Season started were
Cameron, Rina and Camilla Hofer



On Dec 6th
John and Monica
Clem
participated by light-
ing the Advent candles
and presenting the
Call to Worship





Dec. 13th
Joline Thomas
assisted with the HMC
worship Service

Dec. 20th
Brandon and Kylea with the help of
Isabel, Addison, Ethan and Avery Waltner
did the Advent Candles and with Leading Worship





Dec. 25th

Aprille Hofer Birkey
and daughter Jessica

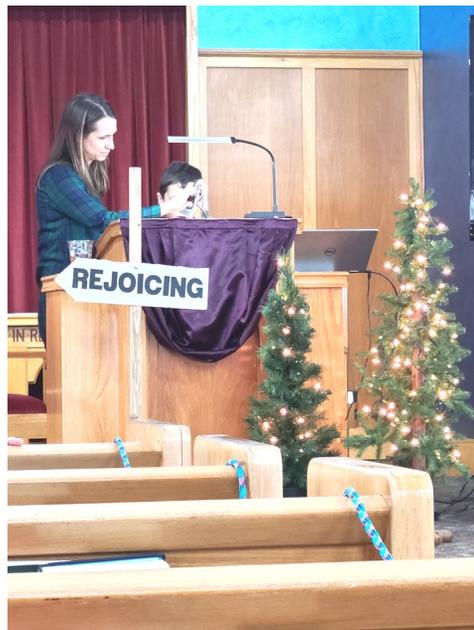


Dec. 27th

Jada Koerner with the
assistance of
Autumn Rouse

Dec. 27th

Amanda Mettler had the
help of Egan, Isaac and
Otto while leading worship



HMC Children's time

Les Rensink gave the Children's time during the Advent season. Rather than having the children go to the front of the sanctuary, Les went to the rear of the church where the children were seated.



Thank you to all of you who helped make our Advent services special and meaningful!

Wednesday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm
Thursday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm
Friday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm
Saturday: 7-11 am; 1-3 pm

Pastor Randall's
HMC Office
Schedule

My two days off will be Monday and Tuesday. People are welcome to call, email, text me as well to set up an alternate appointment or just drop in to my office anytime during my office hours. I do ask that visitors please wear a mask if they come to visit. Thank you Pastor Randall



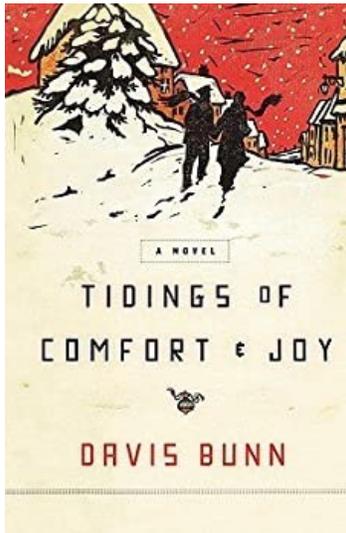
BOOK REVIEWS

Tidings of Comfort & Joy

Davis Bunn

Review by Joline Thomas

In this book a seriously ill fourteen year old, Marissa, is required to stay with her grandma as the rest of her family takes a long anticipated trip. A trip that happens to fall right over Christmas. The family business has had a long bout of financial struggles and this trip was a way of celebrating the hard work of a financial turn around; only for Marissa to become ill with doctors struggling to make a diagnosis.



Marissa is angry and heartbroken that she can't make the trip with her family and will miss spending Christmas with them. Grandma Emily decides to share a long kept story with Marissa about a missed Christmas as a young adult. Through the telling of the story Marissa discovers a great deal about her grandma and learns forgiveness and acceptance. Grandma Emily's story also leads to clues about Marissa's illness. Marissa's stay with her grandma leads to a strong relationship with her along with a lesson on looking beyond self.

Christmas Season at Hutterthal

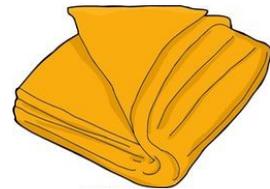




Congregational Ministries January Project

Blankets, Sheets or Towels

- ◆ Twin or full size lightweight and medium-weight blankets are requested.



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36,131 blankets shipped last year to Jordan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea), Ukraine, Iraq, Zambia, Syria, Lebanon, Haiti, Canada, & the U.S. New flat twin sheets are needed for hospitals, schools and orphanages. Towels - NEW bath and hand towels:



- * Good quality, dark or bright colors, medium weight preferred.
- ◆ NOTE: Fingertip towels and wash cloths are not needed.

