

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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January 13, 2008

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

We gather to worship Jesus, God's Son, the Beloved. We come to be cleansed and learn the Jesus way so we may go faithfully portraying him in the world.

Gathering

- Prelude
- Call to Worship
- Congregational Singing
- Sharing Life Together (sign & pass the registry)
- Moment in Mission

Praise & Prayer

- Congregational Prayer
- Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

- Children's Message
- Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9; Matthew 3:13-17
- Message: "An Irony Along the Jordan" Pastor Nelson

Responding

Benediction

Cindy Raught, *worship leader*; Sarah Rohrer, Jessica Rhoads, Jeff Raught, *musicians*; Evie Hershey, *children's message*; Donald Martin, *sound tech*

TONIGHT 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...fellowship with old and new friends in the game room, refreshment area, swimming pool, gymnasium. **JOIN THE FUN!**

6:30 PM BIBLE QUIZZING at Lancaster Mennonite HS

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

Jan 27 Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday, Pastor Nelson

THIS WEEK

Mon 7 pm Discernment meeting
Caring Team meeting

Tue 9 am Sewing Circle
6-9 pm Mennonite Women meeting

Wed Family Night
5:45-6:30 pm Quiz practice
6:15-6:55 pm Prayer Time

Thu 6:00 pm Book Club...Dinner & Movie Night—*The Good Earth*, by Pearl S. Buck

COMING EVENTS

Feb 3, Sun 10:15 am Commissioning Lay Ministers and TCRC members

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE gives thanks to God for the strong support of congregations and individuals to the missional vision of ACC. Receipts were strong at the end of the year and assisted ACC meeting its vision for 2007 with a positive balance remaining. ACC's vision is to be *centered in Christ making connections sharing God's love*.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to **Lisa & Mick Eldridge** and family. Lisa's stepfather, Jere Weidler, died unexpectedly this past Tuesday. We extend our sympathy to **Louise & Paul Miller**. Louise's brother Arthur Smoker died January 6.

IN-GATHERING PROJECT for January will be microwaveable oatmeal packets for "backpacks for kids".

LADIES...mark your calendar for February 8 & 9. It's time for our overnight retreat at Camp Tel Hai. Watch for more information. Contact Charlotte Lapp if you have questions (768-3371).

FAMILY NIGHT

6:15 Dinner—chicken, potatoes, green beans, dessert;

7:00 Activities—

Clubs for preschool-grade 5,

Junior & senior high youth

Adult class-- **Menno 101**, John Weber. The 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

8-8:15 Vespers

TAPES ARE AVAILABLE of the adult family night class, Menno 101 taught by John Weber. They are located by the literature rack.

MANY THANKS to all who participated in the fall in-gatherings for Mission Commission—83 school kits; 21 health kits; 12 Christmas bundles; paper supplies for Christ Home; and food items for Hope Christian Center in New York City. Your interest has helped many.

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.

THANK YOU for thinking of us while I was in and out of the hospital. It was only because of the prayers of God’s people, the touch of the master’s hand, that I got along so well. I am close to normal living again...Praise His Name! We enjoyed the cards, your prayers and the carolers who sang for us. God bless you all. Wilbur & Catherine Esch

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 TOTAL YEAR-END GIVING was \$35,957.51. Thank you for sharing God’s generosity to you with the congregation for ongoing ministries. The \$35,957.51 from year-end giving, the \$26,620 given during the September Building Challenge, and generous ongoing weekly giving (\$7,000) should mean we will be able to meet our financial plan for the fiscal year, as well as greatly reduce private loans. God is good. Administration Commission

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Youth Council meets today after church

Wed, Jan 16, 7 pm Game night

REPORT FOR January 6, 2008

Offering \$9,170.86 Cathy Shaak Fund \$500 Education \$50
Church Attendance 172 Sunday school 116

PRAYER CORNER

- Smith Noel ministering at Haitian congregation in Reading
- Quiz team—Kelsey Eldridge, Rebecca Eldridge, Laura Glick, Shaun Martin, Dylan Palmer, Morgan Steffy, Emily Terlizzi, Sarah Terlizzi; and coaches Pat Yoder, Heidi Loncosky, Anne Palmer
- 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; Jacqueline traveling to Cairo to do some teaching
- Search process for minister of youth
- Peace for all the world
- January 14 discernment for lay minister of worship with Jessica & Jan

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