North Goshen Mennonite Church
December 24, 2017
Advent 4

¡Qué hermosos son, sobre los montes,
los pies del que trae buenas nuevas;
del que proclama la paz,
del que anuncia buenas noticias,
del que proclama la salvación,
del que dice a Sión: «Tu Dios reina»! Isaías 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

Glory, let there be peace

Angels we have heard on high   Hymnal: A Worship Book 197

Welcome & Call to Worship   Merv Helmuth

Offering Ourselves & Our Gifts

Christmas offering

Congregational Prayer

"We are longing (but Christ is coming)" (Isaiah 52:6-10)   Jacob Liechty

My soul cries out   Sing the Story 124

Joy to the world, unspeakable joy

Benediction

<u>**Announcements**</u>

●There is no Children's Church today.

●The Christmas Eve Service this evening will begin at 6:30pm in the Meeting House at Greencroft, Healthcare. Enter off of 15th Street, there is a new entrance into healthcare (the last sign on the left), across from Evergreen. Once inside, the folks at the desk will be happy to direct you to the Meeting House.

●The theme for Sunday morning worship on Dec 31 is "The Light of Christ has Arrived". There will be lots of carol singing. We (meaning anyone) will also share testimonies and stories of where we have seen the light of Christ. Reflect on your own Christmas celebration, and also important experiences from the past year where the light of Christ made a difference in your life. If you have an artifact or picture, poem or storybook with great meaning for your family's Christmas, would you consider sharing that with us also? There will be spaces provided for display, or you can show 'n tell from the front of the meeting room. Stand-up labels will be provided for your name with displays.

Sharing of ourselves with our church family helps us know and understand each other. Please consider what you might share on the 31st. Questions? Call Bob Steury533-6736 or Marian or Darrel Hostetler,537-4850

●Offering envelopes, if you are using them, are in your literature box. Any changes, like requesting envelopes or canceling use, should be discussed with Merv Helmuth.

●Mennonite Central Committee meat **canning** in Goshen will be in
Goshen January 8-12 & 15-18, 2018. The date that North Goshen is assigned to is **January 18** (but you are welcome to volunteer any day). The 18th is the last day of canning and after lunch we will need to help with the final clean. They would like to have 10-12 volunteers scheduled for that time so that they know it is covered.
Please let Cheryl know if you can set aside the afternoon of January 18th to help!

Our Prayers

Those unable to attend services: Bill Yoder, Thelma Harley,
Judy Yoder, Elroy & Alberta Troyer
Pastor Mario, Carmen and family with the San Lucas Church,
our sister church in San Martin, Mexico.
Those recovering: Ruby Snyder had back surgery, is recovering
at the Gables at Greencroft, room 506, & enjoys visits.
Congregational members who have lost spouses
and family members.

Nurture

Childcare is available in the basement nursery for children ages 3 years and younger.
Today: Terri Yeater, Michele & Devin Stoltzfus

If you have a prayer concern or need, you are encouraged to contact Mark Schloneger, Izaete Nafziger or one of the Elders, either after worship today or during the week.
Available elders are Bob Steury, Gail Yoder & Randy Lehman.

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