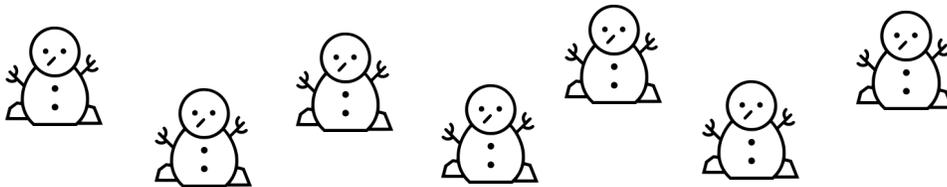
Announcements from MCC

MCC Representative for Haiti Are you looking for opportunities to use your leadership skills? The [MCC Representative for Haiti](#) provides programmatic direction to the work of MCC in Haiti within the MCC Latin America/Caribbean region. This position provides team leadership and support for all MCC workers in Haiti. For more information and/or to apply, please visit service.mcc.org.

Canner Operator : MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two-year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out mcc.org/canning for details!



Congregational Ministries-- Thank you for the lotion and goodies. They were very tasty and enjoyable. Ardella Gross



Dear Church Family, Our sincere thanks to you for the gift delivered to our door on Sunday, late afternoon, December 13th.

Along with the very practical hand lotion (to repair all the hand washing damage these days), there was a sheet of pictures of the beautifully decorated foyer and sanctuary.

We are enjoying both sweet and salty goodies. The ornament is on our tree and when we rehang it each year in the future we will be reminded of Christmas 2020. The handcrafted card is lovely. Thank you for remembering us this way. Love Twyla and Vernon

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Income</u>
Nov. 29	42	\$840.00
Dec. 6	54	\$3,792.00
Dec. 13	46	\$2,008.00
Dec. 20	54	\$3,616.00
Dec. 27	52	\$1,845.00



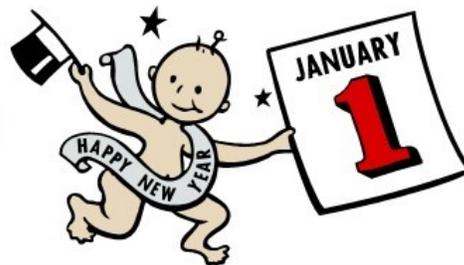
In the
Spotlight
Isaac Calvin Mettler

Isaac Calvin Mettler is the middle son of Rodney and Amanda Mettler. Isaac is in Kindergarten of Menno Public School. Isaac likes to move, so its no surprise his favorite class is gym at school. Isaac really likes pizza, if he can't have pizza, macaroni and cheese would be his second choice. Isaac really likes the color red. He doesn't like to do chores, he says feeding the cats isn't too bad of a chore. Isaac is in Karate and just received his yellow belt. Isaac is becoming a very good reader. Grandma Barbie would say that Isaac has LOTS of energy. Isaac has really good manners and is always ready to help grand-ma when she asks. Isaac is a very special young man.

JANUARY 1

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
he is a new creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the new has come.

II Corinthians 5:17



Birthdays

- 1) Beth Wilson
- 1) Ardella Gross
- 3) Rebekka Kramer
- 5) Mercedes Hofer
- 5) Brandon Waltner
- 7) Amy Hofer Vetch
- 8) Egan Mettler
- 10) Ethan Waltner
- 12) Joline Thomas
- 16) Bruce Hofer
- 18) Randy Glanzer
- 19) Pam Tieszen
- 23) Les Rensink
- 27) Phil Thomas
- 30) Derrick Preheim



Anniversaries

- 8) Gary & Jennifer Tschetter
- 26) Cameron & Rina Hofer

WHY CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS?

YOUR BIRTHDAY WAS YOUR BEGINNING - Your birthday was the beginning of your life. God created you to serve a purpose in the world. Every time you have a birthday, it is an indication that you still have work to do for the kingdom of God. Your birthday is a sign that you have yet another chance to fulfill your unique mission.

A birthday is a momentous occasion to be commemorated just as a nation commemorates its birth or as an organization celebrates its founding. A birthday is much more than an occasion to just receive gifts. Your birthday is a chance to remember the day that a major event occurred, celebrate, give thanks, and reflect upon how you are still alive to celebrate the day you were born.

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****Submissions are due by the last Wednesday of the month.** Thank you.**