

OFFERINGS & ATTENDANCE
December 19, 2010

Offering = \$ 5.378.00	Attendance = 198
Adult S.S. = \$ 35.60	Attendance = 72
Jr. S.S. = \$ 10.71	Attendance = 17

The Work of Christmas:

When the song of the angel is still,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their sheep,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among people,
to make music in the heart.



-Howard Thurman

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Christ the Savior is Born!

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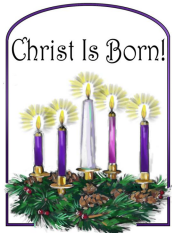


**As God's children and the body of Christ,
we are called by God to offer hospitality,
healing and hope in the name of Christ.**

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**“Christ the Savior is Born!”
Christmas 1**

“For a child has been born for us, a son given to us!” -Isaiah 9:6a

Gathering

PRELUDE Michelle Unruh

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS Worship Leader, Brittany Voth

INTROIT *“O come, O come Immanuel!”*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today, O God, the soles of your feet have touched the earth.

People: Today, the back streets, the forgotten places have been lit up with significance.

Leader: Today, the households of earth welcome the King of heaven.

People: For you have come among us, you are one of us.

All: So may our songs rise to surround your throne as our knees bend to salute your cradle. Amen.

Praising God

*SINGING OUR PRAISE No. 212
“O come, all ye faithful”

*PRAYER OF BLESSING

*SINGING OUR PRAISE No. 201
“Hark! the herald angels sing”

Announcements

Are you looking for opportunities to practice your hospitality skills?

We need two more funeral ushers and two more special greeters. If you are willing to serve in this way, contact Jude Krehbiel, chairperson for the Worship-Fellowship Committee.

Fellowship Meals: Help support the MCC Relief Sale and turn in support the work of Mennonite Central Committee by participating in the 2011 Fellowship Meals scheduled for February 27 and March 6 as guests and /or hosts. Please return the registration found in your church mailbox to Jerry and Leann Toews or Archie and Kristin Schmidt by January 31. Fellowship Meals make great gifts!

The Western District Music and Worship Task Force is planning a Choral Festival and Service for Saturday, January 22 at Eden Mennonite Church, rural Moundridge. The Festival clinician is Dr. Mark Suderman, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, at Bluffton University. Choral rehearsal will be from 2:00-5:00, followed by a meal at the church. Reservations for the meal are strongly encouraged; cost is \$5. The Festival Service will follow at 6:30 pm. For a list of repertoire and to make meal reservations, please contact the Western District office at wdc@mennowdc.org or 316.283.6300. We offer this as an exciting opportunity for all who love to sing to join in a large choir experience.

Refresh your Spirit, Renew your Brain, Reconnect with others . . .

Attend the WEB (Welcome to Education at Bethel) day on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, 8:30 am-1:00 pm in the Fine Arts Center, Bethel College campus. Please sign up for the brunch and two of four presentations given by persons personally involved in Bethel College. Registrations and the \$20.00 fee are due by Jan. 5, 2011 to the Bethel College Women's Association, Valerie Klaassen, 9108 SE 36th St., Whitewater, KS 67154. Additional information and registration form available at www.bethelks.edu/bc/affiliateorganizations/bcwa

On the Bulletin Boards:

- ★ **Christmas Greetings:** John and Mary Gaeddert, Jim and Judy Schrag, Ray and Brenda Martin Hurst
- ★ **MCC and MDS** updates.
- ★ **Welcome To Education at Bethel:** January 15, 2011
- ★ **Peace Connections:** Circles of Hope information.
- ★ **Hopi Mission School:** Volunteers needed.
- ★ **Snow Camp:** Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp. Brochures are posted.
- ★ **Jobs:** >Curriculum writers needed for Gather Round
>Office Manager, MC USA Leadership Development Team
>Camp Mennoscah: part-time Maintenance Coordinator

Prayer Requests

The following items were shared last Sunday, December 19.

- ★ Kim Funk shared a story that three young girls helped her fold bulletins while they waited for their piano lesson on Friday. Kim noted that the girls' spirit of volunteerism had been taught to them and their service was a gift which gave her joy in that moment.

