

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 8, 2009

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES

9:00 AM

- International Lesson (overflow room)
- *Secure in God's House...* Mennonite Women's study, Etta Esch, Charlotte Lapp, Loretta Lapp teachers (1960 lounge)
- *Kingdom Living, an Old Testament Perspective*, taught by J. W. Sprunger, (rec room)

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Praise & Giving

Sharing Life Together (sign registry)

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Romans 4:13-25

Message: *Making Something Out of Nothing*

Warren Tyson, Executive Conference Minister for ACC

Sending

Benediction

Pastor Nelson, *worship leader*; Arnold King, Elaine Shirk, *musicians*; Evie Hershey, *children's message*; Donald Martin, *sound*; Galen Dise, *projector*

6:30 PM QUIZZING at Weaverland

THIS WEEK

Mon 7:00 p.m. Mission Commission

Tue 10:00 a.m. Alive with 55—Welcome to our first meeting in 2009.

7:00 p.m. Economic Discussion Group

Wed 9:15 a.m. Time Out—*Childhood wholeness focusing on health, nutrition and exercise—society's standards vs. biblical standards...*Jane Weigel

5:30 p.m. Quiz practice

6:15 p.m. Family Night Activities

COMING EVENTS

Apr 12 Easter Sunrise service 8:00 a.m. @ Intercourse Park; 9:00 a.m. Breakfast served in the 1990 Hall (NO Sunday school); 10:15 Worship

June 22 – 25 Coming to Intercourse Community Park—Discovery Canyon **Vacation Bible School!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. (FYI...Costco converts videos to discs)

BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER for Alvin Smoker who will celebrate his 86th birthday March 17. Alvin's address: Maple Farm Nursing Center, 604 Oak Street, Akron 17501

PASTOR RAY YODER will be in the office Tuesday, Wednesday AM and Friday this week.

MARCH 29 will be the final day to contribute to the congregational education fund established to support students/families who attend our church schools.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH are selling delicious Pellman desserts to help fund their way to the Mennonite Convention. See any youth member to make your purchase. Desserts may be ordered through March 25.

THE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY, part of our work during this time of pastoral transition, was distributed last week. It is also available on the Ridgeview website, www.ridgeviewmennonite.net if you want a hard copy or to complete it in Word and return it as an attachment. Please jot your thoughts on the questionnaire, turn it in to the church office, and schedule an interview time. Interviews will be conducted by a team of persons outside of Ridgeview assembled by Dan Graber. Interview dates are March 12, 13, and 14. In the interview you will be able to expand on your written concerns. Joanne Dietzel, Pastor Nelson and Pastor Ray will answer questions you may have about the process. Thank you to those who have already signed up for an interview.

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK thanks Ridgeview Mennonite Church for contributing \$27,472.37 received from February 1, 2008, through January 31, 2009. These gifts, along with your prayers and participation, help to create ministries of healing and hope across the street and around the world. May you experience God's blessings as together we seek to share all of Christ with all of creation.

ALL ARE WELCOME to the Economic Discussion Group, Tuesday, March 10, 7:00 p.m. In addition to discussion, we will work on leadership and a name for the group.

DURING THIS PERIOD of congregational reflection and interim ministry, plan to join times of prayer on the first and third Sunday of each month at 8:15 a.m. in the small conference room. The church will also be open on the third Tuesday of each month, which for March is the 17th, for special days of prayer. The special day of prayer begins with corporate prayer at 7:30 a.m. All are welcome.

THERE WILL BE A drop-in reception, Friday, March 13, in the Lancaster area at D J's Taste of the 50's Restaurant, next to Country Living Inn, in Smoketown for John Denlinger, the new Executive Director at Laurelville. You are invited to stop by from 7-9:00 p.m. John will share some remarks at 7:30.

PARADISE-EAST LAMPETER Community Men's Prayer Breakfast to be held Sunday, April 5, 7:00 a.m. at Plain and Fancy Farm Restaurant. Reservations are requested by March 30, call 687-6827 or 687-7177. Cost is \$10 per person. Speaker is State Representative Gordon Denlinger.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Mar 11 7 p.m. Taffy pull

Mar 18 7 p.m. Game night

Mar 22 9 a.m. Parent/Youth meeting (in the 1990 Hall) regarding Mennonite Youth Convention

REPORT for March 1

Offering \$4050.72 Education Fund \$200

Church Attendance 245 Sunday school 138

Family Night Activities
Wednesday, March 11
Dinner served at 6:15 PM

Children's Clubs Age 3 – 5th grade
Junior High Youth 6th – 8th grade
Senior High Youth 9th – 12th grade

Adults: The Sermon on the Mount for Today – *Re-checking Reality*, Matthew 7:13-27, Audrey Kanagy

PRAYER CORNER

- Pastor Ray & Edna Yoder. Pray for Ray as he begins his ministry with us.
- Guidance for the interview team as they do their work
- We will hear God's voice in the congregational survey process
- God's guidance as we experience economic crisis
- Quiz team and coaches
- Peace in the world's hot spots—Middle East, India/Pakistan, Congo
- Our trust in God will deepen during this Lent season

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