

Prayers and Praises

Mennonite Mission Network Mennonite Mission Network's Youth Venture program invites teens and young adults (ages 16-22) to participate in a short-term learning and service experience during the summer of 2018. Pray for open hearts in those whom God is calling to Benin, Ecuador, Japan, Peru or Spain.

VMMissions: Francisco and Juanita Machado are enrolled at a university in Spain. Ask for opportunities to share the gospel with their classmates. Pray that they will be able to share about the joy of life with Jesus during this Christmas season.

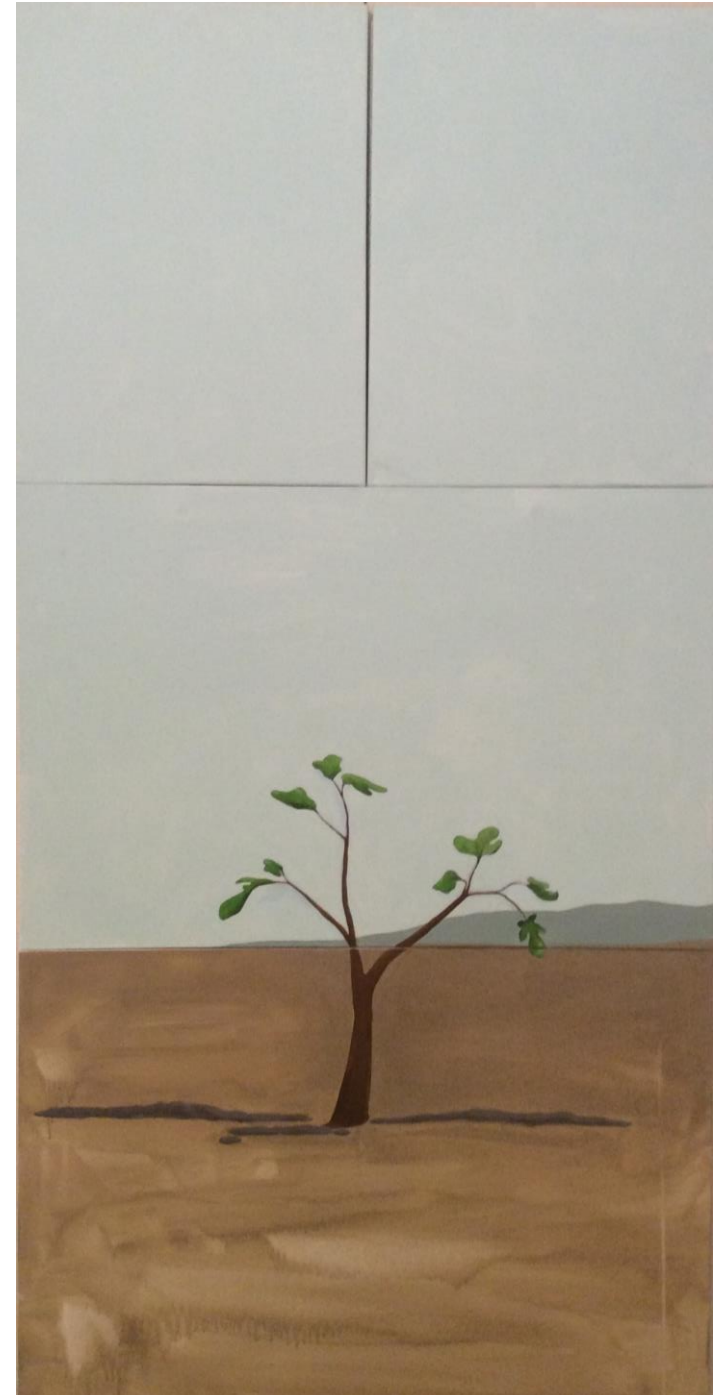
Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.

Advent 3 focus: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.



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Mennonite
Church

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Advent 3: Let it be whole December 17, 2017

Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

one: Awake!

The invitation to carry Light
comes from the God of restoration.

all: Oh God, you amaze us with
your promise to build up the ancient ruins.
You say you will replace the ashes of the past
with garlands of beauty.
Your bold vision dazzles our doubting souls.

[silence]

one: Quiet our questions.

all: Lead us beyond our fears,
and guide us on the path to peace.

one: Let it be whole.

Lighting of candle

Opening Prayer

Hymns Silent Night, Holy Night HWB 193

 Away In A Manger HWB 194

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Hymn Angels We Have Heard On High HWB 197

Scripture Isaiah 61:1-4,8-11; Lk 1:46b-55; John 1:6-8,19-28

Sermon Logos – "The First Jesus – eye"

Confession

O God of peace,

*your justice wells up like a spring,
bringing dreams, laughter, and wholeness to the world.*

We confess we so often quench your Spirit.

*We are afraid to claim that you anointed us
to carry your upside-down vision into our broken world
where the lowly are trampled upon,
the hungry go away empty,*

the rich increase in power and might.

*We confess we lack the courage to build up and repair
what we have broken, imprisoned, and oppressed.*

Forgive us when we do not catch your vision.

Lead us beyond our fears,

and guide us on the path to peace.

(silence)

Words of Assurance

O God, Immanuel,

In Jesus, the Christ you have come among us.

You have given us life and we are restored.

Hymn Holy Child Within The Manger STS 28

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee HWB 71

Benediction - based on I Thessalonians 5:23-24

May the God of restoration

make you holy and whole.

May your body, spirit, and soul be knit together

in preparation for the coming of the One

who calls all to dwell in the fullness of grace.

Amen.

Today

Sermon: Roy Hange

This week

Wedn Christmas Caroling with Belmont Baptist 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Jan 23 Board of Elders 7:15 pm

Jan 24 Ad Council 7:00 pm

May 18-20, 2018 Annual church retreat

Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Wednesday evening 8:00 pm. Please include the word “bulletin” in the subject line of the heading.

Belmont Baptist Church invites anyone from our congregation to go Christmas caroling with them on Wed. Dec. 20 at 6:00 pm. They plan to meet in front of Belmont Baptist at 6:00pm and sing in the neighborhood for about 1 hour, then return to their fellowship hall for cookies and hot chocolate and tea.

Welcome to a new book discussion: The Discussion Class that meets in the back of the sanctuary will begin discussing the book Borders and Bridges: Mennonite Witness in a Religiously Diverse World edited by Peter Dula and Alain Epp Weaver. <http://www.cascadiapublishinghouse.com/bab/bab.htm> It is a description of Mennonites engaged in transformational peacebuilding internationally. Books are available in or before the class from Roy. The class meets at 9:30am Sunday mornings and this discussion will begin on December 3.