

NORTH STAR MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 15, 2019
Third Advent Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

Gathering in the Spirit...

Welcome and Announcements

O come, O come, Immanuel HWB #172

Come, thou long-expected Jesus HWB #178

Call to worship

One: Oh God, my God, I cry out to you.

Many: Asking, when will I start rejoicing that you are coming? Will I trust your faithfulness to your creation?

One: Can I be patient enough to trust in your time, instead of my own?

All: *God, what am I waiting for?*

Prayer

Sharing the Good News...

Let the children come to me (v.2 while children leave)

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Lighting the Advent candle

Confession

Scripture: James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:1-11

He came down STJ #31

Meditation: "The Redeemed on the Highway of Holiness"

Psalm 146 Responsive Reading

Responding with our Whole Hearts...

Comfort, comfort, O my people HWB #176

Offering

Sharing and Congregational Prayer

Come, bring your burdens to God

Going out to Serve...

Joy to the world HWB #318

Benediction

Meditation – Dan Graber Worship Leader – Peter Nicholson
Song Leader – Gayle Warkentin Pianist – Esther Laskowski
Sound – Ivan Bartel Ushers – Vicky Toporchak, Emery Laskowski

LAST SUNDAY

Attendance – 57 Offering – \$2600.00

NEXT SUNDAY

Meditation – Lisa Martens Bartel Worship Leader – Jim Ewert

TODAY: 6:30 p.m. – Piano Recital for students of Amy Ewert. Everyone invited.

THIS WEEK AT NORTH STAR:

Thursday, December 19

7:00 p.m. – Drake School Christmas Concert. There will be NO silver collection this year as we held a food bank drive earlier and items will be delivered before the concert.

Saturday, December 21

1:00 p.m. – Funeral service for Anne Penner.

COMING EVENTS AT NORTH STAR:

Sunday, December 22

5:00 p.m. – "Jesus is Immanuel" Christmas Concert. Prairie Light Christian Fellowship invites you to an evening of music and fellowship. Supper to follow.

Tuesday, December 24

7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve service. The offering for the evening will be divided between The Lighthouse Supported Living and Brighter Horizons. Please make cheques payable to North Star.

Wednesday, December 25

12:30 p.m. – Jim & Eileen and Ed & Myrna wish to host Christmas dinner for anyone who is alone that day and wishes to join us at the church. We will supply meat, potatoes and a vegetable. It would be appreciated if those joining us could bring a salad or dessert or buns, if able. Hopefully there will be time to do some visiting and play some table games. Please let us know by **Wed., Dec. 18** if you wish to attend. Signup sheet on Educ. Wing bulletin board

Monday, January 13

7:30 p.m. – Council of Boards meeting.

Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19

Portable CMU with Dan Epp-Tiessen. More information to follow.

Monday, January 20

7:30 p.m. – North Star Annual Meeting. Please have reports emailed or handed in to the office by **Sunday, January 12**.

NORTH STAR NOTES:

- Chris & Vic will be returning to Honduras with Brighter Horizons. They will be working on several small projects this year. If you would like to help, here is Brighter Horizons Christmas Gift List: Family Christmas Hamper (2 chickens, flour, rice, beans, cereal, apples, toilet paper, broom) \$50; Picnic table \$150; Concrete washtub \$150; Bed with mattress \$100; Bible \$? See recent newsletter on the bulletin board.

- We are looking for volunteers for worship leaders, song leaders, etc. for the new year. Please contact Mary Jean ASAP if you can help.

BEYOND NORTH STAR:

January 9-April 12

Mission in Perspective Course - a Master's-level course exploring our place in mission—historically and locally, as colonial empires, oppressed minorities, and places in between. Thursdays, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m., at the MC Sask office with instructor Josh Wallace. Presented by CMU & MC Sask. See poster or go to www.mcsask.ca/registrations for more info.

Saturday, January 18

1:00-5:00 p.m. – The Great Winter Warm-up. One day. Multiple locations. Thousands of stitches of hope and warmth. Get involved with something big—record-breaking big! Help us touch the lives of people in need while celebrating MCC's 100th anniversary. We're attempting to collect 6,500 comforters to deliver to people affected by conflict and disaster around the world. We need your help to reach our goal of 6,500 handmade comforters on January 18. For more information on the event and the hosting locations, see poster on the bulletin board or check out the website at greatwinterwarmup.ca or call the office at 306.665.2555.

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

Praying for each other: Please pray for Fields of Hope Mennonite Church (Hoffnungsfelder) as they face the challenges of members lost through a variety of reasons, including aging and people moving out of the community, and as they plan to live without a pastor. They are encouraged by the lay persons, volunteers and guest speakers that help them carry on.

MC Sask Connects: What does it mean to support Mennonite Church Saskatchewan in this season of peace? It means deepening the walk of youth and young adults with God and each other at our camps, through SMYO and our Mennonite schools; ministering to the elderly at the Mennonite Nursing Home; being witness to what God works in the hearts of inmates and people involved in Circles of Support and Accountability. As we ponder the hope and peace Christ brings, please consider MC Sask in your year-end giving. Visit <http://mcsask.ca/donate/>.

CMU Connects: Travel. Learn. Serve. Consider CMU's one year Outtatown Discipleship School and continue your journey towards knowing God, yourself and the world as you travel, learn and serve in locations across Western Canada and in Guatemala. Read about current student experiences at outtatownguat.com. Apply now at Outtatown.com/become/apply.

Prayers are invited for CMU students as they write exams to complete their Fall Semester courses.

Want to give the gift of peace this Christmas? Check out the Canadian School of Peacebuilding website at csop.cmu.ca to purchase Voices of Harmony & Dissent by past CSOP instructors or check out our resources page for other peace books.