

# Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

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December 16, 2007

Judy Badder, Ron Ellis, Stu Sherman, Co-pastors

\*Benedictory Sending Forth (by W. Grant McMurray)

\*"Angels We Have Heard on High"

\*Postlude

Marjie Foster

HS 237

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

## *Leap With Joy*

Communication Time Charlee Redick  
Interlude Laura Walker  
"Come Rejoicing" Ceaseless Praise

Welcome and Call to Worship: Marjie Foster  
"Sing Songs of Joy" HS 241  
\*"O Thou Joyful, O Thou Wonderful" HS 235  
\*Invocation Marsha Jackel  
\*Response

Singing of "An Advent Song" (tune HS#233) Congregation  
Lighting of the Advent Candle of Joy Donna Stevenson and Amy Farmer  
Reading: "A Time to Celebrate" by Lois Braby Rod and Deanna Schall

"Advent Meditation" Ceaseless Praise  
Reading: "Making Room for Jesus" by Danny Belrose Judy Harrop  
Congregation sings "Joy to the World!" (verse 1) HS 258

"December Child" Ceaseless Praise  
"Breath of Heaven" solo Marjie Foster

A Tale of Three Trees children's story Bobbi Ellis  
Sing "Away in a Manger" verse 1 Children and congregation

Choral Reading: "Jesus and Dancing" by Ann Weems Ceaseless Praise  
"Glory to the Lamb" with Ron Ellis Ceaseless Praise  
(congregation may dance or clap)

Scripture Message Pat Magle-Jones and Lois Russell  
"There Shall a Star From Jacob Come Forth" Mendelssohn Choir

Disciples' Generous Response Carita Juhnke  
"Shepherds Praise" Ceaseless Praise  
"A Child of Hope" Ceaseless Praise

Others assisting today include:

Ushers: Elmer Stevenson, Charlie Hindes, Brian Anders  
A/V: Ron Ellis  
Bell Ringer: Sterling Sherman  
Greeters: Frank and Arlene Steinke

## *An Advent Song*

A candle is burning, a candle of PEACE,  
A candle to signal that conflict must cease.  
For Jesus is coming to show us the way,  
A message of peace humbly laid in the hay.

A candle is burning, a flame warm and bright,  
A candle of HOPE in December's dark night.  
While angels sing blessings from heaven's starry sky,  
Our hearts we prepare now for Jesus is nigh.

A candle is burning, a candle of JOY,  
A candle to welcome brave Mary's new boy.  
Our hearts fill with wonder and eyes light and glow,  
As joy brightens winter like sunshine on snow.

—Used by permission, Sandra Dean, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

**HS**-Hymns of the Saints (big burgundy hymnal) **SP**-Sing for Peace  
(small burgundy hymnal) **NS**-Sing a New Song (small gold hymnal)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events

Today	12:00 noon	Soup Luncheon
	4 – 7 p.m.	Del & Kathy Ranney 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open House
Wed. Dec. 19	7:00 p.m.	Youth Christmas Play
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Sun. Dec. 23	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Paul Davis Interlude – Mitch Foster Service of Music and Drama

### Our Mission

The Lamoni congregation is part of the worldwide Community of Christ that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and builds communities of joy, hope, love and peace. Endeavoring to seek and implement God's will for our congregation, we identify four focus areas:

1. We will develop inclusive ministries that bring us closer to God in personal and corporate worship and through meaningful fellowship with each other.
2. We will build bridges with newcomers in our community and to others who have no church home to share the love of God and welcome them in Lamoni and in our congregation.
3. We will strengthen our understanding of the foundational religious beliefs that define our relationship to God, to our past, to the church, and to each other.
4. We will continue our efforts to discern the will of God and to implement those insights in our personal and congregational lives as we seek to establish His kingdom "on earth as it is in Heaven."

### Those providing ministry elsewhere today include:

Rich Harrop – Andover  
Mary Jo Jackel – Mount Ayr  
Les Gardner – Creston

### Soup Luncheon

All are invited to stay **today** for a Soup Luncheon at noon (in lieu of Spaghetti Dinner) at the church. Proceeds go to help the Lamoni Youth Program Activities.

