

Advent 2017



“Let It Be”

Bringing Our First Fruits Offerings

Offertory Comfort, Comfort Ye My People arr. Blersch
Prayer of Dedication

Special Music Fantasy on a Flemish Carol arr. Wallace
 Advent Orchestra

The Gospel Luke 1:46b-55 (PB 832)

Sermon World Upside Down Tom Harder

*Hymn My soul cries out SS 124

Work of the Church

Welcome and Introductions
Announcements/Activities
Joys/Concerns
Prayer

*Leader: O God of peace, your justice wells up like a spring,
bringing dreams, laughter,
and wholeness to the world.*

All: We confess we so often stifle your Spirit.

*Leader: We are afraid to claim that you anointed us to carry
your upside-down vision into our broken world, where
the lowly are trampled upon, the hungry go away
empty, the rich increase in power and might.*

**All: We confess we lack the courage to build up and
repair what we have broken, imprisoned, and
oppressed.**

*Leader: Lead us beyond our fears, and guide us on the path to
peace.*

**All: O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ, you have
come among us. You have given us life, and we are
restored.**

*Hymn My soul is filled with joy SJ 13

*Benediction

Postlude Trumpet Tune on “Venez divin Messie” arr. Lasky

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.

Greeters this morning are Carrie and Daryl Dicke. **Nursery workers during worship** are Kelly Cleary and Aimee Leisy; **during Sunday School**, Catherine Everingham. **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.)

Among our friends...

Eugene Kaufman had open heart surgery on Friday (Dec. 8) and came home on Tuesday (Dec. 12)! He is recovering at home. On-going prayers and well-wishes appreciated.

Robert and Kathy Gaeddert are at the Mayo Clinic where Robert has been undergoing tests all week and surgery on Friday to remove a sheath tumor on his back. It is uncertain whether they will be able to return home before Christmas.

The Harders and Harder-Crawfords will do a "Songs of the Season" concert on Friday, December 29, 7:30 p.m., in the sanctuary.

Congratulations to Daniel Ozor! He graduated from KU on Sunday, 12/10/2017. His degree, BS in Molecular Biology. His brothers and parents, Adella and William are so happy and proud of him and his achievements. He plans to seek employment while waiting to hear if he is accepted into med school.

The Memorial Service for Ruth Boese is Tuesday, December 19, 3:00, Bethel College Mennonite Church.

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

The children's Christmas program is *TONIGHT at 6:30!*

Volunteers needed! We have a large group of Kindergarten through 2nd grade Sunday School children (good problem to have) and the teachers could use an extra adult to help out with this enthusiastic group. There will be a signup sheet posted outside the classroom. All parents, grandparents and friends are encouraged to volunteer.

The Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC) is getting ready to start its 50th season. KMMC concerts raise money for MCC to provide worldwide relief. All men and boys are welcome to participate in the chorus, which usually numbers at least 200 participants. Rehearsals begin in late January, culminating in 2 concerts in April. Missing a rehearsal isn't a problem because each member will get a learning CD to practice along with, if needed. If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Joel Tieszen.

Job Opening at LAMC for an Interim Youth Coordinator. This is a 10 hour/week position starting in January 2018. Job duties include: oversee mentor program, provide leadership in developing the children's Wednesday evening program, meet monthly with the Board of Christian Education, assist and work with youth sponsors in coordinating youth activities, serve on the Vacation Bible School program committee, and lead children's Sunday morning music before Sunday School. For a complete job description and to submit a resume contact Grayce Kaufmann, 293-9646, or Melanie Mitchell, 685-3434. *Resumes will be accepted until December 22, 2017.*



You are invited to share a poinsettia for the sanctuary for the Christmas Eve Service. Please fill out the information below and place this sheet along with \$12 in the Administrative Assistant's box in the outer office if you are interested. Poinsettias will be purchased for you, and they may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Service. **Deadline for ordering is this morning.**

Donor:

In Memory of:

(or) in Honor of:

From Judy Ebersole: Do you find that Christmas comes, and in all the hustle and bustle of preparing the foods and gifts that you have somehow missed preparing yourself for Christmas? I do, so this year, I've decided to spend 30 minutes a day during the week before Christmas in (mostly) *silent meditation*. If you would like to join me, I will be leading this at 7:00 in the morning in the sanctuary on Monday, December 18 through Saturday December 23. Bring your own meditation cushion or sit in the pews – your choice! Hope to see a few hardy souls joining me!

Did you know you can support Camp Mennoscah every time you buy groceries or gas? With the MyNeighbor credit card from Everence, you can earn donations for Camp Mennoscah every time you pay with your card. Since MyNeighbor launched in April 2017, over \$100,000 has been generated for charitable organizations like Camp Mennoscah. Learn more by calling 1(800)451-5719 or at everence.com/MyNeighbor.

Visitors last Sunday:
Jennifer and family, Garden Plain, KS; John Koehn, Dighton, KS; Roxann Lynne and Brooklyn Brandon, Wichita

This Week at Church

Monday	Centering Prayer	4:45 p.m.
	Yoga	5:30 p.m.
	Wellness Group	6:45 p.m.
	<i>(YOGA will resume 1-3-2018)</i>	
Tuesday	Women's Group	9:00 a.m.
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	6:45 p.m.
Thursday	Lifestyle Strategies – Gathering Room	12:00 p.m.
	Lifestyle Strategies – Fellowship Hall	5:30 p.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)
*Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom,
Scientific Knowledge, and the Teaching of Plants*
by Robin Wall Kimmerer

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 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 7: Currency of Money

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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Monday is the pastors' day off

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