

# *First Mennonite Church*

*Making disciples through loving relationships.*

*Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.-Worship – 10:35 a.m.*

*December 20, 2015*

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## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Come and Worship!**

Gathering Music	Shirley Baltzer
Welcome	Pastor Susan
Lighting the Advent Candles	Shirley Baltzer
Call to Worship	Kelly Linnens
We meet to worship God, and to give thanks for the birth of Jesus, who lived, and died, and rose from death to share that God loves us, God calls us, and God is with us.	

**ALL: Our Savior comes!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel!**

*Hymn	O come, O come, Immanuel (verses 1, 4, 5, 6)	No. 172
*Invocation		Kelly Linnens
God with Us, we worship you.		

We celebrate your coming.

**Adults: Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Bless us with joy and laughter.

Bless us with stillness and wonder.

**Children: Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

Open our hearts and minds.

Help us receive your light and life.

**ALL: Christ is born in Bethlehem!**

**Glory to the newborn King!**

*Hymn	Hark! the herald angels sing	No. 201
Advent with the Children		Judy Harder
Song of Celebration	FMC Advent Ensemble	
<i>Come and Hear the Joyful Singing</i> Perry and Hopson		
Offering (Organ and Piano)	Shirley Baltzer/Pastor Susan	
(Children dismissed to Children's Time)		
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan

Scripture		Kelly and Congregation
	Luke 2:8-20 (see insert)	
Christmas Anthem		FMC Advent Ensemble
	<i>Song of the Shepherds</i>	Larson
Message		Pastor Susan
Sending Song		Erin, Callie, Sarah D., Victoria, Emily, Reese, Sarah P.
	<i>Let's all go!</i>	arr. by Roberts
*Benediction		Pastor Susan



**WELCOME TO ALL** who are guests this morning. We hope you feel warmly received and experience a time of worship. Please feel free to contact Pastor Susan if you would like to visit.

**OFFERINGS TODAY** will include three avenues: our regular giving for our congregation, giving to local need (oranges for Main Street Ministries), and giving around the world (support of the Mennonite Central Committee Comforter Project).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.** We will begin our worship services with candle lighting and not have a designated time for announcements. We will continue to include our time of sharing and prayer during our worship each Sunday and look forward to hearing from each other how God is among us.

**CAROLING ON DECEMBER 26, 6:30 P.M.** Anyone who is available and interested, let's meet at Jim and Susan's home at 6:30 p.m. Bring some snacks. We will go for caroling a few places, then return to visit and warm up at the Jantzen home. 205 S. Adams, Hillsboro.

**DECEMBER 27 WORSHIP** will be a time of singing and open sharing. Come ready to listen or share how Jesus has come to you in community, how your feet have been guided in the way of peace, or any sharing you would like to offer. Same 10:35 a.m. starting time. No Sunday School that day.

**WE SEE YOU!** We have several photos on our FMC community board. Bring a printed photo, no larger than 4 x 6. Go ahead and post your photo -- labels are on the board. Thank you in advance!

## **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Sunday:** Bruce & Diedre Serene

**Monday:** Deanne Duerksen

**Wednesday:** Carolyn Swaney

**Thursday:** Aaron Wintermote

**Driver:** Susie Kliewer

**Next Week:** Doug Bartel

## **CALENDAR**

Dec. 24 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas! (Office Closed)  
Dec. 27 No Sunday School  
Dec. 31 New Years Eve (Office Closed)  
Jan. 1 New Years Day (Office Closed)  
Jan. 14 7 p.m. Ministries Council Meeting  
Jan. 24 Carry-In Meal & Annual Congregational Meeting

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 27 Easter Sunday  
April 17, 24 Kansas Mennonite Men's Chorus Concerts

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Offerings for 12/13/2015

FMC Ministries.....	\$4,665.73
Quilt Project.....	\$35.00
Year To Date Ministries Income.....	\$145,656.78
Year To Date Ministries Expenses.....	\$144,891.26
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	\$765.52

**Last Week Attendance:** 93

## **CHURCH OFFICE**

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*The church building is open from 9 a.m. to noon Mon. – Fri. except for holidays. For assistance outside of those times, please contact Tim Unruh at 620-947-1585. Please schedule all meetings & events at FMC through the church office.*