### Next Sunday

Next Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Lamoni Pastorate will be in charge of the service. Ron Ellis, Judy Badder, and Stu Sherman will be sharing on the theme, "God Is With Us!" Invite your friends to come and share in this Christmas service. If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

### Anniversary Open House

All are invited to a 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Open House for Del and Kathy Ranney. **today** from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Lamoni Church. (Note change in location). No gifts, please.

### Youth Christmas Play

The Lamoni Congregation Youth Christmas Play, "Happy Birthday, Jesus," will be held Wednesday evening, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. at the church. All are invited to attend.

### Book of Mormon Class

The Thursday night Book of Mormon Class will be in holiday recess until January 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Food Pantry

The Lamoni Ministerial Alliance has requested assistance in obtaining food donations for the Lamoni food pantry. Christmas boxes will be made for families in need and there are certain items that the pantry is low on. These items are: all types of pasta, macaroni and cheese boxes, peanut butter, all kinds of snack foods, cake mixes, cornbread and muffin mixes, cereal, canned juices, crackers, shampoo, toilet paper, and paper towels.

### Music Boosters Baskets

Charlee Redick is seeking donations to be put in the Music Boosters Baskets to be auctioned off during the holiday concerts. Proceeds from the auction will go to benefit the music programs at Lamoni Community Schools. All donations are welcome. Please contact Charlee at 784-6349.

### Found

In with the Food Pantry items left at the church was a bag that had white Christmas lights in the sack. The note inside the sack said "for the screened porch." These lights can be claimed at the Lamoni Mission Center Office.

### Birthday Greetings to:

Gene Combs	Dec. 16	Chub Long	Dec. 19
Lois Russell	Dec. 16	Taylor Fulton	Dec. 19
Kallie Johnson	Dec. 17	Vikki Morain	Dec. 19
Charlene Fisher	Dec. 17	Evelyn Conrad	Dec. 19
Raymond Snethen	Dec. 17	Coby Bates	Dec. 21
LaRita Foster	Dec. 18	Caleb Knotts	Dec. 22
Bob Mesle	Dec. 18		



### *The Christmas Poinsettias are with Fond Memories of:*

Alice McMorris, Carla Martin – grandmothers of Ryan Martin and Tracy Norman Hinderks – grandfather of Tracy Martin and Ryan

Dick Fisher, Sandra Ogier, Jean Ann Stevenson, Isaac Fisher – husband, daughters, grandson of Lohre Fisher; father, sisters, and nephew of Janice Fisher

Frances Easter – mother of Mark Easter & Benna

Lois Morain – mother of Tom Morain  
Mary Updike – mother of Vikki Morain

Larry Oiler – husband of Lila Oiler

Alice Long – mother of Lorrie Long, Dan and Becky; wife of Chub Long

Charles Church – husband of Eldeen Church

Ellie Badder – wife of Nels Badder

David & Melba Blair; Harold & Laura Tabor –  
parents of Alma & Kay Blair

Dean & Evelyn Scott; Oscar & Julia Sharp - parents & grandparents  
of Deanna Schall

Celia Schall, Myron, Sr. & Elizabeth Schall–sister & parents of Rod Schall

Wally Harvey – grandfather-in-law of Sarah Mesle  
Orville Hiles – father of Barbara Mesle & Bob; husband of Norma Hiles  
Jeffery P. Hiles – brother of Barbara Mesle & Bob; son of Norma Hiles

Alice Dobson – mother of Natalee Anderson and Robert

V. D. & Zella Ruch – parents of Velma Ruch

Gerald & Mabel Davis; Ova & Ruth Ramsey–  
parents of Jerie Gail & Bob Ramsey

David Morgan, Sr. – husband of Wanda Morgan and family  
Pam Morgan – mother of Niccole Morgan

Anita & Delmar Goode – parents of Louita Clothier & Dick  
Alice Long – friend of Louita Clothier & Dick

### *Celebrating:*

Wayne Updike – father of Vikki Morain

### *Heartfelt Comfort and Joy for the Season --*

Bill and Barbara Higdon	Cliff and Janie Neeley
Steve and Janelle Anders	Don and Barbara Breshears
Bruce and Betty Graybill	Frank and Carol Hough
Les and Ava Gardner	Rick and Ann Zieger
Jon and Nancy Wallace	Jim and Pat Jones