

Third Sunday in Advent

December 13, 2009

Prelude

Beth Goering

Welcome

Celebrating upcoming birthdays & anniversaries

Introduction of guests

Announcements

Musical preparation for worship

“Sing we, the virgin Mary” [SS#21]

Mary Liechty & Erin Rodman

Call to worship Isaiah 42:1-4

Opening prayer

Hymn #172 “O come, O come, Immanuel” v. 1 -3 with refrains

Lighting of the Advent candles

Miriam’s Daughters

Hymn #180 “The angel Gabriel”

Pastoral prayer

Ryan Ahlgrim

Hymn SS#16 “Peace before us” v. 3 & 5

Hymn #212 “O come, all ye faithful”

Miriam’s Daughters

Children’s Time

Children’s Ed

Drama “Two Pregnant Women” Rene Hostetter & Alison Schumacher

Hymn of response SJ#13 “My soul is filled with joy”

Choir “Breath of Heaven”

Offering

Alleluia SS#17 “Alleluia”

Passing the friendship register

Sharing of joys and drama responses

Closing hymn #184 “Hark! The glad sound”

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
ASL Interpreter: Linda Bellville
Choir Director: Julie Deaton **Choir Accompanist:** Jana Miller
Liturgical Dancers: Katarina Amstutz, Emily Fontaine, Ella & Emma King, Patty Kuntz, Margo Talbott
Ushers: Maurice Graber & Lynn Irelan
Greeters: Savannah Ahlgrim & Donna Haines
Nursery: Rachel Potenza & Cal Swarbrick
Ministers: Each participant in the congregation

ADVENT DRAMAS:

December 20: “Joseph’s Dream” Matthew 1:1-21

December 24: (Christmas Eve Service): “The Shepherds Meet the Magi”

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.”]

There are no Sunday school classes today. We will have the children’s Christmas musical presented during the Sunday school hour at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Financial Update

Budget contributions on December 6:	\$ 11,870
Contributions YTD:	\$344,831
Projected contributions needed YTD:	\$406,604
Surplus (Deficit) YTD:	(\$ 61,772)

Sunday morning attendance for December 6: 213

TODAY—December 13, 2009

During Sunday school today, everyone is welcome to come to the sanctuary for the children's Christmas musical "*Jingle Bells*."

JYF Christmas Activity is today from noon to 4:00 p.m.

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

Messiah sing along is at FMC today at 6:00 p.m. Rod Deaton will again be directing the sing along. Bring finger foods to share afterwards.

THIS WEEK

Comfort quilt preparation will be happening at Kathy Snyder's home on two more evenings: this 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.

Men's morning meeting is this Wednesday, December 16, at 8:00 a.m.

The **holiday store at the Glick Neighborhood Center at Crooked Creek** is accepting donations until this Friday, December 18. Please call the center before you drop off any items at 293-2600.

NEXT SUNDAY

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **Christmas Eve Service** is Thursday, December 24, at 7:00 p.m. This is a family service and we will be observing communion. We will have the traditional candlelighting and Silent Night to conclude the service.

Are you interested in **exploring other styles of worship** that we could try out **on occasional Sunday nights**? We want your ideas and input! Ryan Ahlgrim and Rene Hostetter will lead a **creative worship brainstorming session** on Sunday, January 3, after Sunday school. Bring a sack lunch, and we will explore ideas and possibilities (noon to 1:30 p.m.).

There will be a **baby shower** for Alison Schumacher and Sam Carpenter on Sunday, January 3, at 2:00 p.m. here at the church. They are having a boy and are registered at Babies R Us and Global Gifts. Everyone is welcome.

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.

With the cold weather setting in, everyone likes a great bowl of chili! All you cooks out there need to brush up on those chili recipes, and get ready for the **MYF chili cook-off and silent auction**. The event will take place on **Saturday, March 13**. We will need lots of pots of chili and some great items for the auction. We will be looking for some great repeat items, like wonderful dinners, Colts items and sermons of our choice. Get those items ready and join us for lots of food and fun.

Food for Thought is the 2010 theme for Spirit & Place. If anyone is interested in planning or has ideas to have an event here at FMC please contact Carolyn Martin. Please let her know by Jan. 10. Meetings to begin applying to host an event begin Jan. 14.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder from Buildings & Grounds to all groups using the church other than Sunday morning: Please help us save energy in making sure thermostats are set back to 60 when you leave the building. Also make sure all lights are turned off and doors locked. Thanks for your cooperation.

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.

We’d like to thank our church family for your prayers, cards, visits, meals and the “hip hooray” comfort basket. It was greatly appreciated and eased the recovery.
--Marilyn and Ralph Stutzman

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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.

Wildlife Friendly Places of Worship: Presentations given at the recent Spirit & Place Festival are now online. Take a look at all the great garden designs for wildlife and people at various churches around the city--and dream about spring! Slide shows are on the Indiana Wildlife Federation website at <http://www.indianawildlife.org/placeofworship.htm>.

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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