

First Mennonite Church

Making disciples through loving relationships.

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

December 17, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Gathering Music		Shirley Baltzer
Welcome		Doug Miller and Pastor Susan
Candle Lighting and Song		Joshua Diener and Doug Miller
	<i>Hope is a Light</i>	D.C. Damon
Call to Worship		Joshua and Doug
We meet today		
to declare the mighty acts		
of the living God.		
For God has come among us,		
face-to-face, as a person,		
bringing an abundance of steadfast love!		
With hearts of praise we welcome Jesus,		
Mary's child,		
Healer and Teacher,		
Savior and Friend!		
*Hymn	Angels we have heard on high	No. 197
*Invocation		Doug Miller
Advent with the Children and the Advent Ensemble		Judy Harder
	Mary Rejoices, Luke 1:46-56	
Offering	My Soul is filled with joy	Grey Sgbk 13
	(receiving blankets and Yes! cards will be gathered)	
Sharing and Prayer		Pastor Susan
Song of Response	Longing for Light	Grey Sgbk 1
Scripture	Luke 1:5-14 Luke 1:26-30	Doug Miller
	Luke 2:8-11 Luke 5:1-10	
Message		Pastor Susan
Music Response		FMC Advent Ensemble
	<i>Beauty for Brokenness</i>	G. Kendrick
*Closing Hymn	Joy to the World	No. 318
*Benediction		Pastor Susan



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Tuesday: Deryll Amstutz

Thursday: Deanne Duerksen

CALENDAR:

Dec. 24 Fourth Sunday of Advent; 10 a.m. Worship Service
6 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS! Church office is closed.
Dec. 31 10 a.m. Worship Service
Jan. 7 Dedication of Emelia Koerner
Jan. 14 "Sending"; Carry-In Meal and Annual Meeting

CARRY-IN MEAL SCHEDULE:

Jan. 14 Annual Meeting

Offerings for 12/10/2017

FMC Ministries	\$9,890.00
Mennonite Mission Network	\$50.00
Main Street Ministries.....	\$5.00
Year To Date Budget Income	\$132,276.52
Year To Date Budget Expenses	\$141,176.09
FMC Ministries Fund Balance.....	-\$8,899.57

Last week's attendance: 81

Luke 1:5-14

⁵ During the reign of Herod king of Judea, there lived a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah, and he had a wife named Elizabeth, who was a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ They were both righteous in the sight of God, following all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. ⁷ But they did not have a child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both very old.

⁸ Now while Zechariah was serving as priest before God when his division was on duty, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the holy place of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ Now the whole crowd of people were praying outside at the hour of the incense offering. ¹¹ An angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense, appeared to him. ¹² And Zechariah, visibly shaken when he saw the angel, was seized with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son; you will name him John. ¹⁴ Joy and gladness will come to you, and many will rejoice at his birth,

Luke 1:26-30

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one, the Lord is with you!" ²⁹ But she was greatly troubled by his words and began to wonder about the meaning of this greeting. ³⁰ So the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God!

Luke 2:8-11

⁸ Now there were shepherds nearby living out in the field, keeping guard over their flock at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were absolutely terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: ¹¹ Today your Savior is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord.

Luke 5:1-10

5 Now Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing around him to hear the word of God. ² He saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gotten out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then Jesus sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we worked hard all night and caught nothing! But at your word I will lower the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets started to tear. ⁷ So they motioned to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they were about to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For Peter and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰ and so were James and John, Zebedee's sons, who were Simon's business partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people."