

About the Cover: Jenny G., one of our youth, created this image for our month of remembering. In both Mennonite practice and Latin American traditions like Día de los Muertos, November is a time to honor those who have died with gratitude and hope. As we remember, we join countless others across cultures who know that love is stronger than death, and that those we've lost continue to companion us on the journey.

Attendance: November 16— 60

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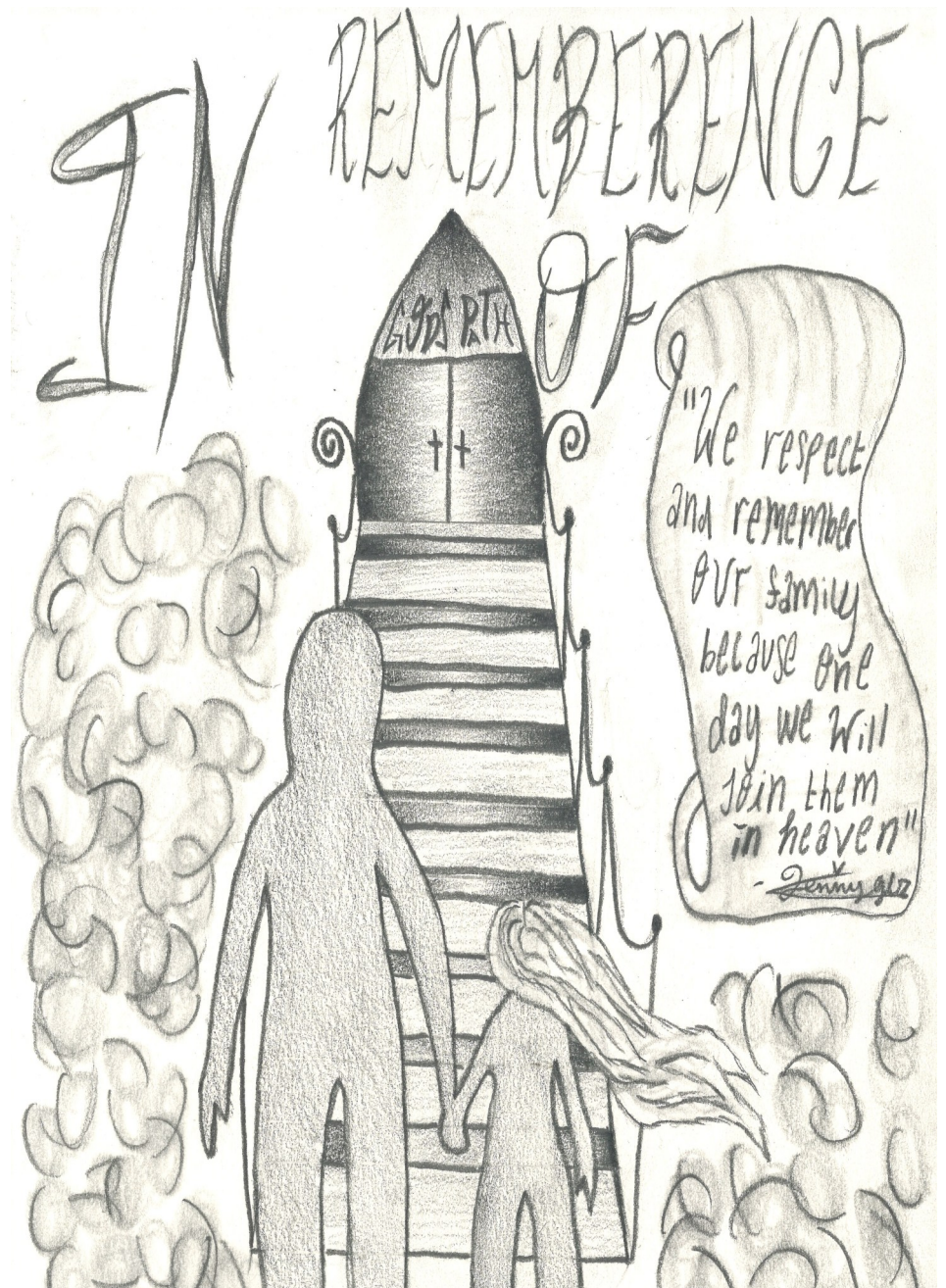
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Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

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Focus Question: Where are you exhausting yourself maintaining what used to be instead of building what could be?

Gathering Oceans (Video)

Welcome & Announcements

Elaine H.

Call to Worship

Songs *Come All You People*

VT 2

Sizohamba Naye

VT 815

Offering Prayer

Children are dismissed for Children's Church

Song *Blessed Be Your Name (Video)*

VT 637

Scripture Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14

Jenny & Rudy G.

Message *Build One House, Plant One Garden* Becky H.

Song	<i>There's a Wild Hope in the Wind</i>	VT 828
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Sharing Joys & Concerns

Congregational Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song *The Lord Lift You Up* VT 832

Reflection Question: Jeremiah didn't tell the exiles to recreate Jerusalem in Babylon, he told them to build new houses and plant new gardens. What old structure or dream do you need to grieve and release so you can build what fits who you actually are right now?

