

God's People Gather to Worship

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.
When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. Matthew 2:9-10

For our guests

- The guestbook and name tags are at the Welcome Table, as well as a small gift for our first-time visitors.
- There is opportunity for introduction of guests during the pre-service time.
- Large print hymnals and hearing devices are available. Ask a greeter or any one of the ushers.

Caring for our children – Professionally-staffed child care is offered beginning at 9:20 am.

- **Toddler Nursery** for newborns through age 2, including a nursing nook, and crib room.
- **Preschool Nursery** for ages 3-5 (Pre-K), in Room 11.
- **Children's Time** during worship. Children are invited to come to the platform.

Following Worship

- **Christian Education** for adults begins at 11:00 am. See the classes listed below.
- **Caring and Sharing** time is available in the center Fellowship Area.

Christian Education Children	
10:45 am	
Gather 'Round (ages 3-1st)	Room 11
<i>SHINE Curriculum</i>	
Nursery	Nursery
3 & 4 year olds	Rooms 13 & 14
Grades K-1	Room 11
Grades 2 & 3	Room 12
Grades 4 & 5	Room 9
Grades 6-8	Room 8
Adults & Teens	
Discussion and Input Tim Schrag, Facilitator Classroom 4	
Peeling Away the Layers Melika Hershberger, leader, NW Under Mezzanine	
Lectio Divina and Contemplative Response Elsa Raab, Jane Roeschley, Leaders, Pastor Tim's Office	
Bible Study Darrel Miller, Leader Conference Room	
High School Study Jon and Janelle Friesen Leaders, Rooms 5 & 7	

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Get connected! For more information on any of the following ministries, contact the office.	
* Junior & Youth Choirs	* Area Clusters
* Junior High Fellowship	* Mennonite Women
* Senior High Fellowship	* Book Studies
* Young Families	* Homebuilders
* Women's Bible Studies	* Seniors Events
* Next Man's Bible Study	* Parish Nurse

Order of Worship January 1, 2017 Epiphany

Community Life		Pastor Tim Schrag
Prelude		Elsa Raab
Call to Worship		Lynn Reha
*Hymns		Glenn Wilson
	<i>O Little Town of Bethlehem</i>	HWB 191
	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	HWB 197
*Prayer		
Children's Time		Holly Zehr
Offering		
Confession and Assurance		Back of Bulletin
Congregational Prayer		
*Hymn	<i>O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem</i>	STS 32
Scripture	Matthew 2: 1-12	
Sermon	<i>"...and all Jerusalem with him"</i>	
*Hymn	<i>O Come All Ye Faithful</i>	HWB 212
Benediction		
Postlude and Dismissal		

**Please stand as you are able.*

Parents/Caregivers, please note that Children's CE dismisses at 11:45.

Please remember to silence your cell phone.

Weekly Calendar

Today	Pre-Service Prayer	9:00 am
	Worship	9:30 am
	No CE	
Mon Jan 2	Church Office Closed	9:30 am
Tue Jan 3	Pastoral Council	6:00 pm
Wed Jan 4	Adult CE Teachers	7:00 pm

MCN Spending Plan Status

Thank you for your offerings.

December 29, Year-to-date figures

Income \$491,299

Expenses \$507,924

Contributions marked December 31 will be accepted for 2016 through January 2.

Attendance on Dec 25 was 169.

Confession/Reconciling

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Radiant God

People: we yearn to walk in your way
but often choose our own path of
turmoil and pain.
Save us, Lord,
from the pride and foolishness of
choosing our own course,
that we may humbly and confidently
follow your lead,
through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Words of Assurance

*Leader: Throughout the tumult of life,
God holds you close in love.
Rejoice,
because God's wisdom is your guide,
God's compassion is your strength.
God's love is your redemption.*

All: **Come, let us walk in the way of
God's heart!**



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January 1, 2017

Walking in the Way of God's Heart



Offering Christ's peace to hearts, homes, community and world