

Scripture Reading Isaiah 64:1-9 Tammy Plank
Sermon "Waiting on God to Act" Gordon Smith

Responding

*Song *Open my eyes* HWB 517
Sharing our Gifts Tammy Plank
 Offertory & Prayer of Dedication
Sharing our Lives
 Prayer of the People Gordon Smith

Sending

*Song *Hark! The glad sound* HWB 184
*Words of Blessing Tammy Plank
 Go into the world, awake and aware of God's
 presence!
 We go into the world, listening for God's voice.
 Go into the world, watching for the activity in God's
 kingdom!
 **We go into the world, following in the footsteps of
 Jesus.**
 Go into the world, receiving the hope of salvation!
 We go into the world, reflecting the Spirit's radiance.
*Piano Response Lisa Schmidt

* Congregation Stands (If standing is difficult, remain seated)

Worship Leader: *Tammy Plank* Pianist: *Mindy Smith*
Songleader: *Janet Ediger* Sound Tech: *Justin Beth*
Sanctuary Prep: *Yvonne & Kristine Banman*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As followers of Jesus Christ, our mission is to

- worship together as a community of faith,
- invite everyone to share the gift of God's love,
- nurture each other in the faith,
- serve others in the spirit of Christ, and
- proclaim His way of peace, justice and reconciliation.

PEACE LAMP

The prayer lamp at the front of the sanctuary is a reminder for us to pray for peace. May the burning of this lamp, and the prayers of our hearts, be pleasing to God as God calls us to be people of light, of hope, of resurrection. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

CHILDCARE

Deb Unruh & Kathy Schrag will provide care today during worship for children 3 and under. Next Sunday, John & Jennifer Horn will be responsible.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE for Nov 20, 2011

Faith Mission Plan (FMP)	\$3,203.00
(FMP Budget per week: \$5,149.76)	
Sunday School Offering	\$1.75
Building Fund	\$441.00
Harvest of Love	\$1,722.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$5,367.75

Attendance: Sunday School 74; Worship 160

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THIS WEEK

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir

8:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Bd of Worship

Sunday

9:00 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:30 a.m. Worship - Second Sunday of Advent

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Pray for **Michelle and Dan Ackland**, and their unborn triplets. Michelle has been in the hospital with serious complications. For more information, see their blog at www.acklandtriplets.blogspot.com

Western District Conference:

Pray that God would open our hearts during this Advent season to new spiritual blessings and new missional initiatives. The Mennonite Church USA Advent theme is "Awesome Deeds We Do Not Expect."

Mennonite Mission Network:

Thank God for Union Biblical Seminary, a Mennonite Mission Network partner in India. Pray for rural Mennonite students, who face academic and cultural challenges in the city, as they study the Bible and theology.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

The Faith Mission Circle Christmas Banquet is next Monday, Dec. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The tickets are \$10.00 per person. The program is "Christmas Music in Review," given by Vada Snider & Co. The offering will go towards local organizations, and the project will be food for Harvest of Love. Today is your last chance to purchase tickets. Please see Mary Janzen in the foyer!

HARVEST OF LOVE

Last Sunday we collected 450 lbs of food, and \$1,722.00 for Harvest of Love! This is an excellent start to helping fill the Salvation Army's pantry shelves, which is in increasing need in our community. We encourage you to bring food (box in foyer), and make money donations (make checks to Faith Mennonite Church with Harvest of Love in the memo line) through the end of December. Next time you pick up something at the store for yourself, buy an extra for Harvest of Love!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Giving to our Faith Mission Plan (FMP) budget through last Sunday totals \$220,975. The 2011 budget is \$267,788, leaving a balance of \$46,813 needed by the end of the year. However, I estimate that to meet our mission giving goals and necessary expenses, we actually only need around \$26,000. There are five Sundays left this year, including today, so that comes to \$5,200 per Sunday. That is very do-able! You are welcome to mail or bring into the church office your offerings during the weeks ahead, if you plan to be gone for the holidays. All contributions will need to be received by noon on Friday, Dec. 30, to count towards this budget year. If you need a reminder of what you have pledged, I can look that up for you, but I won't hold you to that number—you are welcome to give more! And if you pledged to give as you are able, I hope and pray that you are able to give generously to our Faith Mission Plan, as God leads you. - Blessings, Darlene Powers, Treasurer

NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

Lots of new titles on the new books shelf! Biographies: Soul Surfer - I Beat the Odds - Angel in the Rubble. Fiction by Raney, Vogel-Sawyer, Dueck. Picture books, too. Check them out!



SHARE YOUR MEANING OF CHRISTMAS



During the Advent season, we are looking for volunteers to decorate the table in the foyer. You are welcome to decorate it with a nativity scene, advent calendar, or any other Christmas theme you would like to share for a week with the church. If you are willing to decorate the table for a week during the 6 weeks of the Advent season, please contact Kristine Banman by phone, 316.371.1644 or email kbanman04@gmail.com.

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

BETHEL COLLEGE

- Friday, Dec. 2 – Annual "Messiah" sing (Christmas portions) with Bethel College Chamber Orchestra and student soloists, 11 a.m., Bethel College Mennonite Church; scores provided
- Friday, Dec. 2 – Christmas Gala Jazz, 8 p.m., Krehbiel Auditorium; free with a freewill offering taken
- Saturday, Dec. 3 – Special events at Goerz House and Kauffman Museum as part of "Six Places of Christmas," 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; children's activity at Kauffman Museum, 10 a.m.-noon; free admission to exhibits including "...the eyes of a stranger: India images and experiences by Cookie Wiebe"
- Sunday, Dec. 4 – 26th annual Lighting of the Green, with candles provided; 8 p.m., with refreshments following in cafeteria

NEWTON TREBLE CLEF ANNUAL VESPERS

All are invited to the Christmas Vespers, Sunday, Dec. 4 at Bethel College Mennonite Church, at 3:00 p.m. The program will include Karen Loucks, piano & Vada Snider, flute, the Treble Clef Chorus, Bethel College Mennonite Church Bell Ensemble and Hearts 4 Him - Men's Ensemble and Joan Wulf, organ. A freewill offering will be taken for the scholarship fund.



MEN'S CHORUS

The Heart of America Men's Chorus presents their annual Christmas concert on Dec. 3, 7pm and December 4, 4:30 pm. Both concerts will be held in the De Mattias Fine Arts Center at Newman University. The concert promises to be full of Christmas songs the whole family can enjoy. Children 12 and under are free, adults \$18. For more information call 316-708-4837





GET INTO THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT



The Bethel College Women's Association is hosting one of the Six Places of Christmas on December 3 at Goerz House, 2512 College Avenue, North Newton from 10 to 4. Please come tour the beautiful home decorated for Christmas, browse through our gift shop, and select some baked goods to enjoy at home! We will also be selling homemade candy by the pound. Hope to see you there!

GIFT MARKET

Kidron Bethel Village Christmas Gift Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., this Saturday in Menno Hall at 3001 Ivy Drive. Original, handmade arts and crafts plus homemade food items for sale. All exhibitors are Kidron Bethel residents.

CAMP MENNOSCAH GATHERING

All late-night donut junkies who are fans of Camp Mennoscah are invited to a gathering of Camp Mennoscah folks on December 2nd beginning at 11pm at Druber's Donut Shop in Newton, KS. The first 40 people to arrive wearing a Camp Mennoscah tee shirt get a coupon for a free donut! (Be prepared to pay sales tax and any amount over the coupon amount.) Outgrown your last Camp Mennoscah tee shirt or worn it to shreds? No problem--make your own tee shirt! Use duct tape and a marker or whatever you choose. Best homemade Camp Mennoscah tee shirt/tee shirt design wins a prize!



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