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9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Gathering

Prelude - *Ranita Shenk* Welcome and Announcements - *Denise Goertzen* Call to Worship and Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing - c/o Alan & Sharon Shenk Offering (includes coin offerings for missions) - Joel Layman-Wenger, Pianist

Listening

Scripture Reading: Luke 18:15-17; Ephesians 3:14 - 4:7 Message: "Like a Child: Limited" - *Kevin Goertzen*

Responding

Song of Response Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song Benediction

Nursery Volunteers: Marian Mininger, Wendy Hochstedler

Please pray for <u>Bertha Showalter</u> (death of Richard's brother-in-law, Paul Longenecker, on Nov. 11); and <u>Jacob Shifflett</u> (dealing with an infection at the incision site from his hip replacement).

Office Schedules: Pastor Kevin will be <u>out of the office this week</u> (he and Denise will be in Kansas with family). Nancy will be <u>in the office</u> <u>on Mon., Tues., & Wed.</u>; the office will be closed on Thursday/Friday.

Please sign up in the foyer if you can **help with clean-up** after the shared meal on Dec. 3. Thanks!

TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today:Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes DueTuesday:Evening Prayers (7 p.m.)Thursday:Happy Thanksgiving!

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 3: First Sunday of Advent
Dec. 3: Shared Meal after Worship
Dec. 20: Christmas Caroling (p.m.)
Dec. 31: Fifth Sunday Offering for Missions
Feb. 26-Mar. 4, 2024: Serve as Host for WARM Participants

VMMissions is collaborating with First Presbyterian Church in H'burg to host the *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement* course (Wed. eves, Jan. 10 - May 1, 2024). This course "has been helping God's people find their place & calling within God's heart for mission for the past 50 years." See the bulletin board for additional details.

Please note these upcoming Christmas concerts (free or by donation):

- Waynesboro Choral Society, Dec. 3, 7 p.m., W'boro Main Street United Methodist Church, to benefit Love INC & Embrace.
- "A Candlelight Christmas" with the Schola Cantorum, Dec. 10, 3 p.m., First Baptist, W'boro. *Nelson Driver is a choir member*.
- "Singing Light," with the Walking Roots Band, Dec. 10, 6:30 p.m., EMHS Theater, to benefit MCC.
- "Christmas Melodies for Love," with the Staunton Church of the Brethren Community Choir & Chamber Orchestra, Dec. 19, 7 p.m., Tinkling Spring Presbyterian, to benefit Love INC.

VMMissions Note: As Anne (name changed) celebrates her birthday today in her major city in South Africa, ask God to bless her ministry among Muslim-background believers, with many difficult situations that require prayer & discernment.

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

- WARM's <u>Silent Auction</u> of Holiday Sweets & Treats and a <u>Dinner / Concert</u> by The Faithful Men, both happening today.
- A <u>new letter</u> from the Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry.
- Upcoming opportunities to serve with Mennonite Disaster Service.