Next Sunday - November 30: Beginning Advent

Next Sunday we begin Advent with the theme **"Be Amazed!"** This year we're following stories of God's powerful and astonishing acts throughout Scripture, building toward the ultimate amazement: the incarnation. We start with **Daniel 3:1, 8-30**, a resistance narrative about three friends who refuse to bow to empire's demands. Facing severe consequences for their faithfulness, they discover they're not alone in their trial. God is present with them. This story was told in communities under persecution to form courage and remind people: God doesn't keep us out of hard things, but God walks through them with us.

Next Sunday, November 30

9:00AM Sunday School

10:15 AM Worship Focus: *First Sunday of Advent*

Be amazed: Hope in the furnace

Scripture: Daniel 3:1, 8-30; Habakkuk 1:1-5; 3:17-19; Psalm 26:1-7

Worship Leader: Ronda S.K. Song Leader: Todd H.

Speaker: Becky H.

Nursery: Deena B., Alan L., & Kristina Be-Mo

Children's Church: Daisy L., Michael Y., & Jenny G.

Upcoming Events

11/24 Church Council Meeting at NGMC (Tues., 6:30 PM)

11/25 MCC Zoom Meeting: Building Prepared Churches

11/27 Thanksgiving Day

11/30 First Sunday of Advent

12/2 Women's Prayer Group at Manor 4 (Tues., 9 AM)

12/7 Koinonia Café (Sun., 9:45 AM)

12/21 Children's Christmas Program during worship

12/24 Christmas Eve Service at College Mennonite (7 PM)

Advent through Epiphany 2025-2026: Be Amazed!

This Advent, we're journeying through stories of God's powerful and astonishing acts — building toward the ultimate amazement: the incarnation. Before we celebrate that Christ has come, we'll remember *who* is coming. The God who restores life, who walks with the faithful through trials, who transforms impossible situations — this is the God who chooses to be born as a vulnerable child.

Week by week, we'll watch a star slowly revealed in our worship space and learn new verses of a hymn that builds throughout the season. Children will learn "Be amazed!" in a different language each week.

Our Journey:

- **Nov 30** - Hope in the Furnace | Daniel 3:1, 8-30
- **Dec 7** - Peace in the Valley | Ezekiel 37:1-14
- **Dec 14** - Joy in the Desert | Isaiah 55:1-13
- **Dec 21** - Love Comes Down | John 1:1-18
- **Dec 28** - God Among Us | John 1:19-34
- **Jan 4** - Come and See | John 1:35-51



This is Advent as formation: learning to see God's presence, trust God's character, and be amazed by the ways God shows up.

Celebrating 80 Years of Elaine!

Continuing our tradition of celebrating milestone birthdays, please join us Sunday, November 30 at 9:45 in the fellowship hall as we honor Elaine Hooley's 80th birthday! Come share a treat and wish her well.

Ways Children Worship With Us

Children's Church (ages 3 through Grade 4)

- Takes place during second half of worship service
- Children are dismissed after the offering
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- All children are welcome, especially guests and visitors!

Nursery (infants through age 3)

- Childcare is available in the basement (follow the signs) during the worship service. All are welcome.
- The nursery is staffed by two adults and one youth.

Buddy Bags for Children During Worship

We want children to feel welcome and at home in our worship space. Buddy Bags are available in the narthex (on the hooks behind the sanctuary) for children to use during the service. Please return the bags after worship so they can be ready for next week. Each Buddy Bag may include:

- Soft, quiet fidget toys
- Picture books and Bible storybooks
- Small puzzles or matching cards
- A notebook for doodling or drawing
- Coloring books and crayons (found on the shelf next to the bags)

Children are part of our worship — their presence and energy are a gift. Feel free to take what is helpful for your child to wiggle, listen, create, and belong.

Anniversaries & Birthdays This Week

11/24 Kristina Be-Mo

11/26 Bonnie C.

Jerry Acosta

Jeff & Joan Ulrich

11/28 Freeman Hershberger

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

Pathfinders

- Intergenerational Bible study using the Mennonite "Builder" curriculum
- Location: Curtained classroom next to kitchen in the fellowship hall
- All are welcome

Contemporary Issues and Christian Faith

- Explores current events through a Christian lens using "The Wired Word"
- Location: South corner of fellowship hall
- All ages welcome

Clase de los Amigos (Latino Bible Study)

- Bible study in Spanish
- Location: Large classroom at bottom of basement stairs
- Todos son bienvenidos

Youth Class (Grades 6-12)

- Location: Basement classroom (follow posted signs)
- All youth are welcome to attend!

Today's Volunteers

Children's Church: Bonnie C., Harlan S., & Kristina Be-Mo

Nursery: Elaine T., Kerry C., & Jenny G.

Tech Team: Jose J., Greg S & Tim N.

Translator: Mariana R.

Speaker: Becky H.

Music Leader: Todd H.

Worship Leader: Elaine H.

Sunday School Greeter: Terry P.

Worship Greeter: Lola J.