

ADVENT 4
BURSTING IN & BREAKING OUT—REJOICE!
God Delivers
 Micah 5:2-5a



OFFICE SCHEDULE:

Pastor (Mel):

- Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon
- ✦ During this holiday week, Mel will be working on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday (not in the office on Friday or Saturday).

Secretary (Ellen):

- Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- ✦ During this holiday week, Ellen will be working only on Tuesday and Thursday. **All bulletin announcements need to be in by Thursday, 9:00 a.m. The bulletin will be printed on Thursday afternoon.**

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, January 17, 6:00 p.m. Congregational Listening Meeting
 4F (Food, Faith, Family, Fellowship) Nights
 January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17 (snow date February 24)
 March 5-6, 2010, Marriage Retreat



LAST SUNDAY'S RECORD, December 13, 2009

Attendance: SS - 121; Worship - 154
 Offering: Budget: \$4,109.50
 CCS Tuition: \$2,338.00
 College Student Aid: \$500.00
 Maple Syrup Missions: \$16.00

CCS Tuition:

- Needed each month (2009-2010 school year): \$13,996.00
- Short for December 15 payment: \$9,871.79
- Needed for January 15: \$13,996.00

If you are interested in being a part of a small group, please contact the church office.

Ministers: Every Member of the Congregation

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A special welcome to our guests. Our praise to our creator will be more joyful because you are worshipping with us. Please register in the guest book in the foyer.

8:45 AM Prayer Time
9:00 AM Alternative Christmas
9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Classes for all ages,
 Nursery through adult.
 Everyone is welcome!*



10:30 AM WORSHIP
WE GATHER
 Prelude

WE PRAISE GOD

♫ *Hark! The Glad Sound!* WB 184
 Welcome Greeting/Call to Worship
 Advent Candlelighting
 ♫ *My Soul Is Filled With Joy* SJ 13
 ♫ *Angels We Have Heard on High* WB 197
 Offertory
 Congregational Sharing/Prayer for the People

WE LISTEN

Children's Story
 ♫ *O Little Town of Bethlehem* WB 191
 Scripture: Micah 5:2-5a
 Message: *God Delivers*
 Litany of Response

WE RESPOND

♫ *To Us a Child of Hope Is Born* WB 189
 Benediction
 ♫ *Sending Song: Joy to the World* WB 318

Prelude/Offertory: Ressler Family
Song Leader: Winfred Ressler
Worship Leader: Dottie Hathaway
Children's Story: Chip Coleman
Message: Mel Hathaway
Digital Arts: Ned Mast
Sound & Lights: Conrad Neuenschwander
Host/Greeters: Lavon & Janice Kratzer
Pastoral Team Greeter: Eileen Lehman
Nursery: Michael & Lisa Amstutz Family
Altar Arrangements: Advent c/o Julia Dunster
Ushers: Steve & Delo Gerber, Steve & Goldie Yoder, Dave Ross

Today's Activities

5:30 PM Young Adult gathering at the home of Mel & Dottie Hathaway. All young adults are welcome and encouraged to attend.

PM Home Fellowship Groups

THE CHURCH THIS WEEK

Thursday

6:00 p.m. **Christmas Eve Service.** Everyone is encouraged to join in this time of celebrating Christ's birth.

Friday

Christmas Day

Have a blessed Christmas!

NEXT SUNDAY

8:45 AM Prayer Time

9:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:30 AM WORSHIP - First Sunday after Christmas--*Bursting in and Breaking Out--Let All Creation Praise God, In Response to Christmas*, Psalm 148, by Pastor Mel Hathaway

Nursery: Lisa, Rowena & Emma Zuercher
Altar Arrangement: Advent c/o Julia Dunster
Pastoral Team Greeter: Alice Metcalf
Host/Greeters: Lavon & Janice Kratzer
Ushers: Ron Geiser, Mike & Mim Lehman, Mark Johnston, Lloyd Miller

GOD BLESS OUR SENIOR SAINTS!

