

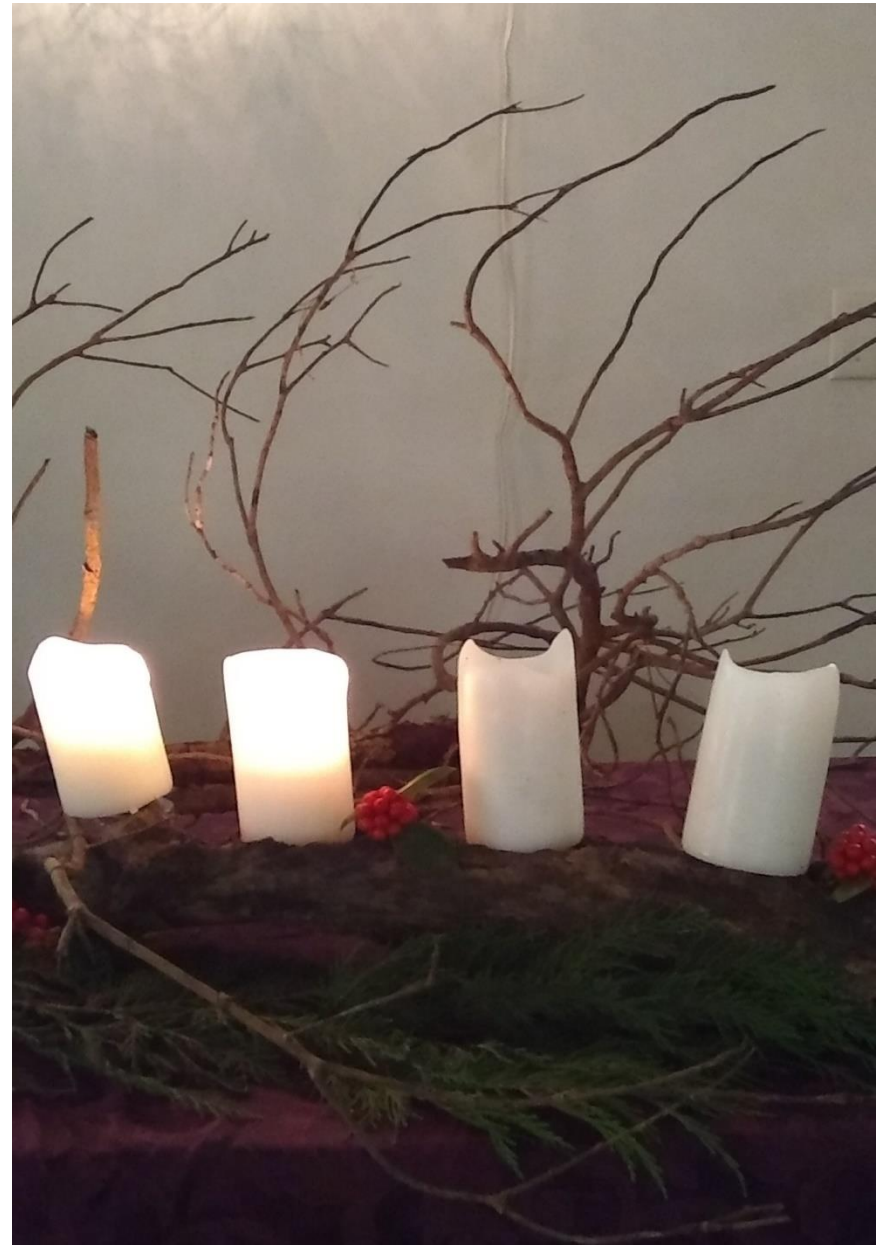
Prayers and Praises

Charlottesville: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection 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: Ask for safe travels for tranSender Kris Hange, who is returning from Germany on Saturday. Pray for his integration back into his community in Virginia, as well as his transition to EMU for the spring semester.

Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Mission Network's Service Adventure unit in Jackson, Mississippi, includes Gabe Graham, Alexa Rathscheck, Jakob Seiferth, and leaders Cynthia and Roger Neufeld Smith. Pray for them as they worship with the Open Door Mennonite congregation, and as they volunteer with a community soup kitchen and a transition home.

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.



Charlottesville
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**Advent 2: Proclaiming
December 9, 2018**

Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music & Lighting of candle

Call to worship

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord,
for things are about to change.

**People: Every valley shall be filled in
and every mountain made low.**

Leader: As we await the coming of the Messiah,
we are called to prepare our hearts for his coming.

**People: We are called to turn around, repent,
and allow God to renew us and work within us.**

All: Then we will see the salvation of our God!

Opening prayer

Hymns	Hark! The glad sound	HWB 184
	Bless'd be the God of Israel	HWB 174

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Scripture Luke 3:1-6

Confession

Hymn	On Jordan's banks the Baptist's Cry	HWB 183
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Scripture Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79

Sermon How can I be sure of this?

Hymn	Comfort, comfort O my people	HWB 176
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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	Come, Thou long-expected Jesus	HWB 178
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Benediction

Today Sermon: Maren Hange

This Week

Tuesday Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7 am

Saturday New Lectio Divina with Kate Burke 10 am

Sunday Fellowship meal

Upcoming Events

Dec 24	Christmas eve service	6:30 pm
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Dec 30	Hymnsing	
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Jan 6	Communion	
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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. Please include the word "Bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Kits An opportunity for giving during this Christmas are MCC kits for people uprooted by disaster or war. Our church will focus on providing sewing or hygiene kits. Individuals can choose which one, or ones, they want to provide. On the table in the back of the church, beside the library, there are lists of needed items for each type of kit, and bags in which items should be placed. Take as many bags as you plan to fill. Once the kit is completed, please return it to church by **Dec. 30**. Questions, please see Maren or Dottie, Outreach Coordinator.

PACEM UPDATE--A big thanks to the following people who helped to prepare food for the PACEM ladies at Belmont Baptist Church on Monday, Dec. 3. You have been "points of light" and the ladies appreciated it very much! Maren Hange, Gloria Gredler, Linda Patchel, Joyce Hutchinson, Polly Clark, Matt Salerno, Becky Scott, Alyce Johnson and Dottie Scott.

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? Everence can help by offering higher savings (4.00%)

and certificate rates (3.00%) for youth. Please contact Libby, Everence Advocate for CMC, if you would like more information regarding the services Everence has to offer.

Family Photos are needed for CMC's Directory and Bulletin Board. If you have not had your picture taken, other times can be arranged. Please contact Jim.

Church House—Please join in suggesting uses for the church house and names for it. There is a white board in the back of the church on which to place ideas.

Updates on renovation: the hardwood floors were finished. Cabinets for the kitchen have been ordered. The hot water and HVA is about to be set up once the gas is hooked up. A new door was built for the basement entrance.

Please contact Melvin with any offers of help. Current needs: someone to tile the bath/shower area upstairs, help Adam with tiling the floors in the entry way and bathrooms, and some painting.

The Board of Elders is inviting the congregation to begin to focus on and **memorize together one verse a month** in the coming year. You are welcome to tear off the verse below, put it in a place you will see, and say it every day:

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