

Erb Mennonite Church

December 10, 2017

Our Vision: to make disciples of Jesus who are Prayerful, Passionate,
Growing in Christ, Prepared, and Telling Others!

Welcome to our worship celebration this morning. We hope you feel at home with us and we welcome you to join us again.

Greeters: Mel & Velda

9:00 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson: "Faith to Discern"

Text: Acts 13:1-12

9:50 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Nursery Care: Becky, Emily

Welcome & Announcements

Donovan Lefever

Offering

Worship & Advent

Leon Harnly

Message

Joel Harnly

Sermon Title: "Light has Come into the World"

Text: John 3:16-21

Song of Response

Benediction

LIFE IN OUR CONGREGATION

This Week: December 10 – 17

Monday – Instrumentalists: 6:30 – 7:30 (Core Band till 8:30 as available)

Wednesday – Sewing Circle, 9 – 11:30 AM

Thursday – First dress rehearsal – Actors, Instrumentalists, and Choir; aim to arrive close to 6; 6:30 START from top of show

Saturday – Full dress rehearsal with sound, 9 – 11 AM (plan to arrive early if possible)

Saturday – Youth Group at church to make items for fundraiser, 3 PM

Sunday, December 17 – 7 PM Children's Christmas program, "Wise Guys & Starry Skies"; refreshments served afterwards

Next week's service – December 17

Christmas program "Wise Guys & Starry Skies"; Moderator: Dean Stoner

Looking ahead:

Sunday, December 24 – No Sunday school; 9:15 AM fellowship time with coffee/tea/juice and pastry

Sunday, December 31 – Fellowship Meal; sign up in foyer



Happy Birthday: Carrie

Pastor Lew Wagner is preaching at Pleasant View Retirement Community this morning.

Needed for Wise Guys & Starry Skies: a big wooden stirring spoon. Also we could use your help to put up the stage backdrop. If you can help with these needs, please contact Donna.

Artwork needed for bulletin insert! Children and adults are invited to use your artistic abilities to draw a design for "Wise Guys & Starry Skies" program cover. The dimensions are 4 ½ inches x 4 ½ inches. Please give your creation to Donna by Wednesday, December 13.

Youth Group Fundrasier – Homemade donuts and freshly made apple cider will be available for a donation next Sunday morning following church. The donuts will be packaged as half dozen and the cider will be in half gallon jugs. All items will be "to-go".

Items for families displaced from Puerto Rico – You received a pink paper with details in your mailboxes last Sunday. There is a table in the foyer to receive your donations. Collection deadline is next Sunday morning, December 17.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAISES & PRAYER NEEDS

- Everyone involved in preparing for the Christmas program
- Youth pastor and youth- advisors
- Dwight– spiritual protection during prison term
- Pastors and Ministry Leadership Team
- Garry & Ruth– serving the Lord in Israel

Phone Tree- If you have an announcement or a prayer request please call Pastor Lew at 917-5834.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

“Journey to Bethlehem” will be held at Woodcrest Retreat next weekend, December 15 & 16. The Christmas story comes alive, in six unique scenes, as you walk by candlelight along quiet wooded trails with the Biblical characters. Visit www.WoodcrestRetreat.org for more details. Groups may call the office for guaranteed admission details at 738-2233.

Lancaster Mennonite High School will hold two separate Christmas music programs this year at the Lancaster Campus: an instrumental concert featuring the band and orchestra on December 12 at 7 PM and a choral music concert on December 16 at 4 PM.

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is accepting registrations for the spring semester. MCCL has programs for kindergarten through grade 12. Singers meet Tuesday evenings January through April. For more information about MCCL programs, see www.mennonitechilrenschoir.org, call 717-455-7025, or email mccl@lancastermennonite.org.

This Week's Scripture Readings:

Monday.....John 7
Tuesday.....John 8
Wednesday.....John 9
Thursday.....John 10
Friday.....John 11

Our Ministry Leadership Team (MLT)

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Donovan Lefever – Outreach; Chairman	Anthony Boll – Stewardship
Dean Stoner – Care; Vice-chairman	Greg Boll – Prayer
Leon Harnly – Worship; Secretary	Ryan Miller – Discipleship
Deaconesses: Reba Nolt, Becky Sensenig	Deacon: Loren Ressler