



Calgary Inter-Mennonite Church

December 18, 2011

Advent Sunday 4

Call to worship: Leader: Our souls magnify you, God.

People: our spirits rejoice in you, our Saviour.

Leader: You have looked with favour on your servants,

People: chosen us in our lowliness rather than our strength.

Leader: **All generations can see that we are blessed.**

People: for you have done great things, and holy is your name.

Lighting of Advent Candles

Response: Thanks be to God for giving us the light!

Hymn: SS # 124, My soul cries out

Our Advent Focus:

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Time:

Special Music: Song for a winter's night

Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38; 46-55.

Prayer:

Hymn: SS # 11, No wind at the window

Meditation: A Prairie Nativity by Scott Douglas

Gabriel	Willi Friesen	Mary: TBA
Farmer 1	Richard Stobbe	Farmer 2: Graham Neumann
Waitress	Susanne Barr	Heavenly Hosts a cast of thousands

Hymn of response: HWB # 178, Come thou long-expected Jesus

Sending:

Worship Leader: Brenda Dyck; **Readers' Theatre:** A Prairie Nativity; **Director:** Linda Shantz-Keresztes; **Pianist:** Karen Neufeld; **Song Leader** Jody Neumann-Koop; **Choir Director:** Sharon Nickel; **Children's Time:** Lori Ray; **Special Music:** Sharon Nickel & Lou Keresztes

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Church and Community Announcements

Urgent Help Please	An Iraqi family of three is arriving in Calgary on Dec 19, 2011 , male 33, female 32 and 3 yr old boy. MCC Alberta is looking for people to donate beds, dining table and chairs, mattresses, kitchen utensils, or any other household items, and if you are able to give the gift of time to this family, please call Elfrieda at 403-243-5958 All help is greatly appreciated.
"A Prairie Nativity"	Hello Everyone, Worship this Sunday will be set in a barn - hay bales and all. The meditation is a readers theatre story drama called "A Prairie Nativity" Come dressed casual in country attire and bring a flash-light. Also, the children's time will be a special surprise to end Advent. Linda Shantz-Keresztes
Mennonite Church Alberta	is pleased to present Youth Ministry in a Changing Environment , a workshop for Youth Pastors, Youth Sponsors, Pastors and all those interested in youth ministry. The workshop will be on January 21 st at Camp Valaqua from 10am -4:30pm at a cost of \$25/person (\$15 for those already attending Jr High Snowcamp). Contact Ed Kauffman for more information or to register: email ed.kauffman@mennonitechurch.ab.ca or call 403-249-8784
Treasurer's Report	CIM Total Budgeted Revenue for 2011 \$ 100,150 Total Receipts to date \$ 85,704
Music for a Winter Evening Corpus Christi Male Chorale Dec. 19th 2011 7:30pm.	Be sure to attend the Corpus Christi Male Chorale's 11 th annual "Music For a Winter Evening" concert at 7:30 pm on Monday, December 19, 2011, at EPCOR Centre's Jack Singer Concert Hall, 205 8 th Ave SE. Our special guest performer is Canadian music legend Tom Jackson, and concert host is Darrel Janz. Ticket prices are \$25.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students/children. All proceeds are to benefit The Calgary Dream Centre Treatment Program. Tickets are available through the Corpus Christi ticket line at 403-717-3385 or www.legacykitchens.com/tickets . Hope to see you there.
Employment Opportunity	MCC WELCOMES INQUIRIES FOR THE FOLLOWING URGENT SENIOR LINE MANAGEMENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES: Area Directors for South America / Mexico, Europe and Middle East, Central / Northeast Asia, and Southeast Asia. For more information on these and other urgent service positions, please visit our website at mcc.org/serve/positions/volunteer MCC WELCOMES INQUIRIES FOR THE FOLLOWING URGENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: Operating Principles Coordinator. For more information on this and other urgent salaried positions, please visit our website at mcc.org/serve/positions/employment
Canadian Mennonite University www.cmu.ca	Mar. 9-11, 2012 – CMU invites high school students to attend PIT 2012 . PIT offers a special kind of peace conference, where participants can also connect, play, and engage in worship and workshops with youth from across Canada. Visit www.cmu.ca/pit for more details. Journey through time on the CMU Study Tour: Ancient Stones, Living Stones: the Holy Land in Perspective . Travel April 30 – May 21, 2012 with leader Gordon Matties, Professor of Biblical & Theological Studies. Visit www.cmu.ca/studytour for more details.
Actual Fact	Listen to the song " <u>Twelve Days of Christmas</u> " and count the number of gifts in the song. You will realize that gifts were exchanged 364 times. Thus the gifts are exchanged everyday of the year.