

First Mennonite Church

Making disciples through loving relationships.

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

December 11, 2016

Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music		Shirley Flaming
Welcome and Greetings		Pastor Susan
Call to Worship	Advent Song	Grey Sgbk 78
Advent Proclamation		Laurel Koerner

Today there is good news for us to behold!

**Those who feared they were worth little to God
have found blessing in God's sight.**

For in the mercy and love of God
the blind shall see, the lame shall walk without pain,
those who could not hear shall be blessed with hearing,
and there shall be peace.

God's mercy and love is poured out for our parched souls.

Behold! The Lord's compassion is with God's people.

Believe in the power of God in all things. Amen.

*Advent Hymn	Bless'd be the God of Israel	No. 174
Words from Isaiah	Isaiah 35:1-7a	Jim Jantzen
Hymn	It came upon a midnight clear	No. 195
Advent with the Children (including <i>Hey Mary</i>)		Judy Harder
Offering	Sarah Diener with Shawn Knopp (children gather MCC receiving blankets)	

*Special offering today will go to the Local Budget unless otherwise designated.

Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Prayer Response	Longing for Light	Grey Sgbk 1
New Testament Scripture	Luke 1:39-56	Laurel Koerner
Congregational Song	My soul is filled with joy	Grey Sgbk 13
Meditation		Pastor Susan
*Blessing/Benediction		Pastor Susan
*Hymn	Joy to the world	No. 318



Hey Mary

Hey Mary, there's an angel in your house! Said, "Mary have I got some news for you. You seem to think you're nothing much but Heaven's coming close enough to touch. Hey Mary, God is coming here through you."
There is no such thing as ordinary now God is here.
Every life and breath is blessed, you never know when God might appear.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday: Jeff & Tammy Wintermote

Wednesday: Aleen Ratzlaff

Friday: Mike Brandt, Joshua Diener, Velda Hiebert

CALENDAR

Dec. 15 Annual Reports Due! 😊
Dec. 16 7 p.m. Community Carol Sing - Sanctuary
Dec. 19 2 p.m. Christmas Party for women - Parkside Village
Dec. 24 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!
10 a.m. Christmas Day worship
Jan. 1 10 a.m. New Year's Day worship
Jan. 11 Wednesday Evening Meal and activities begins
Jan. 29 Annual Meeting following Carry-In

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

January 8
January 29 Annual Meeting

TREASURER'S REPORT

Offerings for 12/4/2016

FMC Ministries.....	\$3,022.10
HiFY.....	\$200.00
Year To Date Budget Income.....	\$139,335.47
Year To Date Budget Expenses.....	\$144,987.37
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$5,651.90

Last Week Attendance: 91

Isaiah 35:1-7a

- 35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus ² it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the LORD,
the majesty of our God.
- 3 Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
- 4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
“Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.”
- 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
- 6 then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;
- 7 the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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