

A TESTIMONY OF PEACE

Luke tells us that Zechariah, the new father of a baby who would grow up to be John the Baptist, celebrated his son's birth with a song of praise. The song reviews God's faithfulness in the past and looks forward to a dawn that will bring light to "guide our feet into the way of peace."

How does God accomplish this guidance? Many times it is through the actions of people who testify to peace with their lives—people like Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dan West.

And Sadako. The rainbow of colors on the cover of today's bulletin is a photograph of paper cranes. They help tell the story of a Japanese girl who developed leukemia from the effects of radiation caused by the bombing of Hiroshima. Sadako learned of a Japanese legend that if she folded a thousand paper cranes, the gods might grant her wish to be cured. She completed over one thousand cranes before dying on October 25, 1955, at the age of twelve.

Sadako's friends and classmates dreamed of building a monument to her and all the children killed by the atom bomb. Young people throughout Japan helped collect money for the project. (Learn more about Sadako's story online at Sadako.org.)

In 1958, a statue of Sadako holding a golden crane was unveiled in Hiroshima Peace Park. The children also made a wish that is inscribed at the bottom of the statue:

This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world.

—Ken Gibble, ordained minister
Greencastle, Pennsylvania

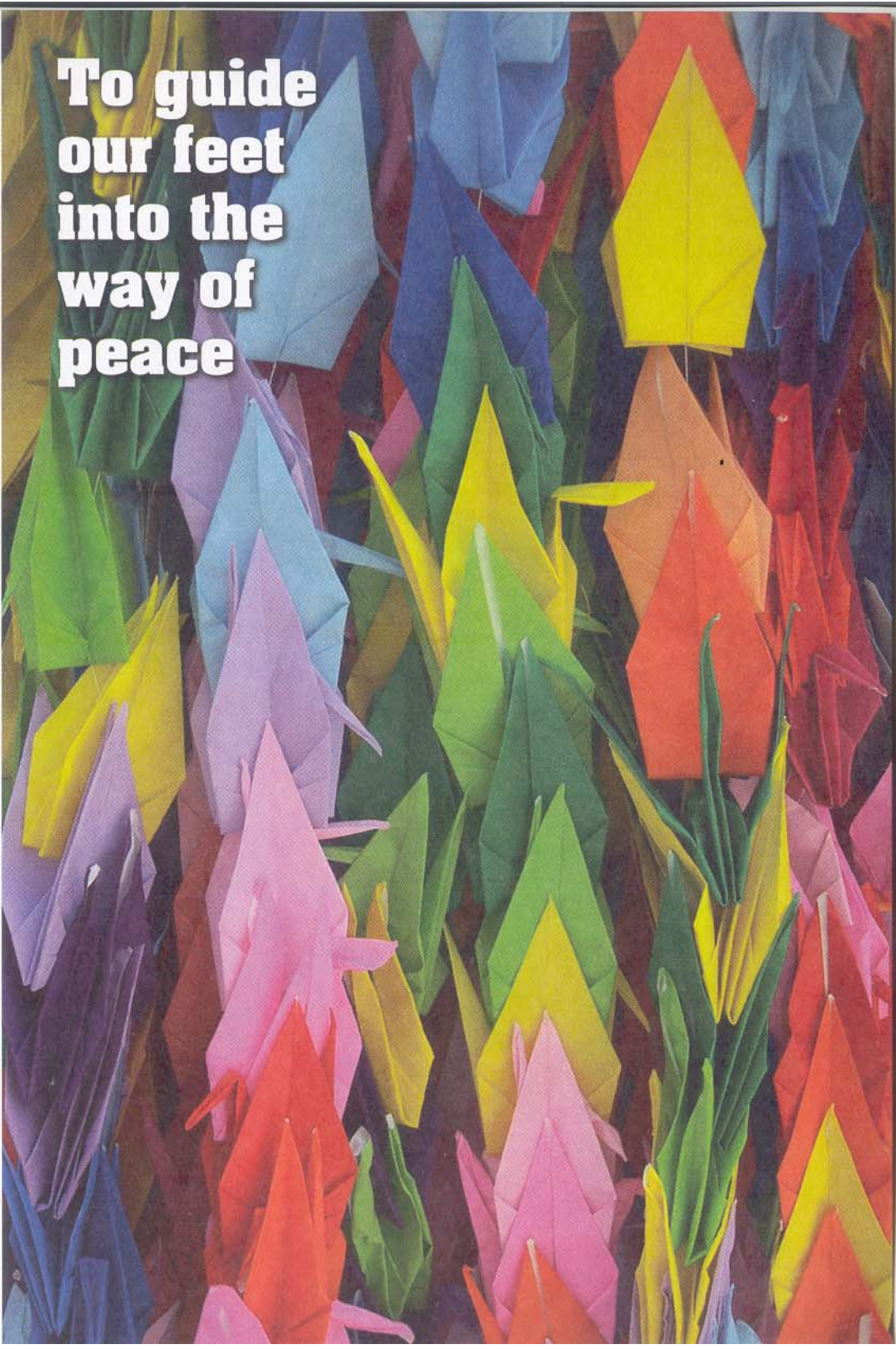
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At the Sadako Statue, Hiroshima Peace Park

