

## THIS WEEK

### Tuesday

7:00 p.m. Church Council

### Sunday

10:00 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship

10:15 a.m. Pre-Service Music

10:30 a.m. Worship

\*Please Note: there will be NO Sunday School.

## CHECK IT OUT!

Visit the kiosk to hear John McCutcheon sing *Christmas in the Trenches*, along with video of the story.

## BOOK SIGNING

Lisa Weaver, author of "On the Zwieback Trail," a new Russian Mennonite history written in alphabet book format for all ages, will be signing the book and talking about the book project Thursday, Dec. 29, 6:30-8 p.m. at Kauffman Museum (talk at 7 p.m.). This event is free; call the museum at 283-1612 for more information. The book is currently for sale at the museum.

## 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.

## 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.

# F.A.I.T.H.

Mennonite Church

## Staff & Office Hours

Gordon Smith, Pastor

Tues-Afternoon, Wed-Morning, Mon-off

Mike Bogard, Interim Associate Pastor

Tues-Morning, Thurs-Morning, Mon/Fri-off

Caley Ortman, Interim Youth Leader

By Prior Arrangement

Lorisa Rich, Administrative Secretary

Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

## Appointed Personnel

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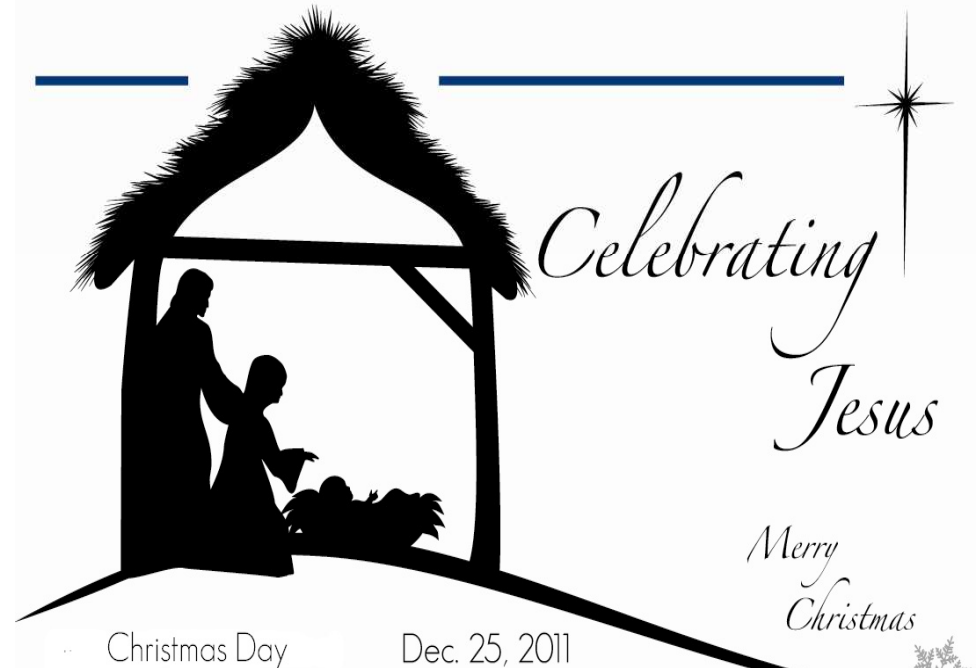
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# Faith Mennonite Church




Christmas Day

Dec. 25, 2011

## Awesome Deeds We Do Not Expect

*God showed up in our world in the least expected way, in the form of an infant. This is how God comes, what God's awesome deeds look like – a small shoot springing up and changing everything. Christ has come, and the world is being transformed. So let's celebrate!*


**Faith Mennonite Church**  
 December 25, 2011  
**Christmas Day**  
 10:30 a.m.

Singing Christmas carols by request Jennifer Horn

\*Words of Welcome & Call to Worship

Rejoice in the Lord! The fullness of time has come.

**As the earth brings forth its shoots,**

so God sent the Son, born into the human condition,

to set us free to live as beloved children.

*The unexpected has happened. We belong to God.*

Children's Time Gordon Smith

Worship Music "How Many Kings" Tom Gaeddert

Scripture Matthew 1:18-25

"God's awesome deeds we did not expect"

Personal testimony Pam Schmidt

Interlude *It came upon a midnight clear* HWB 195

A story from history Mike Bogard

Interlude *Stille Nacht* (vs. 1 in English & German) HWB 193

Personal testimony Harold Wiebe

Interlude *For God so loved us* (vs. 1 in German) HWB 167

Offering our gifts Lisa Schmidt & Jennifer Horn

Sharing our lives

A Christmas Prayer Gordon Smith

\*Words of Blessing

\*Song *Joy to the world* HWB 318

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

Worship Leader: Jennifer Horn

Pianist: Lisa Schmidt

Sound Tech: Justin Beth

Sanctuary Prep: Yvonne & Kristine Banman

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

**Kristine Banman** is recovering from a car accident on Dec. 17.

**Ron Moyo** is in South Africa visiting his Mom & extended family.

**Pamela Barthell** is receiving care at NMC after surgery Monday.

**Western District Conference:**

Praise God for the gift of his Son and Savior, Jesus. Pray for boldness in joining the shepherds in spreading the word of God's salvation mercy and kingdom peace.

**Mennonite Mission Network:**

Mennonite Mission Network personnel have committed their lives to continuing the work of Jesus' incarnational love in more than 100 locations in the United States and around the world. Pray for the Holy Spirit's power to enliven these ministries.

**OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE for Dec. 18, 2011**

Faith Mission Plan (FMP)	\$3,947.00
(FMP Budget per week: \$5,149.76)	
Sunday School Offering	\$3.25
Building Fun	\$1,911.00
Harvest of Love	\$200.00
Fellowship Fund	\$160.00
Other Giving	\$100.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS \$6,321.25

Attendance: Sunday School 104; Worship 170

**WHAT REALLY COUNTS IN LIFE?**

No matter how skillfully you play it, a time arrives when the game of life comes to an end. Now all the pieces go back in the box. No more game cards. No more tokens. No more promotions, no more financial planning, no more upgrades. Game over.

What does it really take to win at the game of life? *When the Game Is Over, It All Goes Back in the Box* is a six-session video series by John Ortberg that focuses on living with an eternal perspective. This is the topic that starts us off in the new year for Wednesday evening Adult Study, beginning January 4. Mark your calendar. Join us for lively discussion, questions for personal reflection, group activities, and more.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank the congregation that participated in the Angel Tree, as Faith Mennonite has a very loving, generous & giving congregation. You provided presents for 14 very needy families and gave them hope. All of the families this year were very grateful & sincere and want you to know how much they really appreciate your love & support, and want to say, "Thank you so very much". - Janet Young