

Music for Meditation My Shepherd Trad.
Will Supply My Need
Mike and Tom

The Prophecy Ezekiel 34:1-5, 9-16, 20-24 (PB 702)

Sermon I Myself Will Be the Shepherd Tom Harder

*Hymn Jesus Shall Reign HWB 319

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements and Activities
Joys and Concerns
Prayer

*Hymn My soul cries out SS 124

*Benediction

Postlude Sea Journey Chick Corea
Mike and Tom

*Congregation Stands

HWB = Hymnal, a Worship Book; SJ = Sing the Journey;
SS = Sing the Story; PB = Pew Bible

We light the peace lamp as a reminder that peace is God's will for all of creation, that Christ is the Prince of Peace, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to proclaim boldly the gospel of peace.

We welcome you to this service of worship! Please write your name on the welcome pad at the end of your pew, and then return it to learn who is sitting near you. Please include your address if you are a visitor or new attender. A nursery for children up to 5 years of age is available in Room 204.

For those with hearing difficulties, assistive listening equipment (which includes headphones and a small, pocket-sized receiver) is available. Please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

Today is the last Sunday of the Christian year. The "new year," and the Advent season, begin next Sunday; see the December Messenger

for more information about our worship theme for Advent. We will celebrate communion together next Sunday.

Greeters this morning are Darrel and Eunice Doerksen. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Catherine Everingham; **during Sunday School**, Rachel Pankratz. **Fellowship workers** are Sara Penner and Jane Tanner.

Following the worship service, you all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and casual conversation, until the bell rings for Sunday School. (Please see the list of classes below.) You may have your **blood pressure checked** in Room B-3 in the basement, during the fellowship time.

...in our community, our city, and beyond.

Mark your *December* calendar! **The children's Christmas program is December 17, 6:30 p.m.** You are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual Ornament Exchange! Bring any ornament (stars are really appreciated) for the children to choose for their home Christmas tree!

The first "Tasting Meal" – a project of GFCC and LAMC – is THIS WEDNESDAY, at 6:00 p.m. There is a NEW sign-up sheet on the "sofa table" in the south lobby. The **Chancel Choir** will meet at 7:00 to allow more time for the tasting meal with Greater Faith.

Thanks for the calendars that you've donated so far for the Lord's Diner. The last date we will be collecting these is Sunday, Dec. 3.

The **Advent Orchestra** plays during the four Sundays of Advent each year and is open to all instrumentalists. If you play a band or orchestra instrument, we would love to have you join us for any or all of the Sundays of Advent which start December 3. We meet in the sanctuary to rehearse from 8:30 - 9:00 each Sunday morning, then accompany the congregational singing during worship. If you haven't played with us before but would like to join us, please let me know so I can have music ready for you! Cindy Thompson

Inter-Faith Ministries OPERATION HOLIDAY 2017 is on! AND, you have until *Sunday, December 10* to place your donations in the big donation box in the north lobby. You may consider a monetary donation to Inter-Faith Ministries/Operation Holiday or donating gently used/new clothing, blankets, etc.

Ten Thousand Villages/Fair Trade International Gift Festival is coming to Newton, KS at the Mezzanine above Prairie Harvest, 601 N. Main. It will be open December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.

Spread cozy, colorful warmth around the world! All you have to do is tie knots! **Mennonite Central Committee has a generous number of comforter tops, and now we need your help tying them!** MCC has paired tops and backs that are ready to be tied, and we are inviting you or your church group to pick some up (or we can ship them to you)! If you are interested, please either stop by the MCC Material Resources Center in North Newton, or contact Kate Mast at katemast@mcc.org, or 316-283-2720. We ask that you provide the batting and the crochet tying thread if possible. Thank you in advance for helping to spread warmth and love to our brothers and sisters around the world!

Many people do their **Christmas shopping at the Newton Et Cetera Shop!** Please bring us your **clean, gently-used toys, shoes, jewelry and children's coats.** Your donated items might end up as cherished gifts under someone's Christmas tree! Support MCC Thrift Shops because you care . . . about your family, your community, and beyond. Thank you!

Five Places of Christmas, Saturday, December 2, 10 AM-4 PM, presented by Bethel College Women's Association, offering the rare chance to see the decorated main floor of Goerz House, traditionally the president's residence, with baked goods, home-made candy (by the pound) and Bethel gift items for sale. Kauffman Museum offers free admission (including the special exhibit "Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War"), refreshments, sale items in the museum store, and Karen Bauman Schlabauagh playing Christmas music at 3 p.m. on the historic Teschemacher-Deknatel-van der Smissen parlor organ. *(Bethel College Women's Association has an urgent need for donations of baked items. These may be dropped off at Goerz House, 2512 College Ave., Sat., Dec. 2, before 10 a.m. All proceeds from the bake sale are used to benefit Bethel College students, faculty and staff. Questions: contact Cindy Erb, cindy.l.erb@gmail.com.)*

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

Thank God for the many ways WDC congregations support and join God's work of mission in local communities and around the world.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Pray for energy and stamina for both students and tutors participating in the many Instituto Biblico Anabautista (IBA) study centers across the country.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

New Dawn Development Center, a Mission Network partner in Taiwan, serves people with special needs. Pray that God would grace the staff with love and patience to help the clients blossom into their full potential.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Prayer for the peace process to prevail in Colombia and for the full implementation of the agreed upon transitional justice.

