

Worship Music *Carol of the Bells* Adult Choir
 Echo Christmas Day
Scripture Reading Mark 1:1-8 Caley Ortman
Sermon "The Rest of the Story" Mike Bogard

Responding

*Song *Slowly turning, ever turning* STJ 23

Sharing our Lord's Supper

Sharing our Gifts Tammy Plank

Offertory & Prayer of Dedication Caley Ortman

Sharing our Lives

Prayer of the People Mike Bogard

Loving God, we gather in your presence painfully aware that we are sinful and you are holy. Yet we are bold to ask for mercy because we know you have a long history of forgiving the iniquities of your people and pardoning their sins. Reveal your glory in our lives and lifestyles, so that nothing will get in the way of your coming. We pray that faithfulness will spring up and righteousness rain down, and all in the name of Jesus Christ, who saves us. Amen.

Sending

*Song *Bless'd be the God of Israel* HWB 174

*Words of Blessing Caley Ortman

Go into the world, knowing God's peace.

We pass on the peace we have received.

Go into the world, carrying God's grace.

We share the grace we have been given.

Go into the world, knowing that Jesus is Lord!

We testify that Jesus is the Christ, the Holy One of God!

*Piano Response Tammy Plank

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

Worship Leader: Caley Ortman

Pianist: Tammy Plank

Songleader: Jerry Friesen

Sound Tech: John Horn

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

John & Jennifer Horn will provide care today during worship for children 3 and under. Next Sunday, Byron & Janet Ediger will be responsible.

OFFERING AND ATTENDANCE for Nov 27, 2011

Faith Mission Plan (FMP)	\$4,673.00
(FMP Budget per week: \$5,149.76)	
Sunday School Offering	\$.25
Building Fund	\$751.00
Harvest of Love	\$75.00
Other Giving	\$50.00
TOTAL OFFERINGS	\$5,549.25
Attendance: Sunday School 70; Worship 150	

FAITH CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

THIS WEEK

Monday

6:30 p.m. Mission Circle Christmas Banquet

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

10:15 a.m. Pre-service Music

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

You are invited to the Children's Christmas Program next Sunday, December 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share afterward.

MANY THANKS!

Thank you for all the prayers, visits, cards and food we received during my surgery and recuperation. Your kindness will long be remembered. - Vinola Banman

HELP OVM AT NO EXTRA COST TO YOU

Dillons gift cards are available for purchase this Sunday morning at break. Use them for groceries, gas, and prescriptions and help Offender Victim Ministries with 4% of your purchase. During this season of sharing OVM especially appreciates our church's active participation in this ministry.

BLOOD PRESSURE SUNDAY

Keeping BP in normal range is important at this time of year when we may be more stressed with holiday activities. Registered nurses will be available in the Health Wellness Room right after the service to check your blood pressure

THE MENNONITE SUBSCRIPTION

It's time again to renew our group subscription of *The Mennonite*. For those of you already subscribed, there is a renewal form in your mailbox. If you would like to be a new subscriber, there is a form in the foyer. Please have all forms returned to the office by Monday, December 12.

ANGEL TREE

As a church, we again have the opportunity to reach needy children and families in our Newton community with the love of Christ through our Angel Tree giving ministry. You can participate by taking an angel from the tree, purchasing a gift, and returning the wrapped gift under the tree by Dec. 18, with the angel taped securely to the outside of your gift. Thank you and blessings to each of you as you share the Christmas spirit with those less fortunate than we are. - Board of Worship

ANNUAL REPORTS

It is time to get the annual reports written for all Board and Committee Chairpersons. Please have the reports in the office by December 18.

PRAYER VINE

This month, the Prayer Vine will be available on the table in the foyer. If you would like to still receive one in your box, please let the church office know.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS:

Please keep **Michelle and Dan Ackland**, and their families in your prayers. Check out their blog at www.acklandtriplets.blogspot.com

Western District Conference:

Pray for the quarterly fellowship of Oklahoma pastors meeting in Turpin, OK tomorrow hosted by Pastor Terry Rediger.

Mennonite Mission Network:

Pray for wisdom as Phil and Terry Witmer of Mennonite Mission Network discern where God would have them invest their energies in La Mesa, Colombia as may responsibilities at church, at school, to their family, to their neighbors, and to their own physical and spiritual health vie for attention.

HARVEST OF LOVE


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!

BEYOND FAITH CHURCH

FUNDRAISER

Please mark your calendars for Sunday, December 11, 2011 for The Brain Freeze! On this day, friends of the Martin Wilkes Family will be hosting the Brain Freeze Fun Run/Walk. This event is a 1 mile/5k run/walk for all ages and abilities. It will be held at the Enclosed Shelter at High Park in Derby (go east on James Street off of Rock Road and you will run into High Park) at 2:00 p.m., with a \$25.00 per participant donation (or you may make a donation without attending the Brain Freeze Run/Walk). Registrations are accepted in advance and will also be accepted day of the event at High Park. 100% of the proceeds from this fundraiser will go to the Wilkes Family to help offset the financial burden that serious illness places on a family. Your support is greatly appreciated for the Martin Wilkes Family, as they are truly an amazing family! Registration form and more information are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- Tonya (Young) Sullivan and Janet Young





BETHEL COLLEGE

Sunday, Dec. 4 – 26th annual Lighting of the Green, with candles provided; 8 p.m., refreshments following in cafeteria

MUSICAL CHRISTMAS STORY


Opera Kansas presents, a New and Different Christmas Oratorio, Christmas Rappings, by Al Carmines. This is a first ever performance outside of New York City . More information can be found in the foyer.

NEWTON TREBLE CLEF ANNUAL VESPERS

All are invited to the Christmas Vespers today at Bethel College Mennonite Church, 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.

NIGHT IN THE BARN

The annual living nativity event by the youth of Tabor Mennonite Church is Dec. 17-18, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. on the farm of Maynard Knepp and Carol Duerksen. This year's program will feature the story of Joseph and will include original music by Doug Krehbiel and script by Carol Duerksen. The menagerie of animals will be hanging out in the barn, and hot drinks will be available to enjoy around the bonfire. This event is by donation and a fundraiser for the youth group. Directions from Goessel: 3 miles N on Hwy 15, 4 miles E on 150th, ¾ mile N on Falcon. Call 620-367-8432 or 620-386-0709 if you have questions.



F·A·I·T·H

Mennonite Church

Staff & Office Hours

Gordon Smith, Pastor	gosmith@sbcglobal.net
Tues-Afternoon, Wed-Morning, Mon-off	
Mike Bogard, Interim Associate Pastor	mibogard@sbcglobal.net
Tues-Morning, Thurs-Morning, Mon/Fri-off	
Caley Ortman, Interim Youth Leader	yelacnamtro@yahoo.com
By Prior Arrangement	
Lorisa Rich, Administrative Secretary	faith@sbcglobal.net
Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m.-3 p.m.	

Appointed Personnel

Verda Deckert, Congregational Nurse	gvdeckert@sbcglobal.net
-------------------------------------	-------------------------

