



Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship

December 10, 2017

Gathering

Greeter/Usher
Worship Leader
Pianist

Dave
Karen M.
Anita

Gathering Music/Silence/Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: *Awake! The invitation to carry light comes from the voice
who cries out for a new path through wild places.*

**All: O God, your call unsettles us. How can we who are timid and
weak traverse rugged ways? How can we level rough passages?**

Leader: *God, quiet our anxious hearts.*

All: Lead us beyond our fears so your way can be known. Yes, let it be.

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Horst Family

***Hymn of Gathering**

HWB #178

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

***The Peace**

Leader: *God makes peace within us. Let us claim it.
God makes peace between us. Let us share it.
Let us greet one another as a sign of God’s peace.
The peace of God is here to stay.*

All: Thanks be to God.

*You are invited to share the peace with your neighbors
with the greeting “The Peace of Christ”*

Intercessory Prayer

Anita

Children’s Time

Nedra/Jen

Children Dismissed

Rick & Karen

Hymn

STJ #54

“Longing For Light”

Prayers of the People

Marge

Scripture	Mark 1:1-8	Anita
Sermon	“Cervantes Cries in the Wilderness”	Michael
Hymn	“While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks”	HWB #196
Offering Focus	MCC Christmas Projects MCC Meat Canner	
Offertory		Russell
*Words of Sending	As we go, may our ordinary lives be filled with the power of the Spirit. May the Light of Christ dwell within us and shine through us.	unison
*Candle Snuffing	This smoke reminds us of God’s light shining into the rough places of our lives and throughout the world. May the voice of God’s comfort speak peace and promise through us.	unison
*Hymn of Sending	“O Little Town of Bethlehem”	HWB #191

Announcements

Compassionate Ministries donations for December: Give a dollar each Sunday this month

January 7 – Appreciation Carry-in for Anita

Weekly Prayer Request from Mennonite Mission Network

Join Mennonite Mission Network in praising God for the recording of the entire New Testament in the Toba-Qom language, and for the 33 readers from eight denominations and 12 communities in the Argentine Chaco who volunteered to make this possible. Pray that God’s word will find open hearts when it is aired on the radio.

Winter Family Camp February 16-18 at Camp Friedenswald

After the busy holiday season and in the middle of winter blues - this camp is a great break for the whole family. We have sledding, rides on the tube run, and broomball for the kids (and kids-at-heart), while for those wanting rest we have relaxing fireplaces and provided childcare. Family-focused worships will be led by Daniel and Talashia Keim Yoder focusing on the theme "Messy Families." Bring your friends and family to reconnect with a fun and relaxing weekend together.

Adults: \$120; Kids: \$40; Family Max: \$300

Go to Friedenswald.org for more information and to sign up today.