

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

January 11, 2009

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the dark chaotic waters and brought forth life. The Holy Spirit hovered over Jesus' baptism, as God's beloved. Come Gracious Spirit, hover and baptize us for these dark chaotic times.

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creating Presence, as in the beginning you hover over the waters; you breathe life into all creatures.

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter, by you we are born again as children of God; you make us living temples of your presence.

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of Life, you are light, and you bring us life; you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

All: Come, Holy Spirit

Congregational Singing

Praise & Giving

Sharing Life Together (sign registry)

Parent/Child Consecration

Sierra, daughter of Erin Suarez

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Mark 1:4-11

Message: "Baptized—Water to Go" Pastor John

Responding

Song of Response

Sending & Blessing

Jessica Shirk, *worship leader*; Elton Horst, Shirley Nolt, *musicians*; Evie Hershey, *children's message*; Donald Martin, *sound tech*, Galen Dise, *projector tech*

ALL-CHURCH GAME NIGHT TONIGHT (in the 1990 Hall), beginning at 6 p.m. Bring your favorite games and finger food to share.

THIS WEEK

Mon 6 p.m. All-Commissions meeting. Meal served @ 6 p.m.; Warren Tyson will share @ 6:30, introducing the concept of Intentional Interim Pastoral Ministry, 7:00 individual commission meetings

Wed Time Out field trip to Ten Thousand Villages

6-8:00 p.m. Bible quizzing (1960 Lounge)

Thu 6:00 p.m. Book Club & meal

COMING EVENTS

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

Jan 21 Wed Family Night Activities begin

Jan 25 Pastor John's last sermon at Ridgeview

Feb 1 Celebration Sunday—celebrating Pastor John's ministry

Feb 6 & 7 Women's Retreat @ Tel Hai. Cheryl Hollinger, speaker

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOMORROW EVENING Warren Tyson, Atlantic Coast Conference Executive Conference Minister, will introduce the concept of Intentional Interim Pastoral Ministry to the congregation during the first part of the all-commissions' gathering. 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.

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.

LADIES...it's time to sign up for our retreat time. Join us February 6 & 7 at Tel Hai Camp in Honey Brook. Resource person: Cheryl Hollinger, Director of Education at Forest Hills. Topic: "*Life is Lumpy.*" Contact Charlotte Lapp, Gwen Fellenbaum or Darlene Lapp if you have questions.

THE RIDGEVIEW QUIZ TEAM HAS GROWN! One of the highlights of past quiz seasons has been the experiences of being hosted for Sunday afternoon quiz practice and a light supper. We're hoping there are some persons able to host our large group of 13 quizzers and 4 coaches. Please talk to Pat Yoder for specific dates, starting with our first quiz match at LMS on Sunday, January 25. We are also in need of five more Ridgeview "Hometowne Collectibles" ...to be used as our traditional Ridgeview quiz team name plates. Please talk to Pat if you have one to donate.

JEFF is in Laurelville this weekend for the annual Worship & Music Leader's Conference (January 9-11).

ONE OF EDUCATION COMMISSION priorities is to encourage Bible reading throughout the year. Reading charts are available—you will find them located on the literature rack. There is one for youth and adults and one for children.

COVENANT PAPERS are located at the back of the sanctuary for you to sign if you were not in attendance last week to do so.

SENIOR HIGH ACTIVITIES...

Jan 14 7 p.m. Details later

REPORT for January 4

Offering \$5044 End of Year total \$22,795.50

Haiti fellowship meal fundraiser \$2255

Church Attendance 180 Sunday school 141

PRAYER CORNER

- Transition Team as they do their work
- 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
- Madelyn Kauffman recovering from pneumonia
- Quiz team and coaches

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