

Isaiah 40:10-11 (ESV) “Behold, the Lord God comes with might... He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.”

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**MT. CLINTON MENNONITE CHURCH**

**December 10, 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.

Call to Worship                    Isaiah 40:1-11

Advent Candle Lighting

Songs

Scripture                            II Peter 3:8-15

Tithes and Offerings

Children's Lesson

Songs

Scripture                            Mark 1:1-8

Sermon

Sermon Response Hymn

Sharing and Prayer

Announcements

Closing Song

Benediction

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| Song Leader       | Gordie Shantz            |
| Prelude/Offertory | Christine Nafziger       |
| Scripture Reader  | Janet Troyer             |
| Preacher          | Jim Hershberger          |
| Candle Lighting   | Katrina Yoder and Family |
| Children's Lesson | Crystal Trost            |

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**Prayer Focus:** Pray for Isaiah Hartzler as he assists in the VMissions children's and women's educational ministry in SE Asia

**Announcements**

**We're having a special giving opportunity this morning** for Kingsway Outreach. Each December they give a small gift to inmates at facilities in the the region. They also provide gifts to children of inmates. Funds will be used to purchase items and pay for shipping. You may write checks to MCMC with Kingsway in the memo line.

**Due to Christmas activites** we will not have our normal prayer meetings in December.

**Women’s Christmas Potluck** is this Tuesday, December 12, 6 pm at VMRC’s Village Hall. Carpooling is encouraged as parking is limited. We hope you can join us! - Cindy S, Jean H, Crystal T, Ella M, Abby

**Christmas Program** Sunday, December 17 at 6 pm. Calling all angels, shepherds, sheep, camels, singers and readers to sign up on the table in the foyer.

**Christmas choir** practice Saturday, December 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.

**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!

**Inviting Children and Adults** to add something, perhaps handmade, to the Nativity scene that reminds us of stories in the Bible. Depending on the item, they will be placed in the Nativity scene or around it on the table. If the item is light enough it can be hung on the small tree. Potted plants can also be brought to place on or around the table and platform. The Nativity display will continue to be present until January 7 when some visitors arrive to see Jesus.

**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.

**The church office will be closed** Friday, December 22 – Monday, January 1. Please have all items for the December 24 and 31 bulletins to Sherry by Wednesday, December 20. Thank you!

**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.

*Thanks so much for the pretty birthday cards! It was a moving time for me Sunday afternoon as I looked at them and my eyes became moist. The comments were very meaningful as so many of them referred to who I am rather than what I am doing or did. I need to focus on being rather than doing at my stage of life. ~ Wilmer Lehman*

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

#### **December 3**

Offering: Budget – \$2,714.00  
WRFPP – \$25.00

Attendance: Worship Service – Church 60; Zoom 8; Facebook 2; Total 70  
Adult Sunday School – Total 35  
Southwest Classroom – Church 11; Zoom, 2; Other 10  
Downstairs Classroom – 12  
Children's Sunday School – Children 6; Adults 6

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

**December 17 Greeter:** Chuck Eberly

**Our Vision:** God calls us to be a worshipping, welcoming and united family of faith, following Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, and ministering God's salvation, healing and hope to the local community, the nation, and the world.

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