

**December 10, 2017**

**2nd Sunday in Advent**

**Steinbach United Church**

*“If there is to be peace in the world,*

*There must be peace in the nations.*

*If there is to be peace in the nations,*

*There must be peace in the cities.*

*If there is to be peace in the cities,*

*There must be peace between neighbors.*

*If there is to be peace between neighbors,*

*There must be peace in the home.*

*If there is to be peace in the home,*

*There must be peace in the heart”.*

* *Lao Tzu*



*“Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth, giving a promise of safety and worth”.*

*-Brian Wren*

*1985*

*“Better than a thousand hollow words is one word that brings peace”.*

* *Buddha*

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Thank you’s - Guest Speaker – George Feenstra

 Ushers – The Middletons’

 Pianist – Maureen Aubry

and to **all Volunteers helping in today’s Worship service**

**Welcome and Thank you to Steinbach Mennonite Handbelles** Prelude Steinbach Mennonite Handbelles

Announcements and Sharing of Celebrations

Songs “There’s A Voice in the Wilderness Crying” VU 18 “When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides” MV 169

Sharing and Learning “Welcome to Our Guests”

Handbelles “O Du Frohliche”

 “How Can I Keep From Singing?”

 “O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

Scripture Reading – Isaiah 40: 1-11; Mark 1:1-8 – Irene Toews

Reflections: “If I Had a Bell”

Handbelles “Come on Ring Those Bells”

Offering Handbelles “Carol of the Bells”

Prayer

Sending Song “Spirit Open My Heart” MV 79

Benediction

Handbelles “Silent Night”

Passing the Peace

**Everyone Welcome to the Potluck immediately following!**

**NEWS AND NOTES**

**Church Happenings:**

**Monday’s 11th & 18th @7:00PM – Choir Rehearsal for Christmas Eve.**

There will also be a practice o Dec 23 @11AM

**Dec 17th –10:30AM ARK & Youth Christmas Service**

 **Fri. Dec 22** **Christmas Caroling** –**6PM** - Meet at the church front Foyer. Fun and games to follow in the CE Hall; if you want the carolers to come to your house please contact one of us or Pearl. Bring games and snacks to share following caroling.

**Dec 24th –** Morning Service with George Feenstra

 **Christmas Eve Service at 7:00PM**

**Dec 31st Service – Music & Muffin**

Subscription Renewals – 2018 - Observer ($25); and “The Upper Room” or “These Days” ($11) – Please stop by the church office or include in your offering. Thank you!

**Volunteers Needed** - Advent season is upon us– Which means Christmas is also near! Which means the end of another year!

Which means it is time to set up next year’s Volunteers for – **Sound & Visual**(Ken Paton 326-3979**) Ushers & Coffee Servers**(Marlene – 326-3908) **Counters**(Shirl Peters – 326-6131) or **Readers**(Bonnie Morrow – 326-9591). Please consider volunteering in an area that interests you.

**Exploration Team. Thank-you!**

Thank you for sharing your thoughts, wisdom and passion as we continue on our journey. Your ongoing comments are important! We have placed a “Comment Box” at the back of the sanctuary for your written comments, or email the church office steinbachunited@mymts.net or please speak anyone on the Exploration Team.

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