

## BE ON THE WATCH

### *Lighting the Advent Candles*

One: God of signs and seasons, it is Advent again.

All: You call us to wait and to be on the watch.

One: You are God  
who has come,  
who comes,  
who will come again.

All: What are we waiting for? For what do we watch?

One: Did we wonder when the earth's shadow shrouded  
the moon in the wide winter's night?

All: Do we celebrate the pink blush of peach blossoms  
on spring-green hills?

One: Do we delight in the dazzle of summer stars free-  
falling like fiery prophets of a time foretold?

All: Are we aware daily, each with our own work?

One: You are God  
who has come,  
who comes,  
who will come again.

All: This Advent season as we wait and keep watch,  
may we be present to your Presence.

As we light this first Advent candle,  
awaken our hearts,  
illumine us that we may truly see.

—Prue Yelinek, pastor  
Waynesboro Church of the Brethren  
Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

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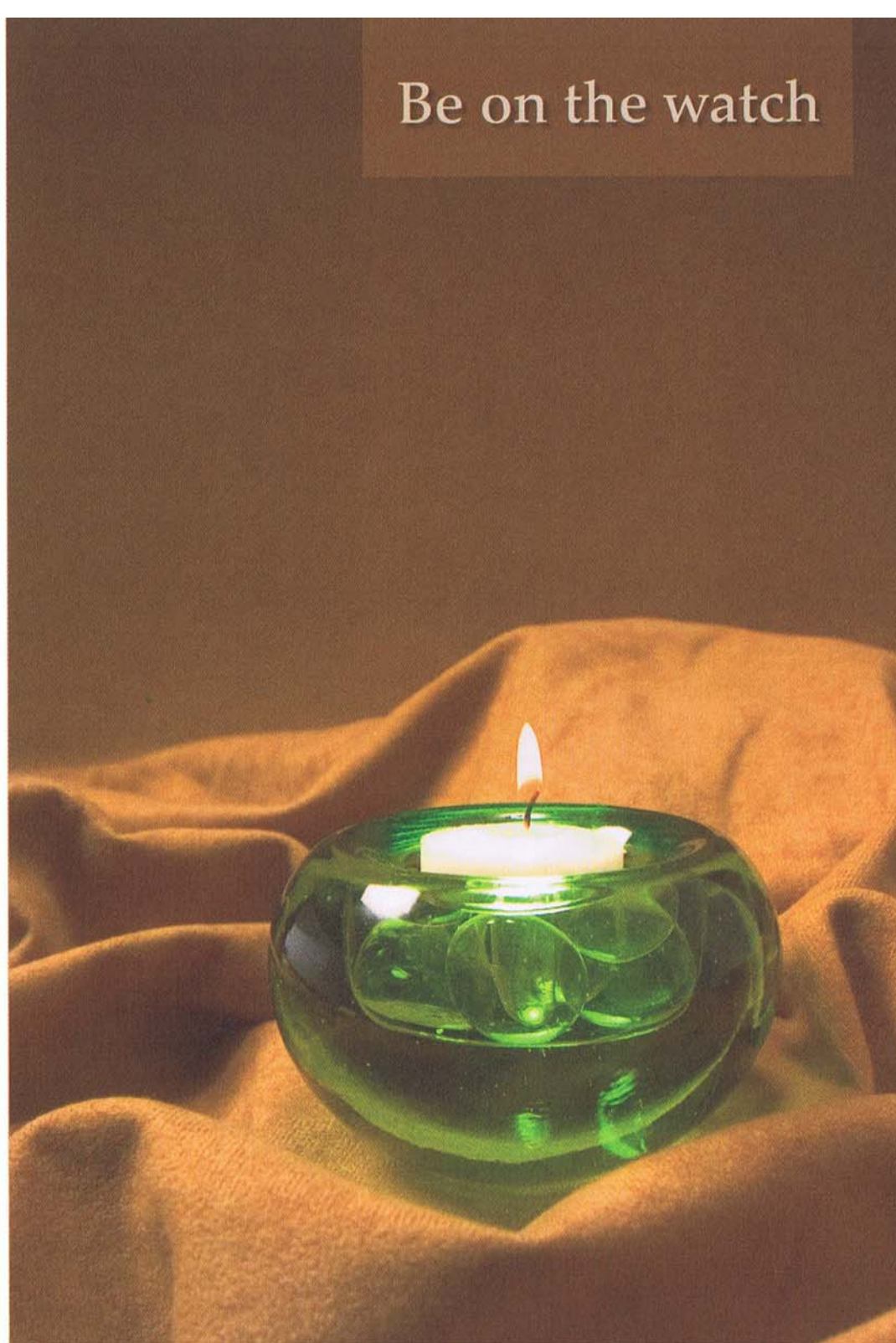
### Text for Today