Happenings:

- ★ The youth gave a wonderful night in the Barn at Carol and Maynard's farm. 499 people witnessed the moving story and \$1320 was donated to the youth group.

Remember to pray for:

- ★ Western District Conference: Praise God for the gift of his Son our Savior, Jesus. Pray for boldness in joining the shepherds in spreading the word of what we know about this child.
- ★ Mennonite Mission Network: Pray that those whom God is calling to teach at LCC International University in Lithuania (through MMN) will say, "Yes!"
- ★ Mennonite Education Agency: Pray for international students at Bethel College who may be unable to be with their families during the Christmas break and for all students who feel an increased sense of loneliness at this time of year.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS IN WORSHIP

You are welcome to fill out the friendship brochure and place it in the offering bag.

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jason Unruh

Hearing God's Word

HEARING THE OLD TESTAMENT *Isaiah 9:2-7*

SHARING

Monica Voth

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Shepherd - Manger Medley"* -arr. T. King

Flute Quartet

HEARING THE NEW TESTAMENT *Titus 3:4-7*

Travis Buller

SHARING

James Goerzen

SONG *"It came upon a midnight clear"*

No. 195

HEARING THE GOSPEL *Luke 2:1-7*

Doug Krehbiel

SPECIAL MUSIC *"Come hither, ye little children"* -arr. R. Ewing

Flute Quartet

SHARING

Anna Unruh

Responding to God's Word

CHRISTMAS SONG *"Angels from the realms of glory"*

No. 50CS

SHARING AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

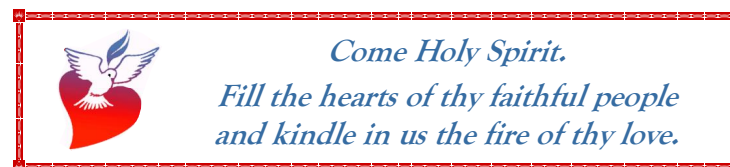
Corey Miller

*HYMN *"Angels we have heard on high"*

No. 197

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE





Today

On a day when many begin to put away Christmas decorations, we officially begin the season of Christmas in the church. For the next twelve days, we are welcomed to continue to share the joyous news that a Savior has been born to us! This morning, we are grateful for our college students, who are here to proclaim the good news of Christ's birth.

Flute Quartet: Hildred Schmidt, Kristin Unruh, Hannah Miller, Rachel Miller

There is no Sunday school today, but all are welcome to the fellowship hall for a social time following the worship service. We are so glad that you are here with us to worship Christ, the newborn King.

This morning you were greeted by Fred, Diane, Kristin, Michelle and Luke Unruh and Barb and Keith Banman. *Please note the friendship cards in the songbook holders and fill one out if you have requests or if you are a visitor and place it in the offering bag.*

On the table in the foyer are **Prayer Request Cards**. You are invited to fill one out if you have a request and return it to a pastor's box.

This Week

The Millers will be traveling to South Dakota for a Christmas gathering with family. They will return on Wednesday. Contact Pastors Karen, Doug or the deacons if a need arises.

Tuesday, December 28

12:00 p.m. - Goessel, Peabody, Walton Lunch Bunch at Grace Regier's home. Please sign up.

Next Sunday, January 2

9:30 a.m.—Worship: We will celebrate Epiphany Sunday with the coming of the Wise Ones. The focus of the morning will be **Worship: Wise Ones Seek Truth.** The texts will be Ephesians 3:1-12 and Matthew 2:1-12 and Karen will be preaching. We will be celebrating communion, so we invite you to prepare yourself to come to the table of God's grace and love.

10:45 a.m.—Sunday school for everyone.

New Sunday school Class begins: Pastor Corey will be teaching a SS elective to anyone who is interested. He will be teaching the book, **The Naked Anabaptist**, one of the most popular books in this past year. The class will be in the fellowship hall basement and it will run for 8 weeks. Books will be available for all class participants. We look forward to **uncovering** the core tenants of our Anabaptist values and discovering what God is calling us at Tabor to do.