

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

December 31, 2017

New Year's Eve

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Aaron Griffith; Music, Carol Detweiler

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship & Lighting of Christ Candle (from Psalm 20)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

May he send you help from the sanctuary,

and give you support from Zion.

I know that the Lord will help his anointed;

**he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories
by his right hand.**

Some trust in chariots, and some in horses,

but our confidence is in the name of the Lord our God.

They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright.

**Give victory to our Messiah, O Lord,
and remember us when we call.**

Opening Songs and Carols

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace – Sing the Journey #131

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 1:5-22 – Remembering how trials and redemption come together

1 Peter 4:7-19 – More on trials and redemption coming together

Reflection Video – *Something New*

Luke 14:25-35

As we begin a new year tomorrow, heed and reflect on Jesus' words about priorities and plans. To what will you give first priority in 2018? For what will you plan and prepare as a discipleship commitment?

How will you commit to a "salty" life in 2018?

Reflection Video – *Be Made New*

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – *Let the New Day Start*

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve (from Psalm 20)

May God remember all your offerings, and regard them with favor.

May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

May God grant you your heart's desire, and fulfill all your plans.

May we shout for joy in the Messiah's victory,

and raise up banners to him in the name of our God.

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

1/7: Epiphany Sunday, Communion at the Lord's Table

Exodus 2: 11-3: 12; Ps. 18: 1-32; Romans 15: 7-21, 16: 24-27; Mark 4: 21-23

Worship Leader: Eliza Griffith; Music, Aaron Griffith

1/14: Exodus 3: 13-22; Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Acts 8: 26-39; Mark 1: 9-13

Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Spencer; Preacher: Aaron.

1/21: Exodus 4: 1-20; Jerem. 16: 14-21; Romans 1: 8-17; Mark 1: 14-20

Worship Leader, Lowell Tieszen; Music, Kevin Nice

1/28: Exodus 5: 1- 6: 13; Hosea 5: 13- 6: 6; 2 Thess. 3: 1-5; Mark 1: 21-34

Worship Leader, Renee Collins Bradford; Music, Cheryl Van Horn

Happy Birthday to Aggery Ohando Demba (1/4)! Happy Anniversary to Joyce Pusel & Mike Quante, 1/5! Belated Happy Birthday to Joanna Nice (12/28)!

Tomorrow, January 1, 6:00 pm – Emancipation Day Community Service at Peace Missionary Baptist Church, 2608 Highway 55, Durham.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Annual March – Monday, January 15, 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., begins at NC Mutual Building, 411 W. Chapel Hill St., and ends with program inside First Presbyterian Church, 305 E Main St. Bring a children's book to donate for BookHarvest!

Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 25, 7:00 p.m., Yates Baptist Church. Ecumenical celebration and call to unity among diverse Christian traditions.

Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5:45-8:00 p.m. – Annual Banquet of Durham Congregations in Action, at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, 504 W. Chapel Hill St. Keynote Speaker, Mayor Steve Schewel. \$15 per plate, RSVP to dcia@dcia.org or 919-682-0538.

MCC Washington Office high school essay contest: Do you have a passion for writing about the causes you care about? The MCC Washington Office is now accepting submissions for its annual high school essay contest! This year's topics include **climate change, foreign assistance and mass incarceration**. Anabaptist youth who are of high school age within the U.S. and Puerto Rico are eligible to enter and win up to \$1,000! The deadline for submitting essays is January 26, 2018. To learn more, visit mcc.org/essay-contest.



Tidings of Great Joy

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front art: "Christmas Peace" – Helen Siegl

*Our mission is to restore people to relationships of communion
with God and each other in Christ.
We will practice this mission through our worship and witness,
our discipling, fellowship and service.*