



# Kenton Crossing

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CROSSING — ADVENT 2 EDITION

## MIGHTY GOD

In the ancient world the leader was often perceived as a god. Consider Pharaoh to be the mediator between god and

With such a leader how can his people fall? Yet, time after time, we who name Christ as Lord often fail to trust that He is our King.

In Philippians 3 God tells us that there are two ways to live. One can live with “their god is their belly..., glory in their shame...minds on earthly things” (v.19). Then we read, “But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ...” (v.20).

What this means is that we do not serve the Great American Dream. It means we do not pledge eternal allegiance to our Constitution or nation, but that we make decisions to live as strangers in a strange land. As citizens of Heaven not our world or our nation.

Is this easy? No! But it offers us the chance to be God's Ambassador or reconciliation for our King.

man. Upon their death they were considered to be divine and identified with Osiris (Britannica). *If you want to read more go <https://tinyurl.com/y8dpgvz2>.* The difference, when it comes to Messiah is that Jesus was God. John 1 states that clearly. As the Son of God, the second person of the Trinity, He exercised divine power just like God the Father and God the Holy Spirit.



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- **Service to the homeless** We've wrapped presents, collected socks...now we just have to make lunches and take them out.
- **Special Giving** We will take a special offering at our Christmas Eve worship with the proceeds to go to Living Waters.
- **Advent Readings** Here are daily readings for Advent around the theme of Isaiah 9:6 and some other helps

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FROM THE PASTOR:

## ADVENT 2018—Who is Emmanuel

Isaiah 9:6

This advent I am preaching through the titles of Christ from Isaiah 9:6-7. We will find ways in which each of these names impact our lives each week. Likewise I hope to share meaningful videos and other resources that can aid you in seeing Jesus during this time of year.

### December 2

#### *Wonderful Counselor*

Jesus has the answers to our deepest questions. Yet, we may not even know how to ask him.

### December 9

#### *Mighty God*

Jesus is *not* God the Father. He is unique.



He is chosen by God, sent by God, walks in obedience under God's authority. He does what he sees His father doing as should we.

### December 16

#### *Eternal Father*

In John 14 Jesus answers Philips by saying. "*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father*" (Jn. 14:9)

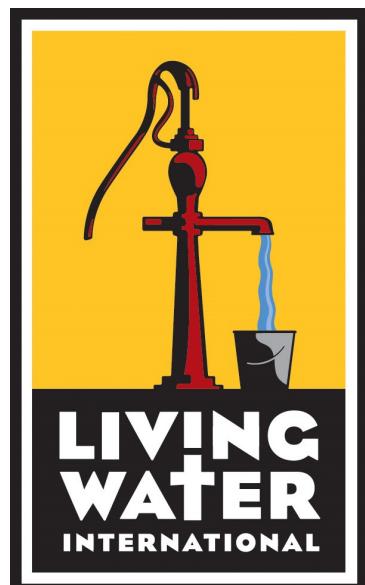
### December 23

#### *Prince of Peace*

Jesus is the first and last word when it comes to 'peace'. For the lord it is not a sell out or an escape plan. Let us keep putting one foot in front of the other and follow Christ into His Advent.

## Christmas Eve Offering

We have the chance to make a *life saving* difference this Chrismas eve.



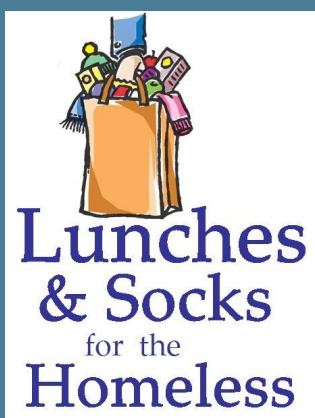
Living Water International does a simple thing extremely well. They exist to show God's love by helping communities get the clean water and share the news of Jesus Christ.

Since their beginning in 1990 they nearly completed 20,000 projects. Their pattern has not changed since they began. They "consult, and equip local people

## Serving the Homeless LUNCHES AND PRESENTS

Saturday, December 15 Kenton Church will take 75 lunches to homeless people in and around our area.

