

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

Prelude - *Evan Wenger*

Greetings and Announcements - *Meg Emery*

Call to Worship and Candle Lighting
("Hope Waits for Us at Advent")

Congregational Singing - *Alan & Sharon Shenk*

Prayer for El Salvador Churches - *Alan Shenk*

Scripture Reading: 2 Kings 6:18-23

Offering (*includes coin offerings for missions*)

Hand Bell Selections - *c/o Sharon Shenk*

Children's Story - *Kevin Goertzen*

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23

Message: "A Place at the Table" - *Kevin Goertzen*

Song of Response

Congregational Sharing

Prayers of the People

Closing Christmas Carol: "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear"

Benediction



Second Sunday of Advent

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Children, youth & parents are invited to an **Ice Skating / Live Nativity event** next Sunday afternoon & evening, Dec. 11! Plan to meet at the church at 3:15 p.m. that day, and talk to Sharon Shenk with questions.

Springdale **calendars for December** are available in the literature rack.

If you would like to serve as a **Sunday morning greeter** or **usher** during 2023, please contact Nancy Stoll. Thanks!

TODAY / THIS WEEK

Today 12:00 p.m.: Choir Practice

Tues. 7:00 p.m.: Evening Prayers

Wed. 6:30 p.m.: Activities for Children and Youth

7:00 p.m.: Fellowship & Care Commission Meeting

Thurs. 7:15 a.m.: Morning Prayers

7:00 p.m.: Finance & Facilities Commission Meeting

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Dec. 11: Choir Practice (following worship)

Dec. 11: Ice Skating / Live Nativity Event (3:15 p.m.)

Dec. 14: Congregational Council Meeting (7 p.m.)

Dec. 21: Christmas Caroling (6:15 p.m. - **Note Date Change!**)

Dec. 24: Providing Breakfast for Disciples' Kitchen (9 a.m.)

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m., with Infant Care Kits)

In light of recent leadership discussions regarding the size of our congregation versus our numerous ministry roles, Congregational Council is working on a **plan to reduce the number of roles and distribute some responsibilities differently**. This will likely need congregational approval, as these changes would require that we work outside of our bylaws. More information will be coming!

Financial Update: Offerings & other income through the end of November 2022 totaled \$126,035; expenses for the same time period totaled \$157,313, for a net shortfall of \$31,278. Additional funds of approximately \$33,000 are available to be used if needed (\$23,500 from 2020 & 2021 surpluses, and \$9,500 in Employee Retention Credits from the government from 2021). Next year's budget decisions will be impacted by our financial situation at the end of 2022. Thank you for your continued support of our church!

Virginia Mennonite Conference church members are invited to participate in **listening circles** with facilitators Gilliam & Associates Dec. 2 - 10. Additional information is available at virginiaconference.org.

Check the **bulletin board** for information about upcoming **Christmas concerts** locally and at Eastern Mennonite School (including a Walking Roots Band concert to benefit MCC); and **Christmas tours** at the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center.