

***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.*

OUR WORSHIP THIS MORNING centers around song and sharing. During the two OPEN SHARING times, we welcome your seasonal thoughts, memories, or a “yes” statement you would like to share from the advent weeks.

ONE WEEK FROM TODAY we will celebrate Epiphany in our worship and dedicate Emelia Koerner.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A PART of First Mennonite Church this past year. Thank you for your prayers, your worship, your support in time and talents. May the Spirit of God rest securely in each of your days.

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.

LET’S BLANKET JIM AND PASTOR SUSAN’S TRIP TO AFRICA IN PRAYER. Susie Kliewer has organized a time schedule to be intentionally in prayer for Jim and Susan during the duration of their trip. If you feel led to commit your time, you may contact Susie to sign up for a time slot. Please check your email and/or your church mailboxes for more information.

Among Our Friends

We lift these friends in prayer: Clariece Schroeder
Joel Klaassen
Kenny Funk
Joe Knoll

Lester Funk
Julie Anderson
Harold Woelk
Janice Goertz

BETHEL COLLEGE:

Centering Prayer will not meet Mon., Jan. 1, but resumes Jan.

8. Centering Prayer meets most Mondays from noon-1 p.m. in Agape Center in Richert House on the Bethel College campus. Try it once, come occasionally or join us regularly – all are welcome, with no previous experience with Centering Prayer required. For more information, contact Nathan Koontz, 2nathankoontz@gmail.com, or Melanie Zuercher, mzuercher@bethelks.edu.

Sat., Jan. 6 – Kauffman Museum First-Saturday Bird Walk. Join experienced birders Gregg Friesen and Rod Wedel at 8:15 a.m. in the museum parking lot for a walk of 1 to 1.5 hours. Please be aware this is mostly on an unpaved trail and the terrain is sometimes sloping or steep. (For help locating Kauffman Museum, see www.bethelks.edu/why-bethel/location/campus-map/)

MCC:

Save the Date – Sunday, January 14: for a special screening of the film *Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock* at 3 p.m. in the Luyken Fine Arts Center at Bethel College in North Newton, Kansas. The film captures the story of Native-led defiance that forever changed the fight for clean water, our environment and the future of our planet. A talk-back session will follow the film featuring film Co-Director Myron Dewey. MCC is teaming up with Kansas Institute for Peace & Conflict Resolution (KIPCOR) for this free event. Please join us!