Prayers and Praises

Mennonite Mission Network Asher and Lindsey Fast, serving through Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions, are helping to build the after-school program at the Mother Theresa Resource Centre in Botswana. They are also assisting in a local elementary school. Pray for wisdom and energy, and healing for Lindsey's back and neck.

VMMissions: Lift up those attending a Community Church Planting training through VMMissions on Thursday and Friday. Pray that church planting efforts will be enriched and made more biblically faithful through this training.

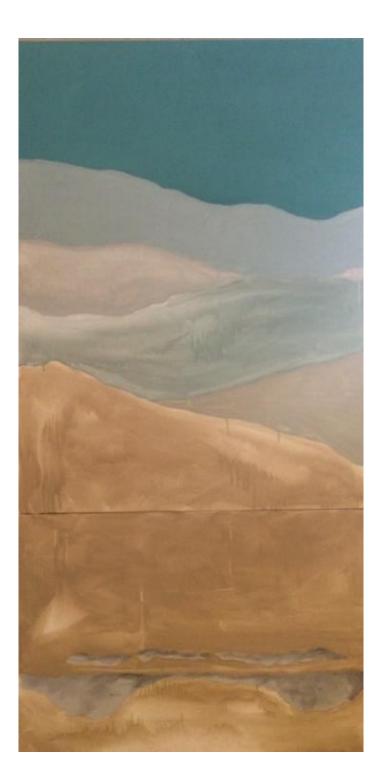
Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.

If you would like your birthday added to the list please contact the church office.

Advent 1 focus: We awaken to God's purpose which begins in darkness — whether seed in the ground, child in the womb, or new self in the soul. We are shaking, fearful, and resistant, yet we call upon God to tear open the heavens and be present with us in our uncertainty.



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Advent 1: Let it be... December 3, 2017

Gathering in God's presence

Pre-ser	vice music							
Call to	Worship							
one:								
	comes from the God of trembling mounta	uns						
	and shaking foundations.							
all:	Oh God, your expectations terrify us.							
	How can our small selves							
	hold your blazing presence?							
	[silence]							
one:	Quiet our questioning souls.							
all:								
Lighting of candle								
Opening Prayer								
Hymns	God is here among us	HWB 16						
	O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem	STS 32						
Notic	ing God's presence							
Children's story								
Hymn	All who love & serve your city	HWB 417						
Scriptu	re Isaiah 64:1-9; Mark 13:24-37							
Sermon	Who is the God <i>you</i> worship?							
Confes	sion							
$O \ God$	of power and might,							
we want you to tear open the heavens and come down,								
	yet we tremble and quake at the th	hought.						
We confess that even though we know your light,								
we do not like the dark, empty void								
	where your spirit hovers over the	waters.						
We shake like leaves in the wind,								
fearful of what you might ask,								

afraid to trust you completely. Caught up in the swirling of our world we struggle to "Let it be..." Forgive us, O God... (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 O Come O Come Immanuel HWB 172 Communion

Responding to God's presence

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Praise God	HWB 119	
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee	HWB 71	
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Today

Sermon: Maren Hange

This week

Wednesday	supper, games, conversation at chur	ch 5 pm
Sunday	Christmas Play & finger foods	4:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Dec 12	Board	of Elders	7:15 pm
Dec 13	Ad cou	incil	7:00 pm
May 18-20, 20)18	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.

PACEM UPDATE; Our church partnered with Belmont Baptist Church this week in helping with the women's shelter. On Sunday night we provided the evening meal and a overnight volunteer. There were 12 guests, plus one Pacem staff. The lasagna, salad, rolls, and veggies were delicious and much appreciated by the guests!! Big thanks to those helping with this: Maren, Joyce, Alyce, Becky and Michelle

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. <u>http://www.cascadiapublishinghouse.com/bab/bab.htm</u> 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.