

Prayers and Praises

Charlottesville: We pray for the Spirit of Healing in our city: For all the citizens in the city, for our schools, schoolboards, administrators, teachers and children. For an end to racism and racial prejudice.

VMMissions: Pray that the Spirit will move among the thousands of young people gathered for Urbana, a student missions conference in Missouri on December 27-31, as they dedicate their lives to service. Lift up Skip and Carol Tobin as they represent VMMissions.

Mennonite Mission Network: In this season of “Peace on earth, goodwill to all people,” Nancy Frey and Bruce Yoder of Mennonite Mission Network request prayer for peace in Burkina Faso, where terrorist groups have become more active. May the Mennonite Church show the way to the Prince of Peace.

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 4: Blessing and Restoration
December 23, 2018**



Charlottesville
Mennonite
Church

701 Monticello Ave.
Charlottesville, VA 22901
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music & Lighting of candle Greg Hardee

Leader: Mary is with child!

God's long-awaited promise is being fulfilled!

People: Rejoice in his name! Immanuel, God be with us!

Leader: The little baby in his mother's womb, he will be the Savior of this hurting world.

People: Bringing us new life, filled with joy and peace, calling us to faith and action.

Praise be to God. Alleluia! Amen!

Opening prayer

Hymns	O come, all ye faithful	HWB 212
	Lo, how a rose e'er blooming	HWB 211
	Silent night	HWB 193

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Scripture Micah 5:2-5a

Confession

Hymn	My Jesus, I love Thee	HWB 522
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Scripture Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1:39-55

Sermon

Hymn	Away in a manger	HWB 194
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Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering	Praise God	HWB 119
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Hymn	Angels we have heard on high	HWB 197
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Benediction

Today

Sermon: Roy Hange

This Week

Monday	Christmas eve service	6:30 pm
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Sunday	Hymnsing	
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Upcoming Events

Jan 6	Communion	
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Jan 8	Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston	7 am
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Jan 8	BOE	7:15 pm
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Jan 10	Lectio Divina Group	10 am
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Jan 13	Fellowship meal	
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Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Thursday evening to Linda with the word "Bulletin" in the subject line.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Kits An opportunity for giving during this Christmas are MCC sewing or hygiene kits for people uprooted by disaster or war. On the table in the back of the church are lists of needed items for each type of kit, and bags in which items should be placed. Please return it to church by **Dec. 30**. Questions, please see Dottie, Outreach Coordinator.

Everence is a stewardship ministry of Mennonite Church USA that helps church members and attenders integrate their finances with their faith. A MyNeighbor credit card lets you generate 1.5% donation for your favorite charitable organization or church each time you use your card. Looking for ways to help youth save for their future? Please contact Libby, Everence Advocate for CMC, if you would like more information regarding the services Everence has to offer.

The Board of Elders is inviting the congregation to **memorize together one verse a month** in the coming year:

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name." Luke 1:46b-49