

Prayers and Praises

Mennonite Mission Network Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for all those who have left homes and families for the sake of the gospel. May they be embraced by the global family of God and be blessed by discovering fresh insights into the meaning of Christmas.

VMMissions: Pray for inmates at the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional Jail who will be missing their families during the Christmas season. Pray for Jason Wagner as he goes into the jail and ministers to them.

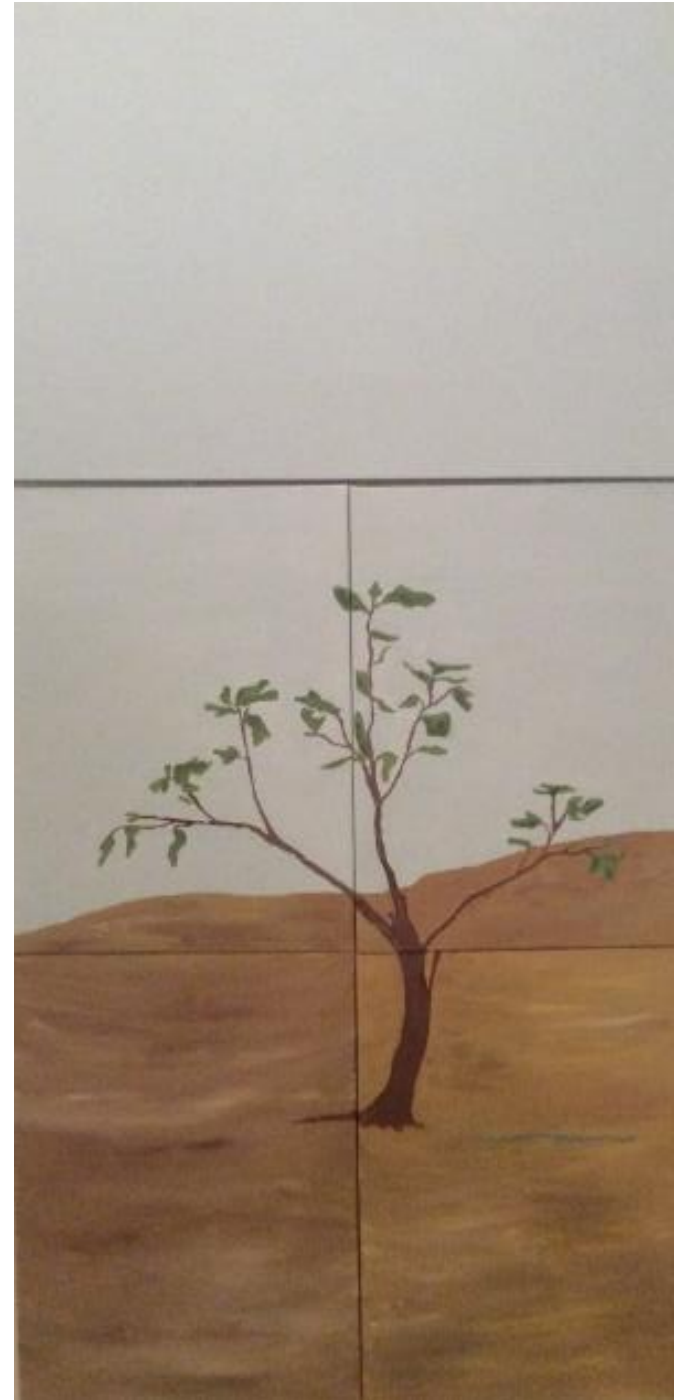
Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.

Advent 4 focus: Rejoicing in God's comfort, we catch God's vision of shalom. We choose to join the Spirit that is already at work restoring creation.



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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Advent 4: Yes! Let it be now December 24, 2017

Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

one: Yes!

The invitation to carry Light

comes to each of us, no matter who we are.

all: Oh God, you choose to dwell within us.

**You promise to move about with us
until we find our rest in you.**

one: Your call seems risky;

saying “yes” takes away our breath.

**all: Yet we know your faithfulness and steadfast love
endure forever.**

one: You are our strength.

all: Yes! Let it be now.

Lighting of candle

Opening Prayer

Hymns	O come all ye faithful	HWB 212
	O little town of Bethlehem	HWB 191

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Scripture Luke 1:26-30

Poem Fear not? *by Nelson Waybill*

Hymn To us a child of hope is born HWB 189

Scripture Luke 1:31-38

Song Breath of Heaven

Scripture Luke 1:46b-55

Sermon Yes, let it be to me...

Confession

*O God of blessing and joy,
your favor rests upon us and our souls magnify you.
We sing of your steadfast love
and proclaim your faithfulness.*

*We confess we often lack complete trust,
walking in our own strength, building our own houses
instead of joining you in turning ruins into abundance.*

*We are terrified and overcome by fear,
wondering “How will we know?”
and pondering “How can this be?”*

*We are afraid to claim and proclaim that nothing is impossible
when your power overshadows us,
when your spirit comes upon us.*

We find it hard to let go and say

*“Here I am, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word”*

Forgive us ...

(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	My soul is filled with joy	STJ 13
	Joy to the World	HWB 318

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Silent night, holy night HWB 193

Benediction

May you go with God.

May you carry the grace of Christ, fearlessly.

*May the power of the Holy Spirit overshadow you,
and may you understand that nothing is impossible with God.*

Amen.

Today

Sermon: Maren Hange

Roy Hange

Upcoming Events

Jan 23	Board of Elders	7:15 pm
Jan 24	Ad Council	7:00 pm
May 18-20, 2018	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.