

**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.

**THIS YEAR'S ADVENT BULLETIN COVERS** are made from satellite images of various locations around the world, from Somalia to Michigan. Advent is a time of year when we take a step back to look at the beauty that God wants us to participate in, even when the immediate landscape seems remote and bleak. We hope the imagery helps you reflect during this season. Katherine & Derek Hamm

**THIS TUESDAY MORNING** the church office area of our building will be without power as the upgrade to our fuse boxes is completed. Pastor Susan will be in the church building, likely at the south end of the building.

**THANK YOU FOR SHARING POINSETTIA PLANTS.** Please take your plant home following the worship service on Christmas Day.

**WITH CHRISTMAS SUNDAY BEING** the last Sunday of the fiscal year 2016 I wanted to make sure everyone was clear that offerings received on Sunday, Jan 1 will not be counted as contributions for 2016. I'll plan to make the last deposit to the FMC Ministry fund on Thursday morning December 29, 2016. So, please have any year end contributions in my Church mail slot before then. Reimbursement requests also need to be turned in immediately. Thank you. Glen Diener

**WOMEN ARE INVITED** to a Christmas party at the Parkside Village activity room on Monday, Dec. 19 at 2:00 p.m. Please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift. Guests are welcome!

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** will begin in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. Christmas music will begin 6:10 p.m. Come and join us for this special night!

**OUR CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP** will again be a time of open sharing. We invite you to share moments of meaning and/or joy. Our service will begin at 10 a.m.

**DOUG MILLER AND HOLLY SWARTZENDRUBER** are traveling to Israel/Palestine during the Tabor Interterm, leaving on December 31. They will have leadership roles along with Peter Goertzen, Campus Pastor at Bethel College -- just over 30 people are in the group. The day-by-day details are posted on the pastor's bulletin board. Let's join in prayer for a safe and enriching trip.

**OUR FMC WIFI** has been upgraded. Please use FMC Guest. A password is not required.

**THE KANSAS MENNONITE MEN'S CHORUS** invites men, 8 to 80 plus, to "Sing So That Others May Live!" Concert offerings raise money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) projects in relief, development and conscience raising activities around the world. Music style ranges from gospel, folk, and hymn arrangements for 4 part male choruses. Men of Hillsboro are among early organizers and leaders in creating this mission outreach which utilizes a unique tradition and ability among us, that of singing praises to God in four-part harmony. Join the hundreds of men who give a few hours of time to make such a wonderful experience possible. Practices begin in late Feb. and concerts are in April, May and June. See bulletin board for more details.

**KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE** will happen in April 2017 because of support from hundreds of people like you. Funds are raised before the sale to cover the costs of running the sale and buying the basic food stuffs needed to produce the food products offered at the sale. If you have items such as a car, truck, tractor, craft item, antique furniture, quilts, sewing notions, or other items of interest to sale organizers, please let us know in the next months, so it can be properly prepared and advertised. ALL PROCEEDS gathered at the sale are given 100% to MCC. Please consider supporting the sale through the special offering in January as well as other special projects and efforts to support the sale event. Thank you for making MCC an important part of your giving.

KMRS Committee: Jan and Deryll Amstutz, Nancy and Douglas Graber

**A RESOLUTION WHICH WAS TABLED** at the Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City has been revised. It is called "Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine." A copy of this revised resolution is posted on the bulletin board across from the church office. MC USA is seeing feedback on this version.

### **Among Our Friends**

We lift in prayer: Mieka & Casey Bartel and baby, Marin Ann  
Linda Bartel, Steve Dalton  
Terri Dalton, Arynne and Stephan Griffith

Jan Goertz's oldest sister, Lois (Plett) Newlove, passed away December 15, in Bellevue, Washington. Services will be held after the holidays. Please raise Jan and Glenn in your prayers, as well as Jan's extended family.