



ADVENT

This morning is the third week of **Advent**. A season in the Christian calendar where we are invited to recover and give voice to our deep longing for God's advent, God's coming into the world. Which isn't just about the birth of Jesus two thousand years ago, Advent points toward God's arrival in three ways – first, in the Incarnation; second, in God's personal coming into our lives by His Spirit; and third, in Christ's ultimate and final coming to establish the fullness of His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

In the days ahead, let us join the church down through the ages in praying, "O Come, O Come Emmanuel..."



OFFICE NEWS

You may have noticed that the west door of the office is now locked. We are working on directing the flow of traffic to the glass door at the reception area of the office. Thank you for your patience as we adjust to a new way of entering the office.



EVENT (weekly, monthly)	DAY	DATE	TIME
English Language Learners	starts	again	week of Jan 23
Women's Faith Connection	starts	again	Tues. Jan. 17
Prayerwerks	Wed.	21-Dec	7-8am
Men's Bible Study	Thurs.	22-Dec	7-8am
Christmas Eve Family Service	Sat.	24-Dec	4pm
Christmas Eve Candle Light Service	Sat.	24-Dec	8pm
Christmas Day	Sun.	25-Dec	No service

KID'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Today we have the delightful privilege of having the kids of Lambrick invite us into the story of Christmas - the incredible account of God, the Creator of all, taking on flesh and becoming a child born of a virgin. As that line reveals, the whole story is flush with miracles; things only God could dream up and do. And yet that is the very nature of the gospel - something only God could dream up and do. Thank God for the gospel, and thank God for our kids.



Office hours:
Mon. -Thurs.
10am-2pm

Worship:

Youth:

Kids:

Elders:

Prayer requests:

Lead Pastor:



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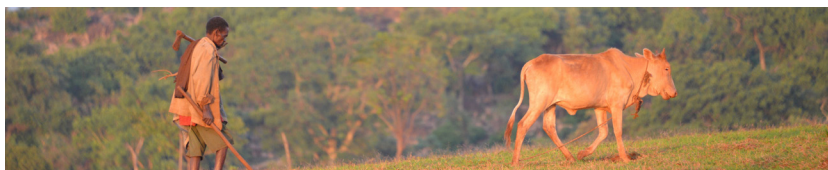
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LAMBRICK PARK CHURCH

ADVENT GIVING 2016

Improved Agronomic Practices

For 11 years we have partnered with Food for the Hungry in a sustainable development program affecting almost 30,000 people in the Sasiga region of Ethiopia. FH works with churches, leaders and families to improve health, supply clean water, create agricultural and economic options, increase education for all, gender empowerment, and environmental restoration. Lambrick has seen 110 children sponsored which alongside our missions giving provides \$70,000 annually. Excitingly we are continuing support as the team relocates 30km and starts to bring hope to a further 25,000 people in the 'Highlands' area. In early 2017 the first region 'graduates' and we will go and celebrate with them, and see the new work being started.

*This year we have chosen to support the **Promotion of Improved Agronomic Practices (\$6000)** including sustainable agricultural development, composting, diversification and bio-intensive training for hundreds of farmers. It will also target economic empowerment for women through vegetable and fruit production.*

Please give extra today and designate to 'FH' through Lambrick. Advent envelopes are available, or give by debit or online.

PRAYER MATTERS

This week we are praying for **Food for the Hungry**, our missions partner.

Giving Thanks: As the Sasiga Lowlands area prepares to graduate we are thankful for the many impacts of FH programs and the many community leaders who are now taking full control of their communities' development. Nine new wells were completed in the Mid Highlands area this past year in various communities bringing clean water to within 1.5 kms of 511 households.

Prayer: Political unrest in the country has brought about tightened security which has restricted movement and gathering of groups. Some FH programs are being affected. FH staff will complete the transition from the Lowlands to the Mid Highlands this year. This is bittersweet as so much has been accomplished in the past 10 years but close friendships have also formed. In many ways it is difficult for the staff to leave. As we scale up programs in the Mid Highlands *please pray for staff as they build trust with community leaders and members, for enthusiastic community participation, and openness to a new worldview.*

THANK YOU KAREN!

Since February, Karen Bogle has been filling in as our transitional office admin support person. We are so thankful for all she has done; for her great heart and care for Lambrick and for the many pieces. As of this past Wednesday, Karen has concluded her time in this role. We are hoping to secure a new permanent hire in the new year and are currently engaged in conversations to this end. (Scott Anderson)



CHRISTMAS EVE

Dec 24th- **4pm** there will be a 45 min. family service. **8pm**, a 1 hr. candle-light service. Invite your friends and neighbours. There will **not** be a service Christmas day. Please consider who you might invite to share Christmas with you.

we seek to **KNOW, LOVE & SERVE GOD**
with **GRACE, AUTHENTICITY & HOSPITALITY**
In our **CHURCH, NEIGHBOURHOOD & WORLD**

