



Vineland United Mennonite Church

December 25th, 2011

Christmas Day

Prelude Louise Thiessen
Welcome Ross & Dawn Penner
Song: Joy to the World HWB 318

First Lesson: Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19
Song: Wehrlos und Verlassen sehnt sich SW 207

Second Lesson: Genesis 22:15-18
Song: Angels, from the Realms of Glory SW 76

Third Lesson: Isaiah 9:2, 6-7
Song: To us a Child of Hope is born HWB 189

Fourth Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-3a, 4a, 6-9
Song: O come, O come, Immanuel Robert Janzen

Fifth Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38
Song: Mary's Song (Holy is His Name) Ross Penner

Sixth Lesson: Luke 2:1, 3-7
Song: O little Town of Bethlehem HWB 191

Seventh Lesson: Luke 2:8-16
Song: Go tell on the Mountain Life Group

Eighth Lesson: Matthew 2:1-12

Offering: The Birthday of a King Robert Janzen, Louise Thiessen

Ninth Lesson: John 1:1-14
Song: O come, all ye Faithful HWB 212

Benediction
Song: We wish you a Merry Christmas

This service is being led by some members of Ross & Dawn Penner's Life Group: Sandra Giesbrecht; Darryl, Anita, Riley & Carter Koop; Richard, Rita, Samuel, Sophia & Selah Strickland.



Prayer and Praise

Abide in me as I abide in you. John 15:4a

Best wishes to **Maria Wiens** who will celebrate her 99th birthday on Thursday, December 29th.

Please continue to pray for **Katie Mueller**. She remains in the Greater Niagara General hospital in Niagara Falls.

Ongoing Prayer Support

Jake & Adelaide Fransen
Sulaiman Family
Peter & Sam Hildebrandt
Living Room ministry
Those among us with mood disorders
Ministry of the Quest Christian Community
Refugee Ministry
Upper Deck Youth Centre



This Week at VUMC December 26th - December 31st, 2011

Wednesday 7:00 pm Junior Youth
Friday 6:45 pm Senior Youth
Saturday 5:30 pm New Year's Eve Potluck
& Fellowship
Sunday 10:30 am New Year's Day Service
Speaker: Greg Dick



VUMC News and Events



QUILTING and TYING of QUILTS will begin on Wednesday, January 4th, at 9 am. All ladies who are interested are invited to come out and enjoy the fellowship as well as the work. No experience is necessary, we will train. Bring a bag lunch or join the ladies who go over to the United Mennonite Home for a soup lunch that is served there every Wednesday as a fundraiser.

HELP IS NEEDED for preparing and serving **Loaf of Bread dinners** in January, February and March. The first dinner will be January 10th. Please sign up on the sheets in the Education Wing.



REMINDER from the Sponsorship Team - As a church we have committed to providing financial support for the Sulaiman family for up to one year. The refugee fund is still active and we invite your contributions so that we can fulfill our obligation to cover their expenses for their first year in Canada.

JUNIOR YOUTH

Need some friends to hang out with and talk to during the Christmas holidays? Come on out to Junior Youth on December 28 for a board game/hang out evening. We will run from 7-8:30 at the church. See you then.

SENIOR YOUTH

Friday December 30 is the next get together. We are planning to go skating at the Rink on the Brink in Niagara Falls. Meet at 6:45 at the church and we will be done at 10. There are skate, helmet and locker rentals available there or you could bring your own. The skating fee is 7\$ and the skate rental is 5\$. Email me at gregory.dick@hotmail.com to let me know if you are planning on coming.



Also, if you are planning on coming to the Senior Youth Retreat in January I need your 70\$ for your name to be put on the list.

PASTOR CORNEY and JOY KLASSEN are celebrating Christmas with family in Calgary December 15th - 26th.

PASTOR ROSS and DAWN PENNER will be celebrating Christmas with family in Winnipeg December 25th - January 1st.

CHRISTMAS WEEK OFFICE HOURS: Thursday, December 29th and Friday, December 30th 9am - 12pm.

THERE WILL BE NO Sunday School or Coffee Fellowship Time on Sunday, December 25th, or Sunday, January 1st.

NEW YEAR'S SERVICES at VUMC

December 31st 5:30 pm New Years Eve Potluck and Fellowship

We invite young and old to come out. Please bring food to share.

If you have any **pictures** related to events of your family or the life of the church please **submit them to Greg Dick ASAP.**

January 1st 10:30 am New Years Day Service

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: We believe that the Bible is the Word of God in written form. We believe it is to be our guide for what we believe and how we live. But we know that different people and different faith traditions use and interpret the Bible differently. One important thing for all of us to understand is that each of us interprets the scriptures whether we realize it or not. Being aware of how we do that helps us talk and listen together as we seek to be a faithful church. Pastor Ross will be leading us into a look at how we use the scriptures. We anticipate two more classes on January 8th, 15th.

Wider Church and Community

MARCH 9TH -11TH, 2012~ Canadian Mennonite University invites high school students to attend **PIT (PEACE IT TOGETHER) 2012.**

Registration increases after January 31, 2012. Visit www.cmu.ca/pit for more details.

MENNONITE BURIAL SOCIETY

The Annual General Meeting of the Mennonite Burial Society will be held on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 2 pm at the Tabor Manor Chapel in St. Catharines. Board and auditor positions available, so please contact us for further details. For further information, please contact Barry Boese at 905-228-1850 or email info@mennoniteburialsociety.com