

## RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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February 8, 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**

He said to them, "*Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.*"

### Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

### Praise & Giving

Congregational Singing

Sharing Life Together (sign registry)

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

### Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture: Romans 10:8-10a

Message: "*To Make Christ Known and Empower His Followers To Build Up His Church in Japan*" Charles & Anne Marie Smoker

### Response

### Benediction

Todd Gingrich, *worship leader*; Arnold King, Elaine Shirk, *musicians*; Charles & Anne Marie Smoker, *children's message*; Donald Martin, *sound*; Bob Heine, *projector*

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL** Everyone is invited to join the senior high youth for our delicious Amish turkey dinner today. This fund raising event will help send us to the Mennonite Youth Convention, June 30-July 5 in Columbus, Ohio.

**6:30 PM QUIZZING** at Ridgeview. Ridgeview's three quiz teams will be quizzing in a total of seven matches (all in the sanctuary).

### THIS WEEK

**Tue 7:00 p.m.** Economic discussion group

**Wed 9:15 a.m.** Time Out—"Walking on Water...Life of Jesus," Stan Deen

**5:30 p.m.** Quiz practice

**6:15 p.m.** Family Night Activities

**Sat 6:15 p.m.** Valentine Dinner (1990 Hall) for married, engaged & dating couples. **Today is the last day for reservations**—forms are on lit rack.

### COMING EVENTS

**March 1 – April 5** Sunday school electives

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ADULT/CHILD PRAYER MINISTRY** is in need of four adult loving hearts to follow Jesus' call to "pray for one another." No meetings, no dues—just your own time, in your own way. Please help us fill these empty spaces. We need you and your prayers. Frances DiSilvio & Minnie Stoltzfus

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to George & Rhoda Beiler. George's brother Aaron Beiler died this past week.

**INGATHERING FOR** February...1) snack size applesauce packs for Xtreme power paks program; 2) paper supplies for New Holland Food Bank—toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels.

**RIDGEVIEW TALENT NIGHT**, Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. Share your God given talents and abilities with the church family. Sign up now through February 15—signup sheet on library counter.

**DO YOU HAVE** any 30-120 second home movie clips that are funny, inspiring, interesting, or amazing? The senior high youth are planning a "Ridgeview Home Movie Night" and wants YOUR videos on a labeled CD-R or DVD. Place your labeled disc in the tray by Carol's office.

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY...** Thank you for the meaningful celebration of ministry you graced us with last Sunday. Every part of the day was so carefully planned and so beautifully shared. It is difficult to find the words to express our appreciation and our love for all of you. We will carry you in our hearts, memories and prayers. May God continue to bless you richly as you have blessed us individually and as a family. Shalom. John, Debbie & family

**DURING THIS TIME** of pastoral transition, a system is set up that a staff person or member of ministry team is available to respond to emergency situations. During the day time, please contact the church office where you will be connected with the appropriate person. Nighttime emergencies can be directed to Pastor Nelson.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES** begin March 1 and continue through April 5. Classes will be:

- International Lesson
- “*Secure in God’s House*” (Mennonite Women’s study)  
Etta Esch, Charlotte Lapp, Loretta Lapp teachers
- “*Kingdom Living, an Old testament Perspective,*” taught by J. W. Sprunger

**PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE:** This past week Ministry Team endorsed the recommendation of the Transition Team to complete a congregational self-study and obtain the services of an intentional interim pastor. Dan Graber, Perkasio, PA, has been contacted to do the congregational self-study which will solicit feedback from congregational members about our congregational life. People will be able to share information through questionnaires or interviews starting in the near future. Warren Tyson has identified potential interim pastors and is working on appointing one to work with us. Continue to pray for this transition process.

**EDUCATION COMMISSION** is encouraging Bible reading throughout the year. Reading charts (for all ages) are on the literature rack. Together as a congregation, let’s visually “chart” our reading. In your mailbox today is information that will explain the process. The visual is located at the back of the sanctuary.

**PATHWAYS INSTITUTE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING** at Landis Homes will begin its Spring 2009 term on March 2. Adults age 60 and older are welcome to enroll. A catalog is on the literature rack. Registration is requested no later than February 25.

### **SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**

Wed. Feb 11 7 p.m. Meet in the youth room

Wed. Feb 18 7 p.m. Charles Smoker will be sharing

### **REPORT for February 1**

Offering \$5307.46

Church Attendance 276

Family Night Activities  
Wednesday, February 11  
6:15 Meal—lasagna, salad  
7:00 Activities

Children’s Clubs Age 3 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade  
Junior High Youth 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade  
Senior High Youth 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade

Adults: The Sermon on the Mount for Today – Addressing Aggression, Matthew 5:12-48, Audrey Kanagy, presenter

## PRAYER CORNER

- Transition Team as they do their work
- Preparation for congregational survey and intentional interim pastor
- God's guidance as we experience economic crisis
- Quiz team and coaches
- Peace in the world's hot spots—Middle East, India/Pakistan, Congo

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