What makes December's giving interesting is that we include a gift with the lunch. Each person will receive new heavy socks as well as a package with gloves, scarf and hat. We also include a Christmas card signed by members of our church. We meet at 9:00 am to make the lunches. Please join us.



to implement solutions in their own communities in the countries where we work."

Work includes:

- Shallow well drilling
- Pump repair
- Sanitation & Hygiene education

*Pray that the Lord might use your gift to give 'Living Water' to desperate, thirsty people.*

# Calendar of Events for Advent!



Advent is a busy time at Kenton. Here are a few of the activities.

## Carol Sing started

Starting Dec. 2 our praise team leads the congregation in carols which have been requested.

## Christmas Cards started

There are still people who give cards to friends and to make it easier Kenton has a mail box located near the office. You may place your cards in there for others to pick up. *If you are long time member don't forget to check your mail box*

## Hanging of the Greens TODAY

Today after worship will decorate our sanctuary for Christmas. There is a potluck lunch right after church and then we put up followed the ornaments and garlands around our sanctuary.

**Tree of remembrance.** We have a smaller tree at the back of the sanctuary on which you are invited to place ornaments in memory of loved ones.

## Homeless Lunches

**Next Saturday, Dec. 15** we will make and take to the homeless 75 lunches and presents. Some of these will be wrapped during the Hanging of the Greens. Join us Saturday at 9 am

## Special Worship Services

We have a 7 pm worship service on Christmas Eve. There will be a special offering for "Living Waters Int." who work on providing safe, clean water communities. (see article on pg. 2).

# Greeting the Season

Where have you seen God at work this Christmas Season? Maybe a coincidence, a sudden insight, thought, or feeling. Perhaps you saw something that provoked a sense of God's goodness in your heart.

These God sightings are one way in which our Lord reveals Himself to us. For Mary, it was the appearance of an angel who told her she would bear a son even though she was a virgin. For Joseph, it was a dream in which God's messengers told him to stop being afraid and take Mary as his wife.

For a group of shepherds it was an angelic choir and bright light. They are told of what God was doing and decide, *"Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us."* (Lk 2:15)

They went, found Jesus, told Mary and Joseph about the angels, and returned to their sheep. Mary "treasured up all the things, pondering them in her heart". (Lk. 2:19)

Whatever God sightings you may have seen choose to share them or ponder them. Choose to let the world know or to allow You our Lord's perspective on your life.



Greet this season with the certainty that the Lord, our God whom Paul says, "*who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus...*" 1Tim. 1:4-5).

Keep your eyes opened for the work of God this week.

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# 2018

# Advent readings

Day	Date	Reading 1	Reading 2
<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>			
Sunday	12/2/2018	Isaiah 9:1-8	
Monday	12/3/2018	James 1:1-8	Isaiah 11:2
Tuesday	12/4/2018		Job 38:1-7
Wednesday	12/5/2018	Romans 11:33	
Thursday	12/6/2018		Psalm 32:8-11
Friday	12/7/2018		Psalm 33:8-12
Saturday	12/8/2018		Job 42:1-6
<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>			
Sunday	12/9/2018	Luke 1:26-35	
Monday	12/10/2018	Hebrews 1:1-4	
Tuesday	12/11/2018		Zephaniah 3:16-18
Wednesday	12/12/2018		Isaiah 10:20-22
Thursday	12/13/2018		Job 36:4-6
Friday	12/14/2018		Exodus 13:21-22
Saturday	12/15/2018	Revelation 19:6	
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>			
Sunday	12/16/2018	Luke 2:43-50	John 10:14-18
Monday	12/17/2018	John 6:53-66	
Tuesday	12/18/2018	John 6:2-4	
Wednesday	12/19/2018	John 8:39-59	
Thursday	12/20/2018	Luke 24:44-49	
Friday	12/21/2018	John 14:1-11	
Saturday	12/22/2018	Luke 12:28-32	
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>			
Sunday	12/23/2018	Romans 5:1-2	Micah 5:3-5
Monday	12/24/2018	John 14:27-29	

