

## RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

January 6, 2008

**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**

### **EPIPHANY & COMMUNION**

*Arise! Shine! Epiphany boldly opens the mystery of God for all the world to see. The Universe Maker is no longer the sole property of one nation or one people. The magi, Gentile visitors from the Far East, show us that God's shining grace comes through and for all people.*

#### **Gathering**

Prelude

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Sharing Life Together (sign & pass the registry)

#### **Praise & Prayer**

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

#### **Proclaiming**

Children's Message

Lighting the Advent Wreath

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

Message: "God's Mystery is Revealed" Pastor John

#### **Responding**

#### **Communion**

#### **Benediction**

Pastor Nelson, *worship leader*; Elton Horst, Jessica Rhoades, *musicians*; Debbie Denlinger, *children's message*; Ron Lapp, *sound tech*; Julie Denlinger, Eric Yoder, Kevin Yoder, *readers*

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL 11:45 AM**

**Jan 13** *An Irony Along the Jordan*, Pastor Nelson

**Jan 20** *God With Us—Holy and Human*, Pastor John

**Jan 27** Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday, Pastor Nelson

### **THIS WEEK**

**Mon 6 pm** All Commissions meeting

**Tue 7 pm** Healthcare Access MAT meeting

**Wed Family Night 6:15** Dinner; **7:00** Activities; **8-8:15** Vespers

Adult class-- John Weber, principal at Kraybill Campus, will be giving a class entitled "Menno 101". The class discussions will focus on several historical core values of the Anabaptist/Mennonite understanding of faith and life. Participants are encouraged to read the book, *Beliefs/Mennonite Faith and Practice* by John Roth as a resource for the class discussions.

### **COMING EVENTS**

**Jan 13 6:30-8:30 pm** All-church social night at Ephrata Rec Center. Something for every member of the family to do. \$1 admission fee.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS** will be available today following the worship service in the overflow room. Pat Yoder and Jessica Shirk will be present to help you with this and to answer questions. A wallet size card will be given to each person to record blood pressure and to track month-to-month changes. Blood pressure checks will be provided the first Sunday of each month through the year. –Health Ministry Team

**OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available for your giving in 2008. Contact the church office for a number.

**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH and leaders** are at Camp Hebron this weekend for a winter retreat. **SENIOR YOUTH HIGH and leaders** are doing a weekend retreat at Lapp's cabin.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT...**Merv & Cordelia Stoltzfus announce the birth of their son, Luke Alexander born December 31. Luke weighed in at 10 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 22 ¼ " long.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to Ben & Ruth Stoltzfus, Ben's sister Naomi Beiler died last week.

**JEFF RAUGHT** is at Laurelville this weekend participating in the Worship Retreat.

**NOTE!** Photographing for our new church directory has been rescheduled to May 2008.

**PASTOR JOHN AND BOB MARTIN** will be visiting the Argentina "partner churches" February 8-19. They will be going with others from Neffsville, Akron and Forest Hills Mennonite Church.

**IN THE SPOTLIGHT..**Christle Gehman, daughter of Tony & Christie was "student in spotlight" at Hinkletown Mennonite School recently. Christle is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Read the article posted on the bulletin board.

**HOUSING NEEDED...**Charles & Anne Marie Smoker will be returning home from Japan this summer and will need housing July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009. Be in touch with Todd Gingrich if you know of housing available for this time period.

**THE QUIZ TEAM** is looking for "hosts" for our Sunday afternoon practices, starting January 13. It's a great opportunity to get to know our quizzers and observe a practice in action! Hosting involves having a practice area available (living room is fine) and providing a light supper prior to the team leaving for their Sunday evening quiz match. Please contact Pat Yoder if you are able to help out.

**FINDING THE CHURCH BEYOND OUR DOORS...**a mission event at Neffsville Mennonite Church, Saturday, January 12, beginning at 2:00 pm. Complete details posted on bulletin board.

**REPORT FOR December 30**

Offering \$19,802.60 Cathy Shaak Fund \$325 Education \$775

Total Year End Giving \$35,957.51

Church Attendance 162 Sunday school 127

## PRAYER CORNER

- Smith Noel ministering at Haitian congregation in Reading
- All Commissions meeting
- Pat King taking chemo treatments
- Esther Smoker recovering from breast cancer surgery
- Jon Hoover preparing for a presentation at a Shi's institute in mid-January
- Ann Good hospitalized at LGH. She is the 2 ½ year old daughter of Jeff & Amanda (Amanda attends Time Out), who live at 181 Skyline Drive, New Holland
- Peace for all the world
- January 14 discernment for lay minister of worship with Jessica & Jan
- Safety and wisdom as college students return to college

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