

TODAY IS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT. We will serve communion. All who have decided to follow Jesus in life are welcome to the table. Please bring the “yes” bookmark forward when you come for communion and place it in the glass bowl. With Jesus as host, receive bread at the middle table, take bread to either side to dip in the juice in the chalice, then partake. May the Lord be with us as we enact this meal of discipleship and hope.

THIS EVENING IS THE LAST HISPANIC GROUP GATHERING with Juana Pritchard as leader since Jon and Juana are relocating in the spring. The idea came when Juana visited Pastor Susan following the FMC Spanish class that began in 2012. We praise God for this “multiple-congregation” ministry and rejoice that FMC was asked from the beginning to be a part.

OFFERINGS DURING ADVENT will be received per our regular offering schedule. In addition, during the offering time each Sunday, the children will collect infant receiving blankets from those who bring the blankets to the worship service. You may purchase receiving blankets in stores, or you may purchase one or more any Sunday morning prior to worship at a table in the foyer. The blankets will be our contribution to Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) infant kits. **Please note MCC infant kit guidelines:** Receiving blankets must be lightweight flannel and minimum length of 36 inches. Our Christmas Eve offering will be for the work of MCC around the world.

SINGERS WELCOME! Advent Ensemble continues practice at 7 p.m.

POINSETTIAS. You are invited to share poinsettias for Advent! Please place plants in the Fellowship Hall south window/door area. Plants can be taken home after the December 24 Christmas Eve Service. Thank you!

THE BAKING COMMITTEE is hosting a time to fellowship while baking Christmas cookies on Saturday, December 9 in the church kitchen. Please bring your favorite recipe, ingredients, and mixer (we'll need one or two extras). We'll share our favorite recipes, eat cookies, and figure out what to do with all of the extras.

SAVE THE DATE! Women’s Christmas Tea is planned for December 13, 2 p.m. at Parkside. The focus will be on angels and you are invited to bring an angel(s) to show to the group. Feel free to bring a guest!

AM AHL AND THE NIGHT VISITORS will be presented in our FMC Sanctuary on Friday, December 15. Bring the family or bring a friend to see this seasonal treasure presented by Tabor Professors and friends.