This week we pray for the Colombian lawmakers who are responsible for putting the peace accords into action. Jeffrey Feltman, the United Nations (UN) Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, has expressed extreme concern for the future of peace in Colombia after his visit to the country last week. The transitional justice system was expected to begin in the next few months but has recently undergone amendments in Congress that would exclude politicians and businesses involved in war crimes from the truth commission. This decision will severely debilitate the original agreements and continue to re-victimize the victims of the conflict. The UN has stated clearly that "failure to comply with this essential commitment, after the surrender of weapons [by the FARC], would have very serious repercussions for the process and would not be understood or accepted by the international community." We recognize the extreme importance of truth-telling in the process of reconciliation and healing and we hold the Colombian government responsible to ensure that all parties will come to the table. We pray that Juan Manuel Santos, president of Colombia, will revert the controversial decision and uphold the original agreements. We pray that the lawmakers continue to hold the victims at the center of the peace process. We pray for courage and bravery for the Colombian people in a long and difficult process of reconciliation. We pray for truth. We pray for justice.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

The USA State Department has threatened to shut down the Palestine Liberation Organization's office in Washington DC. According to a State Department official, the decision follows moves by the Palestinians to bring Israel before the International Criminal Court. *Lord, grant us the power not to surrender to the bullying of empire, but the courage to challenge the tyranny of the powerful. We pray*

that the path towards Justice is not compromised for the sake of an office in Washington. Lord in your mercy...

Last Wednesday, Sabeel organized a tour for 15 of our Bible Study Facilitators in the City of Yafa. The trip's purpose was to learn about Yafa and its history and to provide a chance to strengthen networks and friendships. Also Saturday, Sabeel Nazareth organized a solidarity visit to Hebron for 50 people from the community. ***Lord, we thank you for the work of Sabeel and its different ministries. We pray for the wellbeing of all our participants, our volunteers and the Sabeel staff. Grant us God the power to continue the work so we may contribute to the coming of your kingdom. Lord in your mercy...***

Members of Congress have introduced a bill to prevent U.S. tax dollars from paying for human rights violations against Palestinian children during the course of Israeli military detention. Israel is the only country in the world that systematically prosecutes an estimated 500 to 700 children each year in military courts that lack fundamental fair trial rights and protections. ***God of peace and justice, we are thankful for this intervention, and pray that reforms are implemented to end violence against our children. We pray for an end to this unethical Israeli occupation. Lord in your mercy ...***

Visitor last Sunday:

John Harder, Windsor ON

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:00 p.m.
	1 st Tasting Meal – Fellowship Hall	6:00 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	7:00 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
	Peace Center Annual Dinner	

Elementary and Youth Sunday School Classes

Early Childhood (3- 4-year-olds) Shine! Curriculum Room 206
Teachers: Ellen Ebersole and Sylvia Schmidt

Kindergarten – Second Grade Shine! Curriculum Room 201
Teachers: Beth Lichty and Jill Robinson

Third - Fourth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room 202
Teachers: Alison Wenzel and Grayce Kaufmann

Fifth – Eighth Grades Shine! Curriculum Room B-4
Teachers: Nadine Reimer Penner, Julie Dunkelberger,
and Katie Mitchell-Koch

Ninth -Twelfth Grades Generation Why? Curriculum Rm 208
Teachers: Rachel Reimer-Kouame, Joel Ewy, and Jill Robinson

Adult Sunday School Classes

Empowerers Book Study Lois' Office (Basement)
*Radical Hope, letters of love and dissent
in dangerous times, edited by Carolina de Robertis*

Men's Study Jesus as seen through the eyes Library
of Leo Tolstoy
led by Doug Everingham and Alex Muñoz

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Young Adult Class
will return December 3

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
*Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries
Week 4: Currency of Wellness*

Mission Statement*

We are called to be followers of Christ
seeking God's will through the Holy Spirit
sharing the good news of love, peace,
healing, and hope
through worship, fellowship, and service
in our community, our city, and beyond.



**Foundational Scripture passages: Micah 6:8; Matthew 5-7; Mark 12:29-31; John 3:16; John 13:34-35; John 20:31; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:11; 1 Peter 4:7-11; 1 John 4:16.*

We welcome all persons without regard to their race, ethnicity, gender, age, sexual orientation, social status, education, ability, or any other factor subject to discrimination and exclusion in our world. *"There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"* (Galatians 3:28)

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