

YOU ARE INVITED to share poinsettias to be used in the sanctuary and foyer during Advent. Poinsettias may be brought to the church and left on a table near a window in the Fellowship Hall.

REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS Eve Worship Service will be Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. (Dec. 13, 20) and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (Dec. 16, 23). Check with Judy Harder for more details.

THE 14 PIECE MCPHERSON COMMUNITY Brass Choir under the direction of Jerry Toews will give a concert of All Christmas Music in the Historic Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church today, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. Alexanderwohl Church is located one mile north of Goessel on K-15 highway. Come celebrate the season with an evening of exciting brass choir music.

ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to a Christmas Tea at Parkside Congregate Activity Room on Monday afternoon, Dec. 14 at 2 p.m. We will share a favorite memory or tradition from either our own childhood or from Christmas with our children. It would also be fun to see what others get out at Christmas so bring a piece of art, decor, or something meaningful to you. Please call Carolyn Penner (947-3787) or Deanne Duerksen (947-3510) if you would like a ride.

ANNUAL REPORTS: If you lead a committee or have a report to share with us, please do so as soon as possible. Annual reports are due December 15.

WE SEE YOU! As we enter a new church year, we invite you to contribute to a visual view of the names and faces in our FMC community. We are asking each of you to bring a printed photo of you or your family to be posted on the bulletin board across from the pastor's office. Please do not send us electronic photos! We ask that your print be no bigger than a 4x6. We will label them. Baker Brothers Printing will print your electronic photos for a small fee. If you have a thumb drive or memory card with your pictures on it, Baker's also has a photo printing machine in their office for your use. A 4x6 print is \$0.29.

WE SING! SO THAT OTHERS MAY LIVE!!!

Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus (KMMC) invites you to join a 300 voice choir for the 2016 concert series. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons, Feb - April. This year, the choir has planned two concerts in Lindsborg and Wichita. Offerings gathered at all concerts goes entirely to the work of Mennonite Central. See bulletin board for more info and membership forms. Douglas Graber 620-382-6591 is FMC contact person for the group.

OUR DECEMBER 27 WORSHIP will be a time of singing hymns and open sharing. The bulletin will not have regular announcements. We invite you to come having thought about how Jesus has given light to darkness in your life through community, or, how your feet have been guided into the way of peace. (Luke 1:78-79) We look forward to this worship service -- it is always special.

THERE WILL BE NO SUNDAY SCHOOL on December 27. Sunday School will begin again on January 3 at 9:30 a.m.

PARKVIEW MB CHURCH invited Hillsboro area pastors to a lovely Christmas soup lunch this past Wednesday, and including spouses. Give thanks for our churches as we relate in respect and love.

PARKVIEW MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCH has had to cancel the hymn sing planned for New Year's Eve, December 31.

THANK YOU! LAST SUNDAY HI-FY went shopping for Christmas families. The donations we received from our soup lunch on Hanging of the Greens were enough to support 10 kids. Each kid got some toys and winter essentials. Thank you for your support of Hi-FY and our effort to show God's love this year. Hank Unruh

LET'S GIVE GLEN DIENER A CHRISTMAS TREAT! Year-end has plenty of tasks for the treasurer, so ALL who have receipts or expenses to turn in, please do this by December 20. Thank you!

AMONG OUR FRIENDS

Merle Funk, son of Marvin and Elfrieda Funk, passed away at his home in Hillsboro December 10. Because of his love of the outdoors, especially fishing, the family is planning a Celebration of Life Service at a Lake setting in Spring. A "Meet & Greet" time with the family is planned for December 19 from 3-5 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. The family thanks you for your love, care and prayers.

Aleen Ratzlaff is moving to an apartment here in town: 109 N. Washington, Apt. 2. We rejoice with her at this move and pray for grace as the moving is completed.