Happy 88th birthday to John Martin, Wednesday, December 23

Happy 81st birthday to Til Neuenschwander, Thursday, December 24

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

IN OUR PRAYERS:

CONTINUE TO REMEMBER: *Iva Geiser is taking oral cancer medication; Lois Berry and Anna Knutson are both continuing with maintenance chemotherapy for several more months.*

THOSE IN MISSION: *Linda Horn, Interlink, Thailand; José & Alfonsina Oyanguren, Argentine Chaco; Friends of the Tabasaran Ministry, Dagestan, Russia; Joel & Ruth Miller, Dayspring Outreach Ministries, Mexico; Nic & Sonya Stice, Missions Network Center, Elm Springs, AR; Kurt, Angie & Micah Neuenschwander, Samaritan's Purse, Nairobi, Kenya.*

OUR YOUNG ADULTS: *Shawna Gerber, teaching at the Global English School in Bangkok, Thailand.*

A HUGE THANK YOU to my church family for the huge food supply you gave me on my 80th birthday. WOW! We may need to have everyone for a meal! Thanks, too, for all the cards, prayers and love. It was a good day, indeed. We thank God for you all!

—Ada Amstutz, Joy & Jody Nussbaum

NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS for John & Rozella Lehman:

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ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS: Today is the last Sunday for December's Mission Emphasis, Alternative Christmas. Light snacks and a drink to compliment fair trade coffee offered through World Crafts will be provided in the foyer from 9:00-9:25 a.m. Feel free to bring your own mug. Tables will be available to purchase consumable products from World Crafts and handmade items from SMW. Tables will also be set up with information about MCC projects to support at home and abroad. Designate funds to the project of your choice. Undesignated funds will be assigned to MCC projects by Outreach and Service Ministry.

CHURCH CANCELLATION PROCEDURE: In the event of inclement weather, the Facilities Ministry Leader, will work with the CLT leader and pastor to determine whether or not church will be cancelled. Information about church cancellations will be sent via the church e-mail/phone chains, and will be announced on Wooster radio, WQKT.

4F 2010 ~ Welcome to the Table ~ Food-Faith-Family-Fellowship 2010 (4F) will meet on Wednesday evenings January 13 through February 17. Each evening will begin with a hot, simple meal, serving starting at 5:45 p.m., followed by classes from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Plan to join in this opportunity for building relationships through fellowship, learning, fun, and working together.

Six classes are being offered this year:

- How to...Developing Better Computer Skills, c/o Michael Amstutz
- "Jewels of Friendship" Piecing and Quilting, c/o Ellen Nussbaum
- Mind, Heart and Hands, c/o Outreach & Service Ministry
- Organic Singing Sessions c/o Ellis Miller
- Proverbs: Wisdom for Today, c/o Pastor Mel Hathaway
- Ready, Set...PLAY! c/o MYF and Venture Club (This will be the main inter-generational class this year.)

Fliers will be in mailboxes soon and sign-up sheets will be available on a table in the foyer December 27, January 3 and 10. For more information, see today's issue of *Sojourns*.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

- Library Christmas book contest winners are Bethany Masters and Phil Raber. There are 77 children's Christmas books and 10 adult books. The contest continues today with the question, how many Christmas audios (videos, DVD's, CD's) are in the library? Stop in the library and make a guess.
- Daily time with the Lord can be aided by a good devotional book. Stop by the library to see our selection on the center table. Some are for the full year and others are for shorter terms. We have devotionals for children and adults. We invite your donations too. If you would like to share your own book, but want the book back at the end of the year, we will supply you with a sign-out card. You may bring in and sign out books the next two Sundays--December 27 and January 3.

An extended family Christmas Dinner carry-in meal will be held on Christmas day, December 25, at Kidron Mennonite Church, gathering starting at 11:00 a.m. with the meal at noon. Meat, drinks and dinner rolls will be provided. Fellowship and games will continue through 2:30. Everyone is welcome.

