

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Gathering

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Alan Shenk*

Call to Worship (back of bulletin) and Prayer

Candlelighting Litany

“He Came Down” (STS 31) – *Wendy Hochstedler*

- Candlelighting

Praising

Congregational Singing

Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

Listening

Children’s Time – *Margo Jantzi*

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18; Isaiah 9:2, 6

Message: “Be Amazed! Love Comes Down” – *Beryl Jantzi*

Commissioning for Pastoral Care (Jim Goalder)

Responding

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song

Benediction

Nursery Volunteer: Sharon Shenk

Updated Addresses:

- Louise Swartz: Shenandoah Nursing & Rehab, 339 Westminister Dr., Room #21, Fishersville, VA 22939.
- Jim Sinclair (now living with his daughter): 15234 Quail Lane, Painter, VA 23420.

THIS WEEK

Christmas Eve Service (Wed., 7 p.m.)

Merry Christmas!!

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Dec. 28: Christmas Brunch (9:15 a.m., No Sunday School)**Jan. 4:** Communion During Morning Worship**Jan. 8:** Sewing Circle (9:30 a.m.)**Mar. 2-9:** Serve as Host for the WARM Thermal Shelter

Please pray for Jacob Shifflett, whose mother passed away on Dec. 16 in Mississippi.

Nancy Stoll will be **in the church office** this week and next week on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, and the office will be closed those Thursdays & Fridays due to the holidays.

Christmas Items:

- ❖ Join us for our Christmas Eve candlelight service this Wed., Dec. 24, at 7 p.m. Invite your friends & family for this service of carols & scriptures, and bring your completed infant kits. *Thanks to Orpha Beyeler for making the beautiful baby caps!*
- ❖ Come to our Christmas brunch next Sun., Dec. 28, at 9:15 a.m.! Please sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend and/or if you can help provide food.

Next Sunday’s service (Dec. 28) will have a different format than our usual. The sharing time will take place near the beginning of the service; there will be extra scripture readings & hymns instead of a sermon; & the children will be invited to participate several times. *Please note, the nursery will not be staffed that morning.*

We have received a **thank-you note** from Armando & Veronica Sanchez: “*We are deeply grateful for all the support, love, prayers, and financial help for the Shalom Church. We will always remember you as our brothers and sisters in Christ. With love.*”

Check the **bulletin board** for additional information on the Anabaptism at 500 16th-Century Hymn Sing, Dec. 30, 7 p.m., at Park View Mennonite Church.