

Isaiah 12:3-4 (NRSV) “With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.”

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**MT. CLINTON MENNONITE CHURCH**

**December 3, 2023**

Blessings to you this morning! We welcome you to our Sunday School at 9:30. We have an adult Salt and Light curriculum Sunday School class that meets in the south west corner of the foyer, another Salt and Light curriculum class that meets in classroom 7 in the basement and children’s classes also in the basement Sunday School rooms. We begin our worship service at 10:30.

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| Call to Worship        | Isaiah 64:1-9                                                                        |
| Advent Candle Lighting |                                                                                      |
| Songs                  | STJ #2 Come, walk with us<br>STJ #30 Jesus Christ is waiting                         |
| Scripture              | 1 Corinthians 1:3-9                                                                  |
| Tithes and Offerings   |                                                                                      |
| Children's Lesson      |                                                                                      |
| Songs                  | HWB #175 O Savior Rend the heavens<br>HWB #178 Come, thou long expected Jesus        |
| Scripture              | Mark 13:24-37                                                                        |
| Sermon                 | <i>How many ways does God come to us?<br/>In history, in mystery, and in majesty</i> |
| Sermon Response Hymn   | STS #9 As the pauper waits for plenty                                                |
| Sharing and Prayer     |                                                                                      |
| Announcements          |                                                                                      |
| Closing Song           | STS #115 Beauty for brokenness (vss. 1, 2, 5)                                        |
| Benediction            |                                                                                      |

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| Worship Leader    | Sonya Eberly             |
| Song Leader       | Les Horning              |
| Prelude/Offertory | Anika Trost              |
| Scripture Reader  | Mim Yoder                |
| Preacher          | Jim Hershberger          |
| Candle Lighting   | Heather Yoder and Family |
| Children's Lesson | Crystal Trost            |

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**Prayer Focus:** This is the beginning of the Christmas season, God with us, the Gospel! May the unconditional Grace of the Gospel bring forth the fruit of the Gospel in our lives!

**Announcements**

**Mid-Term Pastor Evaluation forms** are due today.

**Fellowship meal is** today following worship service. All are welcome!

**Next Sunday**, we will have a special offering to support the work of Kingsway Prison Ministry. The money will be used to buy notebooks and chapstick to be given to inmates and help cover the cost of shipping for the gifts to children of inmates.

**All women are invited** to the Park View Mennonite Church fireplace room this Wednesday, December 6, 9 am for knotting comforters, quilting, stringing school kit bags, and knitting / crocheting prayer shawls. **Bring a favorite Christmas dish to share** for the noon potluck meal. Masking optional. Newcomers and your skills are welcome.

**Parents night out** will be hosted by Conrad and Janie Heatwole (along with Mim Yoder, Jim & Jean Horst) on Saturday, December 9 from 4:30-7:30. We will be decorating Christmas cookies and eating supper with the children while the parents have the evening off. Please RSVP so we have a head count for planning!

**Calling all** angels, shepherds, sheep, camels, singers and readers for our Sunday evening, December 17 Christmas program at 6 pm! Sign up on the table in the foyer.

**Proposed practices for our Christmas choir** are 2 Saturdays, Dec 9 and 16 at 1 pm at LeVon and Cindy Smoker's house. We will sing in our worship service on December 24. Please let Pastor Jim know if you are able to sing.

**Women’s Christmas Potluck:** Tuesday, December 12, 6 pm at VMRC’s Village Hall. RSVP by Sunday, December 3 using the sign-up sheet in the lobby, indicating a salad or other dish you can bring. In lieu of a gift exchange, you are encouraged to participate in a service project of providing toothpaste for inmates, Christmas gifts to children of inmates through Kingsway Ministry, and/or items for foster children in the DSS system. Details are near the sign-up sheet on the lobby table. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. We hope you can join us! - Cindy S, Jean H, Crystal T, Ella M, Abby

**Mark your calendars for Christmas caroling** Thursday evening December 21, at 4:30! We will meet at VMRC Park Gables main entrance and carol for some folks there and then to some others homes. Everyone is invited to the Tieszen's home (2597 Ralston Rd) afterward for a light meal and fellowship!

**Cantore is singing in the Grand Caverns** at 6 pm Saturday evening, December 9. Children are free with a donation of school supplies. Adults admission is \$15. Proceeds go to support the Boys and Girls Club.

**Park View MC** is hosting their Christmas Coffeehouse December 15 and 16 at 7 pm. Come and enjoy singing by Cantore and Shekina as well as some Christmas season snacks.

**If you would like to send** a Christmas greeting to Branson Fink, send it via his sister: Doris Fink, 289 Harper Street, Weyers Cave VA 24486. As you may recall, the prisons do not allow Christmas cards, birthday cards, etc.

### **WE WANT YOU TO KNOW**

#### **November 19**

Offering: Budget – \$2,495.50  
WRFP – \$100.00

#### **November 26**

Attendance: Worship Service – Church 60; Zoom 5; Facebook 2; Total 67  
Adult Sunday School – Total 29  
    Southwest Classroom – Church 10; Zoom, 1; Other 8  
    Downstairs Classroom – 10  
Children's Sunday School – Children 4; Adults 6

**December 3 Greeter:** Carolyn Nowlin

**December 10 Greeters:** Lowell & Sharyn Tieszen

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