



Calgary Inter-Mennonite Church

November 27, 2011

Advent Sunday 1

Call to worship: Leader: Get up! Pay attention and prepare to follow

People: The shepherd of Israel leads us like flock.

Leader: Get up! God's face is about to shine on you.

People: No ear has heard nor eye seen God's full glory!

Leader: Get up! God's salvation is near.

People: The mighty One tears open the heavens and comes
down.

Hymn: #184 (HWB) *Hark! the glad sound*

Our Advent Focus:

Announcements and Introductions

Children's Time:

Hymn: #178 (HWB) *Come, thou long expected Jesus*

Scripture:

Meditation: *Learning to Pay Attention*

Hymn of Response: #182 (HWB) *Oh, how shall I receive thee*

Prayer of Confession:

Sending:

Worship Leader: Diana Mansell; Meditation: Brenda Dyck; Pianist: Graham Neumann; Song Leader: Willi Friesen; Children's Time: Linda Shantz-Keresztes



Church and Community Announcements

Sunday School	December 4 and 11
Christmas program on Dec. 11	Richard Stobbe will be the MC for our Christmas program on Dec. 11, so if you have any contributions for the program, please e-mail him at stobbe_wiens@telus.net .
Treasurer's Report	CIM Total Budgeted Revenue for 2011 \$ 100,150 Total Receipts to date \$ 65,484
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.
Coffee and Conversation	Nov. 30 Brenda Dyck; Dec. 7 Ruth Becker.
MCC Kit Packing Event	MCC Kit Packing Event: Please come celebrate the season by helping us pack School Kits and Health Kits on December 2, 2011 from 6-9pm! Finger foods will be provided and we'll also be having a Christmas sing-a-long. Please consider bringing one of the following: a donation to the Food Bank, a new unwrapped toy for Toy Mountain, or a donation to Material Resources. Space is limited to 30 people, so call the office to reserve your spot today! For more info or to register, please call 403-275-6935 or email LindaDickinson@mccab.org .
Living Gifts for Generations Dec 6th, 2011 7:00pm.	Ten Thousand Villages and MCC would like to invite you to Living Gifts for Generations - an evening of song, fun, and Christmas shopping at 7pm on Tuesday, December 6 th , at Woodcliff United Church, 5010 Spruce Drive SW, Calgary. Kim Thiessen and Darryl Neustaedter Barg are performing, and refreshments will be provided. Living Gifts and Ten Thousand Villages products will be available for sale after the concert.
Employment Opportunity	MCC Calgary Thrift Shop AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY: Permanent full-time Cashier/Floor position and full-time Warehouse/Receiver position to work alternate Saturdays, and 40 hrs/week. Competitive salary and benefit package. Contact: April or Debbie (403) 272-0282
Congregational Meeting	Will be held after the regular service on Nov. 27 th .
The 2011 Christmas pageant	will occur the afternoon of Sunday Dec 11. After the pageant we will celebrate with a traditional Christmas turkey dinner. With the exception of those asked to cook and bring turkey, potatoes, cranberries and punch (and you know who you are), everyone is asked to bring either a salad, cold vegetable or dessert. Members of Service Group number 3 is asked to help with the setting up of the tables and decorating. Service Groups numbers 1 and 2 are asked to help with the clean up and putting away the tables after the meal.
Camp Valaqua	<i>Camp Valaqua is offering a gift idea for all the kids on your Christmas list. For \$260. You get one week of camp at Valaqua, a savings of up to \$30! Certificates can be purchased from Camp Valaqua (403-637-2510), orders made prior to December 12th will receive an attractive certificate, perfect for a stocking or card.</i>

Sending Blessing:

Leader: Go into the world, awake and aware of God's presence!

People: We go into the world, listening for God's voice.

Leader: Go into the world, watching for the activity in God's kingdom!

People: We go into the world, following in the footsteps of Jesus.

Leader: Go into the world, receiving the hope of salvation!

People: We do into the world, reflecting the Spirit's radiance.

Congregational reading for the Advent candles

Finders: We are awake and watching... (holding up candle globe or globes)

We see a flicker of light and want to share it!

All: Thanks be to God for giving us light!

And thanks you finders!

You did not quench the Spirit