

WELCOME TO
STAHL MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 22, 2019

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 9:30 A.M.

Uniform Series – Upstairs Sunday School Class

Bible Study – Basement Kitchen Class

MORNING WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Worship Leader: Sarah Barrett

Song Leader: Stahl Singers

“What Are You Waiting For?”

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Worth the Wait

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting the Peace Lamp

Gathering Song - HWB 201 Hark the Herald Angels

Call to Worship:

One: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

**Many: Asking, will I be saved to your goodness,
forgiven of the brokenness I have made,
certain that I am called to you?**

One: Will I follow the child you sent to lead me?
Will I no longer be afraid, but be restored?

All: God, what I am waiting for?

Prayer

Lighting the Advent Candle: Isaiah 7:10-16

Song: “Hope is a candle” (insert in back of HWB)

Responsive Reading:

Leader: Stir up your might, and come and save us!
**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Let your hand be upon us and make us strong.
**People: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Leader: Give us life, and we will call on your name.
**All: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

Offering – HWB 194 Away in a Manger

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns: “*God of Love, Hear Our Prayer.*”

Singing - STS 12 Magnificat

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25 (Elroy Cable)

Message:

Sending Song - HWB Angels We Have Heard on High

Benediction

Greeters for December: Glenn & Martha Lehman

Bulletin Editor for December: Shana Lichtenfels – 288-0171

Front Table Arrangement for December: Worship Committee

Church Sign for December: Jeanette Hunsberger

Offering Holders for December: Glenn & Martha Lehman

St. Francis Sharing & Caring Item for December: Toilet Paper

Offering: 12/15/2019 - \$1,177.00 – Regular

1,105.00 – Jayne’s Deductible

100.00 – Benevolence Fund

\$2,382.00 = TOTAL

*****COMING EVENTS*****

Tues., Dec. 24, 11 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service

Missions Offering for MDS at Christmas Eve Service

Thurs., Dec. 26 - Jayne having knee replacement surgery

Dec 26-Jan 14???: Jayne on medical leave

Wed., Jan 15, 7 p.m. - Church Council

Sun., Feb 23 - Annual Congregational Business Meeting

*****NOTES & ANNOUNCEMENTS*****

Happy Birthday: Wish the following a Happy Birthday today or send them a card this week: Today, Sun., Dec. 22 – Ron Telenko; Wed., Dec. 25 – Shannon Telenko

Jayne will attempt to be in the office this week on Tuesday afternoon. After Christmas she will be on medical leave to heal from her knee replacement. She will return in January sometime, depending on how the healing process goes. Stay tuned. If you have a need, please contact one of the Lay Leaders (Joy Cotchen, Glenn Lehman, Dave Miller–before Jan 1, Bill Hunsberger–after Jan 1)

Under the table with the bulletins in the foyer are **Activity Bags for the kids.** Feel free to take one and use it during worship then return it before you head home. If you have ideas of something else you would like in them, let Jayne or Sharon Shetler know!

Our annual **Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service** will be on Dec 24 at 11pm. It will be a service of retelling the birth of Christ filled with music from a variety of people. Come celebrate this late-night service and welcome the celebration of Christmas together. We will take an offering for MDS during the service.

Kaufman Church will host a candlelight Christmas Eve service beginning at 7pm. You are welcome to worship with us.



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*What am I waiting for?
When I call out to God,
God hears me and restores my soul.
I am a child of God,
called to belong and to be redeemed by grace.*

We commit to love and obey God, and through the power of the Holy Spirit follow Jesus, sharing the story of God's love, forgiveness, and grace, making God's kingdom of peace and justice more present on Earth.

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