### Mark 13:24-37 (34)

But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to **be on the watch**. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 11508

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Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 November 30, 2008  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



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

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE

LIGHT FIRST ADVENT CANDLE (see back of bulletin - responsive reading)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\* GATHERING HYMN #178 *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

\*INVOCATION #678 (unison reading)

PRAISE HYMN #83 *With Happy Voices Singing*

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

FILL THE ARK - Gathering of quarters

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #362 *Help Us To Help Each Other*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pray For: Albia, IA Monroe County Church

Praying For Us: Unionville, IA Fairview Church

MUSIC MINISTRY - piano selection

SCRIPTURE Isaiah 64:1-9

MESSAGE Untitled

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #183 *On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

\* - Please Stand, if you are able

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, November 30:**

Message	CJ Wurpts
Children's Message	CJ Wurpts
Music	Teri Kelderman
Music Ministry	Teri Kelderman
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	Scott Maggert
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, December 7:**

Message	NWC Worship Team
Children's Message	
Music	NWC Music Team
Ushers	Alan and Scott
Adult Sunday School	None - Fall Council Meeting
Children's Sunday School	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Clarence & Rhelma Evans
Ann Evans	Don & Joyce Adkins
Linda Beal	Rev. Don Lenderink
Living Peace Church, Sioux City	Mary Fike (18 weeks chemo)
United Christians International	with Jean-Jean & Kristie
Lost Brothers and Sisters	Those Serving in the Military
Reaching Out to Our Community	

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



November 3, 2008, marked the 120th year our congregation has worshipped at the current location.



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev. Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.  
[www.unitedchristiansinternational.org](http://www.unitedchristiansinternational.org)

## 2008 CHURCH OFFICERS

**Moderator**  
Linda Adams

**Deacon**  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

**Church Facility Trustee**  
Scott Maggert

**Church Sign**  
Alan Cox

**Clerk**  
Jo Rolston

**Farm Trustee**  
Ross Cox

**Ministerial Committee**  
Marcene Cox  
Ross Cox  
Rhelma Evans  
Jo Rolston

**Nominating Committee**  
Linda Adams  
Ann Maggert

**Parsonage Committee**  
Ann Maggert

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Jo Rolston

**Treasurer**  
Sandi Cox

**Ushers**  
Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service .....9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

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The Church:  
[www.sheldonbrethren.org](http://www.sheldonbrethren.org)

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for November

### *Birthdays*

06 - Scott Peterson  
13 - Jo Rolston  
15 - Harriet Rolston  
28 - Gregory Harder

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 CJ Wurpts this morning.

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**

In Adult Sunday School we are using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. Our topic this week is "Called To Be Witnesses" from Acts 1:1-11. We welcome your attendance and participation!

### **Council Meeting**

The fall church council meeting will be held following the service on Dec. 7.

## Community Events

**Dec. 1** - Annual Sheldon Rec Trail Dad's Belgian Waffle Fundraiser, 5-7 pm in the Sheldon Services Center. Adults \$6; five and under free.

**Dec. 14** - Ten tickets have been ordered for "Ladies Night Out" to Bethel's Annual Drama, "The First N-O-E-L". "Trees and Treats" is from 6-7 pm and the play begins at 7:15 pm. Contact Sandi Cox to obtain your \$5 ticket.

## Guest Speakers

Dec. 7 - NWC Worship Team

Dec. 14 - Rev. David Loveall

Dec. 21 - Christmas Program

Dec. 28 - Pete Aberson

Jan. 4 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)

Jan. 11 - Pete Aberson

Jan. 18 - Don Adkins

Jan. 25 -

Feb. 1 - Rev. David Loveall (Communion)