

Advent 2017



“Let It Be”

The Prophecy

Isaiah 64:1-9 (PB 606)

Sermon

A God Who Hides

Tom Harder

*Hymn

O Savior, rend the heavens

HWB 175

Coming to the Lord's Table

Words of Welcome

Receiving the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn

Rejoice, rejoice, the Savior comes

SS 4

*Benediction

Postlude Variations on "Winchester New" No. 4 "Trumpet Tune"

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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.

Greeters this morning are Debra and Stephen Carty. **Nursery workers during worship** are Beth and Jonas Lichty; **during Sunday School**, Earl Schlabach. **Fellowship workers** are Joel and Ruth Tieszen.

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.)

The Time for Children this morning is the first in a series that Catherine will present throughout Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Among our friends...

If you are willing to give **LuVerna Duerksen** a ride to and from church, please let Pastor Lois know. Once it is known how many people are willing/able and how often (please let me know that as well; could you do it once a month, once a quarter, twice a year...?), a schedule will be made to facilitate sharing and trading the responsibility, when needed. LuVerna now lives at Diversicare of Sedgwick. Sedgwick is located approximately 15 miles north and 7 miles west of Wichita.

Our condolences to the family of **Ruth Quiring Mueller Boese**, who died unexpectedly Thursday afternoon after a fall in the morning. Ruth was a member of LAMC from 1971 to 1987. She and her husband, Paul, were part of Fairview Mennonite House. (Ruth was the mother of Barbara Gingrich's brother-in-law, Jim Mueller.)

...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 **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 started today. 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

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 8-10, 15-17. Hours on Fridays and Saturdays: 10 am-5 pm. Hours on Sundays: 1-4 pm.

Inter-Faith Ministries OPERATION HOLIDAY 2017 is on! AND, you have until NEXT *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.

You're invited to the **annual MCC Christmas Soiree on Thursday, December 14 from 5-7 p.m. at the MCC Center in North Newton** (121 E. 30th St.). Join us for this annual come-and-go event to enjoy food, drinks and great conversation. At 6 p.m., we'll have a short program to hear about MCC's work with refugees in Jordan. Bring your family and friends, we look forward to seeing you! Contact patsydirksen@mcc.org with questions.

Hesston College Music and Theater will present its annual masterworks performance at 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at Hesston Mennonite Church on the Hesston College campus. The program, Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna* (Light Eternal), acknowledges the light that Christ brings to our world. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, and can be purchased at the door, in advance at the Hesston College Bookstore in person or by calling 620-327-8104.

Prayer Request from Western District Conference:

As we anticipate holiday celebrations, let us pray for WDC's Hispanic pastors in Dallas, TX, gathering this week for a Christmas dinner.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for a family who divides their time between ministries in the United States and in Asia. Ask God for safety in travel and for God's love and salvation to be demonstrated as they also work with Business as Mission practitioners and with church planters.

Prayer Request from Mennonite Education Agency:

Give thanks for a new publication, *Where Are We? Pastoral Environments and Care for Migrants*, edited by Daniel Schipani, Dr.Psy., Ph.D. Published by the Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counseling, the book includes contributions from AMBS faculty members who participated in a recent collaborative faculty scholarship project.

Prayers for Peacemakers:

Please pray for more than 7,000 refugees stranded on the Greek island of Lesbos, they ask for protection from approaching winter and freedom to continue their journey. Pray for an Afghani family of

a 10-year-old boy who drowned in the sea and a family that may be torn apart by deportation. Please hold in your prayers the CPT team, team's partner Pikpa, and other people who act in love and solidarity.

Prayer Request from Sabeel:

During Friday prayers in the Sinai Peninsula - Egypt, Islamic extremists attacked a crowded mosque settling off explosives, spraying worshippers with gunfire and killing over 300 people in the deadliest ever attack on Egyptian civilians by Islamic extremists. *Lord, death and violence continue to haunt the people in the Middle East. We pray for the families of the victims, the speedy recovery of the injured and for an end to extremism and hatred in our world. Lord in your mercy...*

Last week, we have experienced rain that waters our fruits and makes it grow healthy and ready for picking. *Lord we thank you for the rain, so important to grow our olives, lemons, oranges and other citrus fruits and crops. We thank you too for our farmers who work tirelessly through the harvest season to gather your bounteous harvest. Lord in your mercy...*

Visitors last Sunday:

Heidi and Alex Holliday, KS City, KS; Cari Holliday, Toulouse, France; Sylvia Radlinger, Offenbach, Germany; Jennifer and three children, Wichita; John Harder, Windsor, Ontario; Greg and Tami Zielke, Omaha, NE

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga - upstairs	5:30 p.m.
	Sunnyside Neighborhood Association – FH	6:15 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Women’s Group	9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Yoga	4:45 p.m.
	Chancel Choir	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	LAMB (Mission Board) – Gathering Room	5:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.m.
Friday	Yoga	12:00 p.m.
Saturday	Board of Christian Education	11:00 a.m.

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)

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

Uniform Bible Study Series Gathering Room
led by Rose Moyer

Young Adult Class Choir Room
TED Talks and discussion facilitated by Ruth Tieszen

Faith and Issues Class Fellowship Hall
Holy Currencies: 6 Blessings for Sustainable Missional Ministries
Week 5: Currency of ?

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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Pastor Tom Harder

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Monday is the pastors' day off

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