

***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.*

**DECEMBER 24, 10 A.M. WORSHIP.** All are invited to an informal and festive Sunday morning gathering from 10 to 11 a.m. We will begin in the sanctuary by lighting our 4<sup>th</sup> Advent Candle and singing Christmas Carols. Then, we will gather around tables in the Fellowship Hall and enjoy coffee, juice and rolls while learning about the tradition of Christingles. Assembling the Christingle includes oranges decorated with red ribbon, sweets, dried fruit, and a candle. Come and join us, young and old!

**OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE** begins at 6 p.m.

**THE FMC OFFICE** will be closed on Monday and Tuesday this week. Have a Merry Christmas!

**OUR DECEMBER 31 WORSHIP SERVICE** will begin at 10 a.m. You are invited to share your Yes! to God this season, or any seasonal thoughts that would be meaningful for you to share.

**“YES” CARDS FOUND IN THE BURLAP BAGS** on pews may be placed in the offering plates each Sunday. Consider and put in writing the ways you are ready to say Yes to God.

**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.

**THANKS TO ALL** who are sewing and providing the flannel receiving blankets. Donations for the material and to MCC can be placed in the basket in the foyer. (Suggested donation of \$5 per blanket.) Thank you.

**FIVE TIMES HARDER** will perform a “Songs of the Season” concert on Friday, December 29, 7:30 p.m. at the Lorraine Avenue Mennonite Church in Wichita. A free-will offering will be collected to support the work of MCC.

**IF YOU STRUGGLE WITH MORE FEAR**, worry or other negative thoughts than you wish you did, you are invited to join a Womens’ **Book Read and/or Lunch Break Group** “*Unsinkable Faith*” by Tracie Miles -God-Filled Strategies to Transform the Way We Think, Feel, and Live. The group will meet from 12:30-1:30 for 10 weeks at First Mennonite Church fellowship hall beginning **Jan. 9**. Discussions will be facilitated by Nadine Friesen. Paperback or kindle books can be ordered on-line. If interested, let Nadine know at [stillfriesen@gmail.com](mailto:stillfriesen@gmail.com).

### Among Our Friends

We lift these friends in prayer: Marcella Ediger      Clariece Schroeder  
Lester Funk      Joel Klaassen  
Julie Anderson      Harold Woelk  
Joe Knoll      Janice Goertz

Kenny Funk is back at home regaining strength. Prayers for Bonnie and Kenny.

### **KANSAS MENNONITE RELIEF SALE:**

Looking for someone to haul a small John Deere Tractor from Bakersfield, CA to Goessel, KS for the KS MCC Sale. Contact, Jerry Toews, [620-367-8257](tel:620-367-8257) or [jtoews62@gmail.com](mailto:jtoews62@gmail.com)

**WANTED:** Good cars, trucks, tractors, motorcycles, farm machinery, etc. to donate to the KS MCC Sale - new to antique. If you are thinking of getting a new car, consider donating your trade-in to the MCC Sale as a tax-deductible donation. Contact Jerry Toews for more info at [620-367-8257](tel:620-367-8257) or [jtoews62@gmail.com](mailto:jtoews62@gmail.com)