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

Gathering

Second Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements – *Carleen Layman* Call to Worship (back of bulletin) and Prayer Candlelighting Litany

"He Came Down" – *c/o Wendy Hochstedler*

- Candlelighting

Praising

Congregational Singing
Offering (includes coin offerings for missions)

Listening

Children's Time – *Gerald Shenk* Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14

Message: "Be Amazed! Them Dry Bones" – Bill Clifton

Responding

Song of Response Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Sending

Sending Song Benediction

Nursery Volunteer: Alma Lara

Thanks to Orpha Beyeler & Carleen Layman for the **Christmas quilts** in the sanctuary, and thanks to Jeanette Hershey, Jewel Martin, & Liisa Westen for **decorating the sanctuary & foyer**!

We are collecting **infant care kits** for MCC again this year. Blankets & content lists / instructions are located on the table in the foyer. These kits will be part of our offering time at our Christmas Eve service.

THIS WEEK

Thurs. 6:30 p.m.: Freedom Group Meeting

NEXT WEEK / COMING EVENTS

Dec. 14: Menno Bucks Café (9:30-10:15 a.m., No Sunday School)

Dec. 17: Christmas Caroling (6:15 p.m.), Donuts & Hot Chocolate Provided Afterwards

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service (7 p.m.)

Dec. 28: Christmas Brunch (9:15 a.m., No Sunday School)

Come for **pastries & hot drinks** next Sun., Dec. 14, 9:30-10:15 a.m., sponsored by our youth! Note, too, the other upcoming Christmas events (caroling, Christmas Eve service, & Christmas brunch)!

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

- <u>Pilgrim Fellowship Youth Choir's Christmas concert</u>, today, 3 p.m., Finley Presbyterian Church.
- Upcoming concerts at Eastern Mennonite School, Dec. 11, 16, & 18.
- Singing Light, an evening of music to support MCC, featuring the Walking Roots Band, Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m., at Park View M.C.
- Highland Retreat wood-cutting day, Dec. 13.
- Schola Cantorum's Christmas concerts, Dec. 13, 7 p.m., Staunton, & Dec. 14, 5 p.m., First Baptist, Waynesboro. *Nelson Driver is a member of this group*.
- Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir Christmas concerts, Dec. 13 (7 p.m.) & Dec. 14 (4 p.m.), EMU's Lehman Auditorium.
- <u>Christmas fundraiser</u> for Weekday Religious Education, Dec. 14, 6 p.m., Rejoicing Life Church.

Candlelighting Litany

Leader: We have been wandering in the dark,

our spirits dry and cracked from conflict,

aching for peace to pour into the crevices to revive us.

Cong: Come, Peace of the world. Come amaze us.

All: May Your peace fill the cracks in our dry, brittle bones.

Bind us together, strengthen and unite us,

that we might dance!