

## PEACE IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

By Pastor Doug

Micah prophesies a ruler will come from Bethlehem, one who will shepherd His people and bring peace.

*“But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to be ruler in Israel,  
whose coming forth is from of old,  
from ancient days.” -Micah 1:2*

Christmas celebrates God fulfilling this promise, but rarely do our lives reflect it. We continue to face so many challenges, obstacles, and emotional unrest because 2020 has been a year like no other.

With this year’s crazy Covid storm, peace is something we all long for. We need peace of mind with less worry about whether or not we will catch the virus. We also need peace in relationships because of the racial and political divide we recently experienced. But above everything we need the peace that a relationship with Jesus provides. Through prayer we can cast all of our anxiety upon Him.

Philippians 4:6-7 reminds us, “Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

God wants to be involved in every situation, including how we celebrate Him at Christmas. Jesus is our source of peace. So, talk to Him and read His Word. Isaiah 26:3 promises He “will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.”

The prophecy in Micah is a promise to us. We, too, can enjoy the peace Jesus. Remember with God, all things are possible—even peace in the chaos of 2020.

Merry Christmas!

## Worship Schedule

Sundays • 9:30 & 11:00 am

Medina Community Church exists to help people begin and grow in their relationship with God. Our relaxed, contemporary style provides an enjoyable atmosphere where you can investigate the claims of Christ, deepen your faith and meet some great friends along the way.

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**SERIES: REDISCOVER CHRISTMAS**  
Advent Series

December 6—  
Finding Peace In Our Struggles

December 13 —  
Finding Joy In Our Discouragements

December 20 —  
Finding Love In Our Differences

December 24 — Christmas Eve  
Finding Christ in the Chaos

December 27  
The Bridge

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**Community Meal**

**Saturday, Dec. 19th**

**6—7 pm**

## COMMUNITY MEAL—DECEMBER 19TH



We are pleased to announce that MCC will be hosting another drive-thru Community Night meal on Saturday, December 19th from 6-7 pm for those in need. Meals will be handed out in a drive thru lane. Volunteers will help guide guests to the meal pickup area. (All guests will be asked to remain in their vehicles.) Meals are first come, first serve until the food runs out. Please note that we are taking donations if you would like to help support this ministry. Please contact Emily Winans if you would like to volunteer for this outreach: Tel—(240) 405-4003 or Email—winanse@gmail.com

## CHRISTMAS EVE

Join us on Christmas Eve for our Candlelight service here at MCC. Services will be held at 3:00 and 5:00 pm with reservations. Please go to MCC's website (MedinaCommunityChurch.org) to reserve a spot (limit of 80 per service).

At 7:00 pm we'll have an outdoor service featuring a trombone quartet from Baldwin Wallace (Brian Pattison and friends). No limit on number of attendees . . . bring your own chairs and hot chocolate.



*Reservations required for inside services.*

## POINSETTIAS



*Once again we will be taking orders for Christmas poinsettias to be displayed in the church December 20th & 24th. Your poinsettias may be taken home following the Christmas Eve worship services.*

*Email Pastor Doug at [doug davidson@zoominternet.net](mailto:doug davidson@zoominternet.net) or call the church office to place your order. Please specify red or white.*

*Cost is \$9.00 per plant.*

## DOUGH HOLY NIGHT

This is a fun, interactive way to share the Christmas story with your children. December 9th is the date, but you can do it anytime during the Christmas season. We sent out an email invite to all of the families in our church and friends. If you didn't receive the invite, please let us know if you still need the website link for your family and we'll get it right out to you.

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