

Staunton Mennonite Church
"Love, Hope, and Light in the Community"
 2405 Third Street
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Pastor: Kevin Gasser 540-292-4507
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December 2nd, 2007 No. 46 Vol. XLI

Greeters: Nelson and Peggy Blosser

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Surprising Opportunities"—Luke 1:8-23

-Discussion led by Ronald Friesen

Nursery this week: Joyce Showalter Next week: Florence Showalter

The world is about to turn!

10:30 WORSHIP

Gathering

Announcements Kathy Zendt
 Call to Worship

Praising God

Worshiping in Song Glenn Zendt
 Moment in Mission
 Offering Kathy
 Sharing/Congregational Prayer

Listening to God

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5
 Advent Visitor/Candle lighting
 New Testament Scripture: Romans 13:11-14
 Sermon: "Always be Ready" Kevin Gasser

Responding

Prayer of Confession Kathy
 Hymn of Response Glenn
 Benediction Kevin

Last Sunday Worship attendance 26
 Offering (for VMM & VMC) \$1,146.00

Next Sunday December 9th, 2007

Sunday School discussion leader: Glenn Zendt

Worship leader: Marvin Showalter

Message by Jonathan Bowman

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mennonite Women of Staunton annual Christmas Dinner will be tomorrow, December 3rd at 6:00 pm. at Mim Friesen's home, 241 Thornrose Ave. See Mim for directions.

The Middle River and Staunton Beverly Manor WRE groups are in need of additional funding. If you feel called to contribute, see the bulletin board or Kathy for more details.

Ronald Friesen will be teaching "Share Jesus Without Fear" at Waynesboro Mennonite one last time on December 5 at 7:00. Come and learn new witnessing tools.

Kevin will be out of the office this week. Please call him at home if any needs arise.

PRAAYER CONCERNS

- Remember Janie Delp as she recovers from a virus
- The family of Dan Cook in his recent passing
- The family of Mary Showalter in her recent passing
- The family of Walter Shank in his recent passing
- John Woods as he starts his journey as a Christian
- Jordan Strickland as he moves to a long term facility
- Howard and Ruth's nephew Dave Duncan, severe respiratory problems
- Staunton Mennonite as we seek to be faithful servants

Romans 13:11b, "Our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed."

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December 9th, 2007 No. 47 Vol. XLI
Greeters: Howard and Ruth Duncan

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Significance and purpose"—Luke 1:26-38

-Discussion led by Glenn Zendt

Nursery this week: Florence Showalter Next week: Frances Weaver

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10:30 WORSHIP

Gathering

Announcements Marvin Showalter
Call to Worship

Praising God

Worshiping in Song Glenn Zendt
Offering Marvin
Sharing/Congregational Prayer

Listening to God

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Advent Visitor/Candle lighting

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Sermon:

"Preparing for the Future" Jonathan Bowman

Responding

Prayer of Confession Marvin
Hymn of Response Glenn
Benediction Kevin Gasser

Last Sunday Worship attendance 30
Offering \$1,831.50

Next Sunday December 16th, 2007

Sunday School discussion leader: Marvin Showalter
Worship leader: Sonya Gasser

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There will be a special "Praying for Peace" service tonight at Lynside Mennonite at 7:00. This event is open to everyone.

Church Council will meet this Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00

The annual Staunton Mennonite Christmas Caroling will be next Sunday, December 16th at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for this time of spreading Christmas cheer! Refreshments will be shared immediately following the caroling.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Remember those from our congregation that have been suffering from recent illnesses; Janie Delp, Maxine Houser
- Mary Shifflet, recovering from broken ribs and foot
- Howard and Ruth's nephew Dave Duncan, severe respiratory problems
- Gary and Artis Mules upcoming hearing with their insurance company
- Remember those in our congregation mourning the loss of loved ones during this Christmas season
- Staunton Mennonite as we seek to discern how God is calling us to be faithful disciples in the upcoming year.

