

## RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

January 4, 2009

**Called by God to learn and share together  
God's love with all creation**

**PRAYER** 8:15 AM  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL** 9:00 AM

**WORSHIP SERVICE** 10:15 AM

*Through the darkness that covers all the earth, God's light goes out to all nations. All peoples will reflect God's face as they come to the light and become radiant.*

### Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**People: It's been dark for so long, the kind of darkness you can feel in your bones.**

Leader: But now the light has come.

**People: God's glorious light is rising over our heads.**

Leader: Open your eyes and let them adjust to this new reality. God is illuminating the landscape, and now we begin to see God's goodness.

**People: The light is moving out across boundaries and barriers, filling the whole earth.**

*All: The light of Christ is a light to all peoples. We rejoice in God's justice and mercy made visible among us.*

Congregational Singing

### Praise & Giving

Sharing Life Together (sign registry)

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

### Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Message: "The Welcoming Face of God" Pastor Nelson

### Responding

Sharing in Communion & Covenant Signing

Song of Response

### Sending & Blessing

Pastor John, *worship leader*; Jeff Raught, *musician*; Pastor John, *children's message*; Jeff & Melissa Siegrist, *sound techs*

Blood pressure checks today after worship service.

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**...fundraiser for the school in Haiti where Smith and Rhonda Noel have connections. All funds received will support the school which makes an elementary education possible for children of the area.

### THIS WEEK

**Wed 6:30 a.m.** Ministry Team/Transition Team meeting

### COMING EVENTS

**Jan 11 Sun 6 p.m.** All-church game night—bring your games and finger foods

**Jan 12 Mon 6:00 p.m.** All Commissions meeting

**Jan 18 Sun** Installation Service for Carol Wenger, Minister of Youth and Young Adults

**Jan 25** Pastor John's last sermon

**Feb 1** Celebration Sunday—celebrating Pastor John's ministry

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE TRANSITION TEAM** met with Warren Tyson, Atlantic Coast Conference Executive Conference Minister, regarding an interim pastor. Warren will introduce the concept of Intentional Interim Pastoral Ministry to the congregation during the first part of the all-commissions' gathering on January 12, 2009. Warren will begin to share at 6:30; the meal will be served at 6:00 p.m. The congregation is invited to this meeting. The resource "Intentional Interim Pastoral Ministry," from Mennonite Church USA, is available on the literature shelf.

**DEAR RIDGEVIEW FAMILY AND FRIENDS** -- Many thanks to all of you for your kind thoughts, prayers, cards, and words of support at my mother's death. Many thanks too for visiting her – in Maryland and at Conestoga View. Ridgeview is a special church community, and you all are what make it so. Lovingly, Barb Fishel

**GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!** Do you have a turkey in your freezer you would be willing to donate to the youth group? The senior high youth's annual Amish turkey dinner will take place February 8 and we need turkeys. If you would be willing to supply a bird, please inform Joy or Carol. This fundraiser will take us closer to the Mennonite Convention in Columbus, OH.

**MANY THANKS** for your cards, gifts of love, and words of encouragement shared with us this holiday season. Blessings to each of you this coming year.

Pastor John, Pastor Nelson, Jeff Raught and Joyce Shirk

**RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS CARDS...**Landis Homes has an outlet for used Christmas cards. A collection box is located under the mailboxes.

**JUNIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES...**

Jan 9-11 Camp Hebron Weekend, if you are going, please contact any of the leaders as soon as possible.

**SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES...**

Jan 9-11 Weekend retreat at Eli & Betty's cabin

Jan 14 7 p.m. Details later

**REPORT for December 28**

Offering \$6936.00 Year end \$14,012.00

Year end to date \$18,795.50

Church Attendance 194 Sunday school 121

**PRAYER CORNER**

- Transition Team as they do their work
- Students, teachers and staff as they return to school and college
- Joining God at work in 2009
- Peace in the world's hot spots—Middle East, India/Pakistan, Congo
- That we will see and follow God's direction in 2009
- Junior and Senior high youth and leaders as they retreat next weekend

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