

Conestoga Mennonite Church



Our Living **HI**STORY MISSION:
Joyfully Living Christ's Story to Benefit Others

November 26, 2017

First Sunday of Advent

Number 48

Teaching the Word (9:30 a.m.)

Classes available for all ages to connect with God and one another
Children's classes meet in the Nursery until 9:40 a.m.
Coffee Corner in Library

Morning Worship (10:30 a.m.)

2017 Advent Theme: Jesus is the Way!

Prelude Carmen Weber

Worship in Song Led by Krista Petersheim

Reading Gen. 1:1-3 & John 1:1-4 and Candle Lighting:
Sharon Refford and Joy Beam

Extending Greetings of Peace

Welcome & Community Life Pastor Bob

Living HiStory Prayer

Offertory Dana Ebert

Hymns

Message: "Word Creates the Way" John 1:1-4
Pastor Bob

Response Hymn

Benediction

TODAY:

Fellowship Meal - All are welcome!

• Thank you:

...Erin & Carissa Nafziger for serving as ushers

...Austin & Kristy Unruh for providing Prayer Ministry

...Marilyn Beam and Anna Martin serving in the Nursery

NEXT SUNDAY:

- Pastor Bob will share from John 1:5-13, "Light Points the Way" as part of our "Jesus is the Way" Advent Theme
- Advent reading & candle lighting - Ryan Petersheim and Nici Martin
- Offertory: Carmen Weber
- Nursery: Susan Johnson and Marcia Parsons
- Children's Church led by Lois and Wes Boyer

~This Week's Activities~

Tuesday:

9:15 a.m. Neighbors Donna Martin: Active Daily Living. Come dressed to stretch!

7:00 p.m. "The Value of You" Class for Women

7:00 p.m. Small Group Leaders Meeting in the Chapel Room

Friday:

9:00 a.m. Prayer Time in Pastor Bob's office. All are welcome!

6:15 p.m. Pastoral Team Holiday dinner hosted by Austin & Kristy

~Conestoga's Notes~

AUCTION: We are grateful for another generous auction Friday evening supporting the 2018 summer Youth Mission trip. Thank you for your donations and active participation!

SMALL GROUP LEADERS will meet this Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. for resourcing, reporting, and praying together for our small groups.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING: Invite family and neighbors to our 7 p.m. service next Sunday singing the sacred Christmas carols and hearing beautiful instrumentals.

2017 GIVING: If end of year offerings are again strong enough to leave us a positive 2017 balance, the full 2017 extra will be given 50% to our Capital Improvement Fund and 50% to MDS Flood Relief.

PUERTO RICO REBUILDING: A team of ACC church members are working to plan MDS projects next spring and summer that will grant us opportunity to sign up with other ACC members on short term rebuilding teams. We will keep you informed as details emerge.

THANK YOU: Thanks to all who came out to support Still Waters at their October Fundraising night. \$6,850 was raised! ~Sam & Jill~

"We appreciate all the care and prayers from Conestoga as our family went through several illnesses recently. You are all a true blessing."

~David & Cheryl Heineman~

Call to Prayer

- Praise God 169 families received **generous pantry contributions** including a frozen turkey on Tuesday. Pray volunteers and recipients would be blessed by this service reflecting God's generosity.
- Praise God for another generous **Summer Mission Youth Auction** Friday evening! Pray God would be glorified by our attempts to reflect His abundant generosity to us in Christ.
- Continue to remember in prayer:
 - **Andy** and **Dot** traveling back from Habitat in Florida
 - Sam Water's daughter **Sarah** needing a kidney
 - Jim and Elsie Eberly managing **Jim's declining health**
 - **Veronica** needing healing of **ongoing throat pain** as well as looking for a job
 - Kenya mission worker, **Mary Rose Dow**, needing release from unjust imprisonment
 - Needed approvals for **Bussy congregation in France** to purchase new worship facility
- Our **weekly offering** supports mission, giving \$400 to **MennoMedia** in their work developing Sunday School and other resources as our partners in gospel. Pray their work would bear much fruit!

Looking Ahead:

Dec. 17 - Message by Youth Pastor, Rachel Mast

Dec. 29-31 - Camp Deerpark Intergenerational Mission Trip

~November 19, 2017 Reports~

Attendance: Sun. School 86 Church 117

General Offering: \$3,719

Designated: Tuition Assist. \$80, Homes for Christ \$50, Still Waters \$75

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

Pastor Bob, Chair

Karen Horning, Elder, Vice Chair

Dan Mast, Elder

Brendon Petersheim, Elder

Jerry Petersheim, Elder

Sonya Petersheim, Elder

Austin Unruh, Elder

Sam Waters, Deacon Elder

Rachel Mast, Min. of Youth/Young Adults

Ministry Council:

Pastor Bob, Chair

Dir. of Ch. Ed.: Lois Ann Mast

Dir. of Fellowship: Tina Essick

Dir. of Mission: Gary Stoltzfus

Dir. of Stewardship: Lyle Essick

Dir. of Worship: Sharon Stoltzfus

Youth/Young Adults: Rachel Mast

Church Staff:

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JESUS IS THE WAY...

Word Creates
THE WAY

Light Points
THE WAY

Prophets Prepare
THE WAY

God Confirms
THE WAY

Jesus is
THE WAY

Called to Join
THE WAY

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