Text for Today

Luke 1:68-79 (79)

"And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, **to guide our feet into the way of peace.**"

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 11407



**To guide
our feet
into the
way of
peace**



Sheldon Church of the Brethren
 Ministers - All Members
 December 30, 2007
 9:30 a.m. Worship



NOTE: The blue hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS Simon- 31st

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP #408 O Day of Peace (in unison)

* GATHERING HYMN #133 *I Heard the Bells* (red hymnal-vs.1,3,5)

*INVOCATION #697 (responsive reading)

PRAISE HYMN #212 *O Come, All Ye Faithful* (vs.1- 3)

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)
"Peace"

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS #367 *For the Healing of the Nations*

*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #185 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed*

PASTORAL PRAYER Pray For: South English, IA English River Church
 Praying For Us: Ankeny, IA District Board/Office

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 6: 6-23

MESSAGE "Peace, Peace, When There Is No Peace"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

*CLOSING HYMN # 322 *For We Are Strangers No More*

*BENEDICTION

*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

* - Please Stand, if you are able

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Dec. 30:

Message	Anis Said
Worship Leader	Alan Cox
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Anis Said
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, Jan. 6:

Message	Rev. David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Donna Brinkman
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Linda Adams
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

PRAYER REMINDERS

Our Congregation & Children	Pat Dumar family
Arline English	Steve Dagal
Linda Beal	Ann Evans
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Living Peace Church, Sioux City

Anniversaries and Birthdays for December

04 - Liz Evans
07 - Sam Clemmens
18 - Liz Rolfsmeier
31 - Leah Bothmer
Simon Maggert

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

Church Events

Welcome!

Welcome to Anis Said this morning. He grew up in the occupied West Bank (Palestine). The Zoutendams stayed with his parents one night, when they toured the West Bank, in 1999. They became his US parents after he received his four year scholarship to North Park in Chicago. He will graduate from North Park, this spring, not only with a bachelor's degree but, a certificate as a medical technologist from Northwestern University.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service. Enter to worship; depart to serve!

Adult Sunday School

Today we will have a "Question and Answer" time, including slides with Anis. We welcome your attendance and participation!

Upper Room Devotional

Please pick up your January-February devotional on the back table.

Community Events

Village Volunteers

DO YOU LOVE TO READ? How about sharing this passion with someone at Village Northwest Unlimited? We are looking for volunteers who would enjoy reading to individuals for a few hours each week on a one-to-one basis. Daytime, evening, or weekend hours are available. We'll work with your schedule. If interested call Judy TeGrootenhuis, Volunteer Coordinator, at 324-4873.

Guest Speakers

Jan. 6 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	Feb. 24 - Don Adkins
Jan. 13 - Pete Aberson	Mar. 2 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)
Jan. 20 - Rev. Don Lenderink	Mar. 9 -
Jan. 27 - Don Adkins	Mar. 16 -
Feb. 3 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)	
Feb. 10 -	
Feb. 17 - Pete Aberson	

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Christ's Cupboard



"I was hungry, and you gave me food..."
is the spirit behind providing to those
who need it.



Kinship

The program is designed to match
adults with children ages 5 to 18 to fos-
ter a mentoring atmosphere.

2007 CHURCH OFFICERS

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Deacon
Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

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Scott Maggert

Clerk
Jo Rolston

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Ross Cox
Steve Dugel
Rhelma Evans
Jo Rolston

Nominating Committee
Linda Adams
Alan Cox
Steve Dugel

Parsonage Committee
Ann Maggert

OUR CHURCH

Worship Service9:30am
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion
1st Sunday of Each Month

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