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Advent 4: Love Incarnate on the Journey

Prelude Robin Schrag

Welcome Carol Zerger

Advent Candle Lighting Carol Zerger and Keith Schrag

Call to Worship

One: The Lord is with us, through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Can you conceive it? Don't say, "It's all relative."

Many: It's real! It's right now! It's here!

One: Come young, come old. Let us worship in the name of Jesus,

All: for nothing will be impossible with God!

Opening Song "O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem" #275

Time with Children Becky Koller

Scripture Reading Luke 1:26-49 Bruce Stucky

Message "My soul magnifies the Lord" Pastor Kenzie Intemann

Song of Response "What Child is This/Helpless and Hungry " #267/268

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Announcements

Benediction

Sending Song "Noel" #256

Postlude

To share a financial offering, please leave your donation in the vessel on the table in the Fellowship Hall. To give online, scan the QR code on the back page.

Sunday School begins 10 minutes after the end of the worship service.

Key

MC USA: Mennonite Church USA (denominational conference)

WDC: Western District Conference (Eden's regional conference of MC USA)

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

Remember In Prayer

Eugene Goering recovering from heart surgery at Wesley Medical Center.

Leona Kaufman, Cindy Bartell's mother, receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

Mark Rupp receiving hospice care at Pine Village.

WDC: Give thanks for all WDC congregations as they celebrate the birth of Jesus and share the good news of God's will for peace on earth.

Nursery: **Dec. 22:** Britney and DaWayne Stos **Dec. 29:** Marla and Bret Gillmore

The peace lamp is lit as a reminder to pray for an end to violence in the world. We trust in the power of prayer, as we know that through prayer, all things are possible.

The ELT thanks you for contributing to our discernment with your votes and comments Sunday. 128 ballots were turned in. **All new Commission members were approved** with each receiving at least 99% affirmation. The **2025 Budget was approved** with a 92% affirmative vote.

Kevin Goering, custodian, is on **vacation** until Dec. 26. For custodial needs or to get into the building, contact the church office or a trustee.

The **Christian Homebuilders Sunday School Class** will meet in room 129.

Thank you to the following people who have accepted appointed positions. Joseph Schrag, Endowment Committee; Sarah Neufeld, SCRT; Marcia Goering and Justin Schrag, Gifts Discernment Committee

Kenzie and Mallory Intemann were received into membership last week. **Welcome.**

The **2025 directory** is being updated. Copies of the 2024 directory pages are on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Make corrections on these pages by Dec. 30.

Moundridge Community Blood Drive: 12 noon until 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 at the Pine Village Wellness Center. There is an extreme shortage of blood so please consider adding the gift of "*saving a life*" to your Christmas list. For an appointment call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use "Moundridge" for the sponsor code. Thank you for your support and if you have any questions, call Denise Stucky at 620-386-0112.

Commissions and committees: This is a reminder to submit your narrative and budget reports for the Annual Report book by Jan. 13.

The **Angel Tree** is decorated in Fellowship Hall to honor the memory of loved ones who have passed away. You may purchase an angel (\$3) for each of your loved ones. Take the angel(s) with you when you place the envelope with the completed form and payment in the box by the tree. A list of those being remembered and those remembering them will be shared Dec. 29.

Everyone is invited to the annual **Christmas Eve program!** The kids are preparing to share the wonderful story of Christmas beginning at 7 p.m. Popcorn and pop will be served in the Fellowship Hall after the program. Bring neighbors, friends, and guests to share in the celebration and fellowship.

BEYOND OUR COMMUNITY

Clearing the path. "December, for many of us, is full, full, full. There are concerts, and parties, and extra things at church, and holiday tournaments, and gifts, and family gatherings, and travel, and decorating, and baking, and, and, AND ... The problem is that they are all good things," writes Talashia Kem Yoder in her Advent meditation, "There's nothing we really want to take off that list. And yet, when we keep it all on our December path, the path becomes so cluttered and rocky and full of ravines that we spend all our energy just trying to get through!" Read more [here](#).

Night in the Barn: All are welcome to experience the wonder of the Christmas story through an interactive walking tour including a live nativity, animals, lights, and sounds. Come and go from 5 – 7 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 21 and Sunday, Dec. 22 at PatchWork Farms (373 E. 70th, Newton). Hot drinks and Christmas goodies are provided. Donations are welcome. Questions? Call 620-345-6867.

To them is born: An Advent reflection. Luis Tapia Rubio shares that Jesus come for the lowly and oppressed in the Christmas story of Luke 2. What does that mean for everyone else to celebrate Christmas? Read more in [Menno Snapshots](#).

Mennonite Mission Network invites you to join a Just Peace Pilgrimage this spring. Embark on this life-changing learning experience. **Christ at the Borders** (Calais, France) — Thousands of people migrate to Calais in hopes of crossing the English Channel and entering the United Kingdom to find a better life. Meet those walking alongside the vulnerable who search for a peaceful home and the travelers themselves.

This Week

- Dec. 24: 7 p.m. Christmas Eve program
- Dec. 25: Church office closed
- Dec. 29: 9:30 a.m. Worship / 10:40 Sunday School

Looking Ahead

- Jan. 1: Church office closed

Last Week: Attendance: 187, Zoom: 5, SS: 130
Offering: Budget: \$4,020.00, SS: (Christian Soup Ministries/Hutchinson) \$3.00

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