

Winkler Bergthaler Mennonite Church

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Worship Service

December 22, 2019

9:15 am

What Will You Do Differently This Christmas?

Prelude – Marilyn Penner

Choir

Call to Worship and Prayer – Dennis Derksen

Worship in Song – Epp Family

MH #135 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Angels From The Realms of Glory

MH #132 O Come, all Ye Faithful

Lighting the Advent Candle – Henry & Irene Neufeld

Prayers – Dennis Derksen

Offering/Offertory – Choir

Scripture Reading – Dennis Derksen

Matthew 1:18 - 25

Message – Pastor Dean Huber

God's Protective Hand Over Jesus

Closing Song – Epp Family

Go Tell it on the Mountain

Benediction

“Loving God, Loving Each Other, and Loving Our Community”

Sound: Terry Peters **Computer:** Stephanie Beatty

Video: Brad Funk

Sunday, December 29, 2019

9:15 am Worship Service: Pastor Victor Engbrecht

10:45 am Coffee Time & Fellowship: Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK AT WINKLER BERGTHALER

Monday 8:00 pm Men's Prayer Time

Tuesday 9:30 am Women's Prayer Meeting

Wednesday 10:00 am Christmas Day Service

CHURCH FAMILY - PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Persons With Health Needs

BTHC: Marie Brown, Mary Ginter, Frank Suderman

Church Prayer & Praise

Thank you to the Sunday school students and teachers for a wonderful Christmas program last Sunday.

Mission Prayer & Praise

Pray for those who will be alone during this Christmas season.

Prayer For Our Missionaries

Don & Char Epp

Note of Thanks

Thank you for your prayers, meals, flowers and words of encouragement.

Please continue to pray for our family. Mary Epp & family

Christmas Day Service

Our Christmas Day service will be held at 10:00 am.

Eden/Salem & Garden Park

Jake Hildebrandt, the vocal ensemble and the Salem porters are serving at Eden and Salem and

Pastor Harold and a group are serving at Garden Park this morning.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed at noon on December 24th and closed December 25 - 27. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Victor (431-205-2057) or Susan Klassen (204-325-8809).

Adult Sunday School Class (Study of John)

There will be no adult Sunday school class today nor December 29th and January 5th. The class will resume on Sunday, January 12th.

Men's Sunday School (Study in Genesis)

class will be held today and will resume on Sunday, January 12th ..

Our Daily Bread Devotional

(January/February/March), large print devotional, is available in the church library.

Pathway Community Church

Christmas Eve service will be held on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:00 pm. You are welcome to attend.

5' Chest Freezer

Pastor Harold is looking for a 5 foot chest freezer to store donated food items for the food ministry. If you have one that you could donate to this cause, please call the church office (325-9563).

Committee Annual Reports

In preparation for our annual membership meeting in early 2020, all committee chairpersons are asked to submit a report of their committee happenings for our annual report book. Please prepare and submit (email if possible) your report to Susan in the office by January 10, 2020.

Decorating Committee

Thank you to our new Decorating Committee (Diana Wieler, Anne Penner, Sue Bueckert, Val Dyck, and Carol Klassen) for using your talents in decorating.

New Year's Brunch

will be held on Sunday, January 5th following our worship service. The Food Services Committee is asking for some help in baking muffins, setup, food prep, serving (coffee/tea), and cleanup. Signup sheets are on the small table in the east foyer.

WBMC 125th Celebration, 2020

The "125 Anniversary Celebration Committee" has been working hard to plan events for 2020. We are excited about celebrating 125 years of our church family! We look forward to sharing more details with you on January 5, 2020 at our New Year's brunch. You will have opportunity to vote on these events. Let's rejoice together for God's faithfulness in the past 125 years and in the future!

Birthdays This Week

	Day		Day
Gordon MacKrith	22	Tina Wieler	25
Jim Braun	23	Pete (Eva) Penner	26
Nathaniel Froese	25	Serghei Liudmer	27
Gordon Peters	25	Henry Siemens	28

If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please notify the church office.

Quotes for the Week

We will see evidence of God's foresight in circumstances where He is at work. Many say that the point of the book of Esther is to show God's providence. There is plenty of evidence of **God's protective hand** in events that, from a worldly perspective, might seem like lucky coincidences but obviously were not. These events changed history.

Geyer, R. E., & Geyer, P. M. (2012). Chaplains of the Bible: Inspiration for Those Who Help Others in Crisis (p. 136). Greenville, SC; Belfast: Ambassador International.

After my grandfather's death, our dad sold the construction business they shared in Texas to move the family to Florida. He told our mom he'd always wanted to own and operate a motel in the tropics.

On a hot August morning, two anxious adults, three distressed youngsters, and a loquacious Siamese cat headed east in two cars. Trading tumbleweeds for palm trees didn't sit well with my brother, sister, and me.

Looking back now as an adult, I realize the courage my parents must've had to leave familiar surroundings and make that long trek into an unknown land. I see a similarity in our relocation and the Israelites' move into the land of promise. We had lost our grandfather; they had lost Moses. We made the long journey under **God's protective hand**.

They crossed over the Jordan with His blessing.

Ramsdell Rockey, J., & Rockey, J. R. (2017). Fear less, pray more: a woman's devotional guide to courageous living. Uhrichsville, OH: Barbour Books.

Scripture for This Week

- Matthew 1:18 – 25
- Isaiah 9:1b – 7
- Luke 2:1 – 21
- Hebrews 1:1 – 14
- Acts 6:8 – 7:2a
- 1 John 1:1 – 2:2
- Isaiah 63:1 - 14

Coming Events

Sunday, January 5

Communion,
Short Meeting Regarding the 125th
Celebration & Church Family Brunch

Monday, February 24

Annual Membership Meeting

Financial Update - December 16, 2019

Annual Budgeted Income	\$787,250.00 - 100%
Year to December 16 th Income	<u>\$699,564.94 - 88.9%</u>
Amount short of Annual Budgeted Income	\$87,685.06

Sundays left in 2019 - December 22nd, and 29th

Any donations that you wish to make to count towards 2019 totals need to be handed in by noon on Tuesday, December 31st to Susan Klassen at the Church office or dropped off directly with Kenny Hildebrand