Matthew 3:11, "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."



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December 16th, 2007 No. 48 Vol. XLI
Greeters: Howard and Ruth Duncan

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Life-changing events"—Luke 1:67-80

-Discussion led by Marvin Showalter

Nursery this week: Frances Weaver Next week: Marlene Wenger

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10:30 WORSHIP

Gathering

Announcements Sonya Gasser
Call to Worship

Praising God

Worshiping in Song Glenn Zendt
Moment in Mission
Offering Sonya
Sharing/Congregational Prayer

Listening to God

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10

Advent Visitor/Candle lighting

New Testament Scripture: Luke 1:46-55

Sermon: "Rejoicing in our calling" Kevin Gasser

Responding

Prayer of Confession Sonya
Hymn of Response Glenn
Benediction Kevin

Last Sunday Worship attendance 31
Offering \$877.00

Next Sunday December 23rd, 2007

Sunday School discussion leader: Danny Weaver

Worship leader: Ronald Friesen

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The annual Staunton Mennonite Christmas Caroling will today, December 16th at 4:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for this time of spreading Christmas cheer! Refreshments will be shared immediately following the caroling.

Stewardship University will be held at Waynesboro Mennonite Church on March 1st, 2008. Early registration will begin soon.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Remember Jim and Janie Delp as they deal with various medical conditions
- Remember Stacy Rowland as she recovers from pneumonia
- The family of Greg Boney, a 15-year-old who took his own life this week
- Mary Shifflet, recovering from broken ribs and foot
- Howard and Ruth's nephew Dave Duncan, suffering from severe respiratory problems
- Remember those in our congregation mourning the loss of loved ones during this Christmas season
- Staunton Mennonite as we seek to discern how God is calling us to be faithful disciples in the upcoming year.

Luke 1:46-47, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."



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December 30th, 2007 No. 50 Vol. XLI

Greeters: Howard and Ruth Duncan

9:30 SUNDAY SCHOOL

"Hearing and telling good news"—Luke 2:22-35

-Discussion led by Ronald Friesen

Nursery this week: Kathy Zendt Next week: Sonya Gasser

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10:30 WORSHIP

Gathering

Announcements Glenn Zendt
 Call to Worship

Praising God

Worshiping in Song Glenn
 Moment in Mission
 Offering Glenn
 Sharing/Congregational Prayer

Listening to God

Old Testament Scripture: Isaiah 63:7-9
 Advent Visitor/Candle lighting
 New Testament Scripture: Matthew 2:13-18
 Sermon: "God's purpose will prevail" Kevin Gasser

Responding

Prayer of Confession Glenn
 Hymn of Response
 Benediction Kevin

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| Last Sunday | Worship attendance | 31 |
| | Offering | \$1,110.00 |

Next Sunday January 6, 2008

Sunday School discussion leader: Glenn Zendt

Worship leader: Danny Weaver

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

A challenge for you! Who among us will commit to reading the Bible through in 2008? If you are up for the challenge, please tell Kevin. He is looking for accountability partners to help one another achieve this goal.

Bring in the New Year with your Staunton Mennonite Church family. All are invited to Danny and Frances Weaver's home in Verona tomorrow evening. If you can, bring finger foods to share with the group. Feel free to arrive anytime after 7:30 pm.

Stewardship University will be held at Waynesboro Mennonite Church on March 1st, 2008. Early registration will begin soon.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Remember Janie Delp as she anticipates heart surgery this Wednesday at UVa Medical Center
- Remember Richard Showalter, battling kidney problems
- Remember Howard and Ruth's nephew Dave Duncan, suffering from severe respiratory problems
- Remember those in our congregation mourning the loss of loved ones as we begin a new year
- Staunton Mennonite as we seek to discern how God is calling us to be faithful disciples in the upcoming year.
- Let us praise God for the blessings we have received this past year.

Isaiah 63:9b, "in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of old."