

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 7, 2010

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
So (Christ) came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. Ephesians 2:17-18

Seeing God at work

Prelude
Gathering song
Sharing our life together (sign the pew registry)
Meeting God in silence

Thank God for his love for us even when we are most unlovable.

Call to worship: Joanne Dietzel

Leader: We are on a journey of faith.
People: We travel with Jesus Christ as our guide.
Leader: The promises of God shine like a star before us and give us strength for the journey.
People: In the wilderness we become impatient and rebellious, and lose our way.
Leader: We gather, seeking to be fed by the manna of God's Word, to rediscover the paths of righteousness.
People: O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Leader: From the wanderings of our lives, we have gathered here.
People: We bring life with us, to this time and place.
Leader: Come – offering your lives before God.
All: And the presence of God will go with us and remain with us throughout the week ahead.

Worship in song
Worship in giving
Congregational prayer

Children's time: Evie Hershey
Scripture: Isaiah 30:15, 18-19; Matthew 11:28-30
Message: *The Return of the Older Brother*, Luke 15... Pastor Ray Yoder

Response
Sending
Joining God at work

FELLOWSHIP MEAL...All are welcome to stay for the fellowship meal following the service. This is a fund raiser for the school in Haiti that we support with Smith and Rhonda Noel. Money raised from this event will go for further development of the school and its programs. Thank you for your generous donations as you enjoy a delicious meal.

TODAY...quiz match 6:30 p.m. at Hinkletown Mennonite. Practice 2:00 p.m. at Ray & Mim Martin's.

THIS WEEK

Mon 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee
Tue 10:00 a.m. Alive with 55 & up...Pastor Toshi Imchen will share his life story of how God led him from his tribe in India to the pastorate at Hershey Mennonite Church.
Wed 9:15 a.m. Time Out—*Parables from the Potter's Wheel*, Roy Yoder
6:15 p.m. Family Night Activities...*Parables from the Potter's Wheel*—Roy Yoder

COMING EVENTS

Mar 16 7 pm Worship workshop
Mar 24 Family Night spring banquet
Apr 25 Sun Teacher appreciation and enrichment luncheon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS SO MUCH to everyone who helped with hosting the quiz teams last Sunday. Thanks also to those of you who came to cheer us on. We appreciate all the support you give us in so many ways !

SOME MARCH BIRTHDAYS were missing in the March newsletter...

March 1 Adam Fellenbaum, David Stoltzfus, Ruth Yoder; **March 2** Julie Denlinger, Allison Martin, Jonathan Martin, Hannah Stoltzfus; **March 3** Nellie Beiler. We apologize for the omission.

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES will end March 24 with a family banquet. Eli Smucker will be the chef and will be needing around 12 men to help prepare and serve the dinner. Contact him if you can help. Entertainment for the evening will be the Martin Family Band.

LORI HERSHEY, daughter of Jake and Loretta Lapp, will be ordained at West Philadelphia Mennonite on Sunday, March 14. Lori and Brent, her husband, grew up here at Ridgeview and invite persons from Ridgeview to attend. RSVP to 215-729-2050.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH will again be offering Gene Wenger ham loaves for sale this Spring. The bulk shipment will arrive on Tuesday, March 23 and will be available for immediate sale...first come, first serve... \$8/ham loaf.

SAVE THE DATE...Sunday, April 25—Teacher appreciation and enrichment luncheon.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK thanks RMC for contributing \$23,200.04 received from February 1, 2009, through January 31, 2010.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 6:30 P.M. If you love hymns, come to the annual Harmonies benefit hymn sing featuring Jim Baer's Boys and Marcy Hostetler leading the Top Ten hymns. Help choose the Top Ten by going to www.harmonies.org to vote yours. The inspiring singing will be held at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, Delp Road, Lancaster, Sunday, March 28, 6:30 p.m. An offering to benefit music ministries of Harmonies will be received

LADIES RETREAT rescheduled to April 30 & May 1 at Tel Hai Camp. Registration will begin Sunday, April 11. Barb Borntrager is the resource person. If you have any questions, talk to Charlotte Lapp.

BRIDGE OF HOPE Lancaster & Chester Counties' Garden Luncheon will feature Australian-born Denise Cowie, speaking on "Extraordinary Gardeners: The Art of Cultivating People and Plants." Denise is the former columnist for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. The luncheon will be held Saturday, April 17, 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. at The Eden Resort, Lancaster. For reservations, call 717.394.7406 x. 106 or visit www.bridgeofhopelcc.org.

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH...please note...30 hour famine has been changed to April 9 & 10.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Mar 10 Games, games, games!

REPORT for February 28

Offering \$4214.50 Attendance 173

FAMILY NIGHT ACTIVITIES – March 10
Dinner 6:15 PM Activities 7:00 PM
Meal: meatballs, potatoes, vegetable, dessert
Nursery Preschool (3 & 4 year olds)
Primary (kindergarten & grade 1)
Boys (grades 2-5) Girls (grades 6-8)
Junior High Youth (grades 6-8)
Senior High Youth (grades 9-12)
Adult -- *Parables from the Potter's Wheel*...Roy Yoder

PRAYER CORNER

- Quizzing team and staff
- The church in Haiti and the New World School
- Pastoral search committee...Etta Esch, Todd Gingrich, Jill Heine, Steve Horst, Ryan Horst, Betty Smucker, Morgan Steffy, Steve Stoltzfus, Joanne Dietzel
- Rose Reiff was hospitalized this past week...tests showed she has a blood clot in her leg which is being treated with medication.
- Persons affected by the earthquake in Chile
- Persons young and old with chronic health issues

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