

9:30 a.m. Menno Bucks Café

10:30 a.m. Worship

## Gathering

## Third Sunday of Advent

Prelude – *Ranita Shenk*Welcome and Announcements – *Kim Powell*

Call to Worship (back of bulletin) and Prayer

Candlelighting Litany

“He Came Down” (STS 31) – *Alan and Sharon Shenk*

- Candlelighting

## Praising

Congregational Singing

Prayer for El Salvador Churches – *Ranita Shenk*Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)- *Owen Layman-Wenger, Piano*

## Listening

Children’s Time – *Kim Powell*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 42:1-5

Message: “Be Amazed! Joy in the Desert” – *Gerald Shenk*

## Responding

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

## Sending

Sending Song

Benediction

Nursery Volunteer: *Marian Mininger*

**Please pray** for Russ & Martha Laub’s daughter, Jennifer, who will undergo back surgery this Tues., Dec. 16, in Mississippi; and for those who deal with sadness & depression during this time of the year.

## TODAY / THIS WEEK

**Today 9:30 a.m.:** Menno Bucks Café (Fellowship Hall)  
**Wed. 6:15 p.m.:** Christmas Caroling (Donuts & Hot Chocolate Provided Afterwards)  
**Thurs. 7:15 a.m.:** Prayer Gathering  
**6:30 p.m.:** Freedom Group Meeting

## NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

**Dec. 24:** Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.)  
**Dec. 28:** Christmas Brunch (9:15 a.m., No Sunday School)

### Christmas Items:

- ❖ Check the table in the foyer beside the Chrismon tree to see the meanings of the various ornaments.
- ❖ The Moravian Star in the sanctuary symbolizes the Christ Child as the bright morning star & is also a reminder of the Wisemen’s journey to Bethlehem. It will become brighter each week.
- ❖ Join us for Christmas caroling this Wed., Dec. 17, from 6:15 p.m. until approx. 8:30. Dress warmly & stay for snacks afterwards!
- ❖ Our Christmas Eve candlelight service on Dec. 24, at 7 p.m., will be a service of carols & scriptures, and infant kits will be collected as part of the offering (blankets, content lists & instructions are located on the table in the foyer). Invite your friends & family!
- ❖ Come to our Christmas brunch on 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.

Check the **bulletin board** for additional information on the following:

- ❖ Christmas notes/letters from Steven & Carol Blair and Kevin & Denise Goertzen (includes Goertzens’ new address).
- ❖ Shenandoah Valley Children’s Choir Christmas Concert, today, 4 p.m., EMU’s Lehman Auditorium.
- ❖ Schola Cantorum’s Christmas Concert, today, 5 p.m., First Baptist, Waynesboro. *Nelson Driver is a member of this group.*
- ❖ Christmas fundraiser for Weekday Religious Education, today, 6 p.m., Rejoicing Life Church.
- ❖ Upcoming concerts at Eastern Mennonite School, Dec. 16 & 18.
- ❖ Anabaptism at 500 16<sup>th</sup>-Century Hymn Sing, Dec. 30, 7 p.m., Park View Mennonite Church.