

Prayer notes

Prayer concerns / requests

Ministry leadership team

Jonathan BowmanLead pastor
Gina Burkhart Associate pastor
Jordan Farrell Associate pastor of youth and young adults
Marcy Goehrig Minister of worship
Jennifer Bowman Sauder Minister of missional life
Leon and Nancy Stauffer Ministers of stewardship
Rhonda Nissley and Renee Suydam Ministers of community life

Our pastors welcome opportunities to connect with you. If you wish to reach a pastor during the week at the church office, you may call 898-0071 or contact Jonathan Bowman at 898-2647 (jbowman@landisvillemennonite.org), Gina Burkhart at 665-3423 (gburkhart@landisvillemennonite.org), or Jordan Farrell (jfarrell@landisvillemennonite.org). Our Pastoral Care Group is also available for conversation, and consists of John Burkhart, Larry Newswanger, Ellen and Karl Steffy, Gina Burkhart, and Jonathan Bowman.



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WELCOME!

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Joining with Christ in God's work

DECEMBER 13, 2015

Worship hour: 9:00 am

3rd Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Caroling

Gathering song

Doug Bomberger

HWB 212: *O come, all ye faithful*

Call to worship

Jordan Farrell

Choir

O Thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, G.F. Handel

Soloist – Amy Yovanovich

Thank offering

HWB 206: *Infant holy, infant lowly*

Basket holder – Owen Myer

Worship in song

STS 11: *No wind at the window*

STJ 13: *My soul is filled with joy*

HWB 178: *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

“Teach me to know your way”

Pat Myers

Children's spot

Gina Burkhart

(Preschool worship)

Worship in song

STS 29: *Brightest and best*

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6

Ruth Gress

Sermon: It is well

Joy Rutt

Advent response

Prayer for Liberation: Liberating God, set us free. As we walk this road of freedom, give us more love, more hope, more peace, and more joy.

Offering: Church budget

Offertory – Dawn Sauder

Congregational sharing and pastoral prayer

Jordan Farrell

Please pass the fellowship registry down the row and back

Announcements

Benediction

STS 30: *Arise, your light is come!*

Everyone is invited for hot drinks in the fellowship hall & to stay for the Sunday school hour. Classes are available for all ages as well as infant and nursery care.

Congregational announcements

Pondering the Advent Visuals - *The Path of Freedom*

Notice the path. God's freedom takes us toward the cross on pathways of justice, mercy, trust, love and service. *Notice the heavy chains on the path.* We live in the paradox that we are both bound and free, traveling toward freedom found in Christ but encumbered by the burden and sin we still carry. Each Sunday during the sermon response time chains will be removed from the path and dropped at the cross. The Advent season is a time of reflection on how God's coming in Jesus releases us from personal, social, and historical chains that bind us. *Notice the doves.* The chains will be replaced by a dove. When we look back on experiences of freedom and release, we see God's fingerprints and the work of the Holy Spirit.

General account update

Year-to-date through Nov. 30, 2015

Actual income: \$380,797.64

Actual expenses: \$355,045.69

General account surplus: \$25,751.95

Strong November giving brought us this surplus. Continued generous giving during December will provide the 4th quarter Church-wide Ministries payment of \$30,750 plus the normal December expenses. Thanks so much for your part in our Landisville Mennonite programs. Any questions contact Lester Groff, Treasurer

Elective Sunday school class opportunity Dec. 13

Learn about mass incarceration with Lorraine Amstutz from Mennonite Central Committee. All are welcome. Meet in room 13, second on left from rear entrance. For information or questions see Dave Yoder.

Landisville Christmas Caroling

Mark your calendars for 6:45-8:30pm on Wed., Dec 16th, which is when TAP will be hosting a Christmas caroling event for the whole church. All are invited! We will leave the church a little after 7 to begin caroling in streets near Hempfield High School. Contact Jordan Farrell with questions and your RSVP. Thanks!

Offering Envelopes for 2016

If you haven't used offering envelopes in the past and would like to start using them, or if you want to discontinue using them, please contact Helen Hertzler.

Giving project

You are invited to share with our local neighbors this Christmas season by donating cold weather gear. You may bring new or like-new coats, hats, gloves, boots, scarves, etc. to the Christmas tree set up in the back foyer. As local neighbors come to the clothing bank, they will be invited to pull the items they need from the tree. Donations are welcome through January, and they may be placed, unwrapped, directly under the tree. Thank you for giving!

Teen * Adult * Partnerships

If you could go anywhere in the world where would you go?

What is your favorite home cooked meal?

Opportunities

Choir.....Wednesday, December 16, 6-7 pm
 Christmas Caroling.....Wednesday, December 16, 6:30-8:30 pm
 Prayer Fellowship.....Saturday, December 19, 7:30 am
 Christmas Eve Service.....Thursday, December 24, 6:30 pm
 Christmas Sunday.....Sunday, December 27
Fellowship and refreshments, 8:45 am
Worship with communion, 9:30
(no Sunday school)

Offering last Sunday:	Church budget \$7,139 High school education \$150
Offering next Sunday:	Church budget
Attendance last Sunday:	189

Give bulletin announcements to Christy Kauffman by Thursday evening and announcements for the weekly e-mail by Tuesday evening. Christy is in the office this week Wednesday and Friday. office@landisvillemennonite.org

Nursery Schedule - Today		
<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday school</u>	<u>Preschool worship</u>
Lynelle Wenger	Beth Martin	Fannie Miller
Morgan Wenger	Reba Sharp	Aaron Horst
Nursery Schedule - Next Sunday		
<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday school</u>	<u>Preschool worship</u>
Kelly Miller	Beth Martin	Lisa Mast
Julia Miller	Kim Harker	Evan Fertich
		Emma Burkhart
Microphone runners – Joy Rutt and Justin Nissley		
Trustee on call – Jim Wolgemuth		
Usher/Greeter schedule for December		
Kyle and Marta Horst, Carl and Janet Hoover, Brenda and Steve Horst		