

# Second Sunday in Advent

December 6, 2009

**Prelude** Pattie Mishler

**Welcome**  
**Celebrating upcoming birthdays & anniversaries**  
**Introduction of guests**  
**Announcements**

**Musical preparation for worship** Iona Wagner

**Call to worship** Isaiah 40:1-5  
**Opening prayer** SS#126

**Hymn #172** “O come, O come, Immanuel” v. 1 & 2 with refrain  
**Lighting of the Advent candles** Miriam’s Daughters  
**Hymn SS#14** “Prepare the way of the Lord” Ensemble & Congregation

**Pastoral prayer** Rene Hostetter  
**Hymn SS#16** “Peace before us” v. 2 & 5

**Children’s Time** Children’s Ed

**Bringing our offerings and gifts of food**  
Sing #205 “The virgin Mary had a baby boy” as gifts are brought

**Drama** “John the Baptist Meets Modernity” Matthew 3:1-12  
Ryan Ahlgrim & Todd Grotenhuis

[Children age four through grade five are dismissed for Children’s Music Ministry]  
**Hymn of response #183** “On Jordan’s banks the Baptist’s cry”

**Choir** “The Morning Star Will Rise”

**Passing the friendship register**  
**Sharing of joys and drama responses**

**Closing hymn #318** “Joy to the world”

**Blessing**  
**Postlude**

**Pastor:** Ryan Ahlgrim  
**Associate Pastor:** Rene Hostetter  
**Elders:** Gloria Hood (chair), Donna Haines, Elvin Plank, Randy Stoesz  
**Elder Apprentice:** Tricia Short Yoder  
**Worship Leader:** Lisa Schloneger **Song Leader:** Art Umble  
**Ensemble:** John Daniels, Robin Jones, Erin Rodman,  
Art Umble, Emilie Walson  
**Choir Director:** Julie Deaton **Choir Accompanist:** Jana Miller  
**Organist:** Robert Stump **Flutist:** Andrea Grotenhuis  
**Pianist/composer:** Iona Wagner  
**Liturgical Dancers:** Emily Fontaine, Ella & Emma King, Margo Talbott  
**Ushers:** Allen & Cindy Mast  
**Greeters:** Lynn Ireland & Martin Miller  
**Nursery:** Rachel Potenza & Caitlin Selby  
**Ministers:** Each participant in the congregation

## ADVENT DRAMAS:

December 13: “Two Pregnant Women” Luke 1:5-56  
December 20: “Joseph’s Dream” Matthew 1:1-21

**FELLOWSHIP TIME:** 10:40 a.m. Beverages are served in the fellowship hall.  
[Remember to wash your coffee/tea mug and help us with being “green.”]

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH CLASSES:

There is a class for the children ages 2-3 as well as classes for the youth. All children in the Christmas musical will be in the two middle classrooms practicing. Children not in the musical will be watching a video in the library.

- Ages 2 & 3—classroom east of the new nursery
- JYF—Overflow off the fellowship hall
- MYF—grades 9-12—corner overflow classroom

## There is no adult Bible study class in December.

**Adult choir** will meet today during Sunday school in the sanctuary.

## Financial Update

Budget contributions on November 29:	\$ 5,448
Contributions YTD:	\$332,961
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$398,306
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 65,344)

Offering from the joint Thanksgiving service for United Christmas Fund was \$869.

**Sunday morning attendance for November 29: 170**

### TODAY—December 6, 2009

**MYF Christmas activity** is today, from noon to 4:00 p.m. here at the church.

### THIS WEEK

**Women's Book Club** will meet this Friday, December 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Becky Wigginton's home to discuss A Hundred Camels by Gerald Miller, M.D. & Shari Miller Wagner. For more information, contact Alison.

### NEXT SUNDAY

The children's **Christmas musical—"Jingle Bells"** will be next Sunday, December 13, during the Sunday school hour. All are invited to this Christian Christmas celebration.

Ryan and Laurie Ahlgrim would like to invite the congregation to their home for a **Christmas Open House**, next Sunday, December 13, from noon till 5:30 p.m. Drop by any time for refreshments and conversation.

**JYF Christmas Activity** is next Sunday, December 13, from noon to 4:00 p.m.

**Messiah sing along** is at FMC this year next Sunday, December 13, at 6:00 p.m. Instrumentalists interested in participating should indicate this to the church office. We have musical scores for most instruments. Rod Deaton will again be directing the sing along. Bring finger foods to share afterwards.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Comfort quilt preparation** will be happening at Kathy Snyder's home on two more evenings: Monday, December 14, and Tuesday, January 5. If you are interested in participating, you are welcome to come on either of these evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Questions: See Laura Moshier or Kathy Snyder.

The children should **bring their mission banks** on Sunday, December 20, for our mission bank offering that will be collected during Sunday school time.

Ryan Ahlgrim will be leading an eight-week **Faith Formation Class** beginning on Sunday, January 10, from 12:15-1:30 p.m. (bring a sack lunch). This class is for **anyone who wants to explore the Christian faith, Mennonite beliefs, and the mission of First Mennonite**. This class is required for those who wish to **join the church or be baptized**. If you would like to be in this class, e-mail Ryan.

### GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent devotionals are available for you to pick up. Note there is one type for families (two parts to this one) and another for adults. In each case it is one per household, please.

In your church mailboxes are **prayer cards featuring Lois and Wayne Hochstetler**, who preached at FMC on November 15. Lois and Wayne serve with Mennonite Mission Network as "worker care specialists"—giving needed support to other mission workers. Our church will be financially sponsoring Lois and Wayne in the coming year. Remember them in your prayers.

The **holiday store at the Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek** is now accepting donations. Please call the center before you drop off any items at 293-2600.

**Second Starts** is in need of household items. With the stimulus money opening up apartments for the previously homeless, their demand has been high, but not their donations. Even their funds are close to running out, so monetary donations are acceptable as well. Essential items at this time are:

- **blankets (any size)**
- **dishes (plates, bowls, glasses, coffee mugs)**
- **bake ware and pots and pans**
- **toasters & coffee pots**

Please bring any donations to the church and Sally Schrock, the Second Starts director, will pick up. If you have a large amount of stuff, Sally will also pick up at your house.

**Peace pole languages?** The new landscape triangle and other areas on the FMC property offer the opportunity to place one or more new poles. If you have suggestions for additional languages that are significant to adoptees and others in the congregation, please send them to Gwen White.

**Living Christ's mission of reconciliation  
through service,  
with justice,  
by God's grace.**

**Yearly Communion Schedule:**

**First Sunday in October (World Communion Sunday)**

**First Sunday in Advent**

**Christmas Eve**

**First Sunday in Lent**

**Maundy Thursday**

**Easter Sunday**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Third Sunday in August**

**All-church potlucks: February 28, 2010  
June 13, 2010**

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