

# First Mennonite Church

*Making disciples through loving relationships.*

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

*November 27, 2016*

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## First Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music		Shirley Flaming
Welcome		Pastor Susan
“As we gather to worship, join in this song. We will remain seated.”		
Greeting Each Other		
Call to Worship	Advent Song	Grey Sgbk 78
Prayer		Susie Kliewer
Gracious God, You come with loving power to meet us. You come among us and lift us up with words of hope.		
<b>Open our souls.</b>		
<b>Refresh our spirits.</b>		
<b>Reveal the wonder of your all embracing love.</b>		
<b>Renew our hope and courage.</b>		
We look to you. Show us how to welcome and receive you.		
<b>Emmanuel, God With Us</b>		
*Advent Hymn of Praise	Oh, how shall I receive thee	No. 182
Advent with the Children		Judy Harder
(including sharing from Glen Diener)		
Offering		Shirley Flaming
(children gather MCC receiving blankets)		
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Words from Isaiah	Isaiah 2:1-5	Jim Jantzen
Meditation		Pastor Susan
Communion		
Communion Words		
Receiving Communion		
Closing Prayer		
*Sending Song	Come, thou long expected Jesus	No. 178
Advent Benediction		Pastor Susan



**MENTAL HEALTH:** Holidays bring mental health struggles for many of us, men and women. The following link takes you to Prairie View's quarterly periodical – full of helpful material. Copies of the magazine are also available in the narthex.  
[https://issuu.com/prairieviewinc/docs/a\\_new\\_view\\_fall\\_2016\\_winter\\_2017\\_fi](https://issuu.com/prairieviewinc/docs/a_new_view_fall_2016_winter_2017_fi).

**FMC WILL HOST A COMMUNITY CAROL SING** on Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Holly Swartzendruber, Jen Stephenson, Emily Sternfeld-Dunn, and J. Bradley Baker will lead the caroling. The evening will also feature a performance of Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols*. Join us in celebrating the Christmas season with song!

### Among Our Friends

We lift in prayer: Susie Kliewer  
Nadine Friesen  
Carson Linnens  
Casey & Mieka Bartel

### **BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**Monday:** Judy Harder

**Tuesday:** Harris Ewert, Darren & Jocelyn Busick

**Driver:** Deryll Amstutz

**Next Week:** Lee Albrecht

### **CALENDAR**

Nov. 30 Discernment Council Meeting  
Dec. 1 7 p.m. Stewardship Committee Meeting  
Dec. 7 8 p.m. Care Committee Meeting  
Dec. 15 Annual Reports Due!  
7 p.m. Ministries Council meeting (if needed)  
Dec. 16 7 p.m. Community Carol Sing - Sanctuary  
Dec. 24 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service  
Dec. 25 Merry Christmas!  
10 a.m. Worship Service  
Jan. 1 10 a.m. Worship Service

### **CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:**

January 8

January 29 Annual Meeting

## Isaiah 2:1-5

**2** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

**2** In days to come

the mountain of the LORD's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;  
all the nations shall stream to it.

**3** Many peoples shall come and say,  
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

**4** He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

**5** O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the LORD!

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