

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 9, 2008

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 AM

The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience taught by Marie Kurtz and Dick Thomas—Room #016 (lower level 1990 building)

Freely You Have Received Freely Give taught by Etta Esch—1960 lounge (lower level 1960 building)

International Lesson taught by Ray Lapp and Bob Martin—Room #130 A, B, C (overflow room off lobby)

WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 AM

From the stench of a death-choked landscape, we cry out to God to breathe in the Spirit into us. We wait in hope for God to restore the dead to life.

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Sharing Life Together (sign & pass the registry)

Praise & Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture Readings: Ecclesiastes 37:1-14; John 11: 1-45

Message: "Into New Life"—Pastor John

Song of Response

Sending

Benediction

Cindy Raught, *worship leader*; Sarah Rohrer, Brian Hershey, Jeff Raught, *musicians*; Carol Wenger, *children's message*; Donald Martin, *sound tech*

1:00 PM BIBLE QUIZZING at Lancaster Bible College

Mar 16 Palm Sunday—foot & hand washing service

Mar 23 8:00 am Sunrise Service @ Intercourse Park; **9-10:00 am** breakfast, **10:15** Easter Service, communion

THIS WEEK

Mon 7:00 pm Education Commission; Caring Team

Tue 10:00 am Alive with 55 & Up—Bible study focused on Psalm 46 identifying the doubts, worries, and fears of 55 & up, led by Pastor John. Special music by the former Ridgeview ladies trio.

Wed 9:00 am Time Out—*Help! I'm Unorganized*—Jalisa Gingrich

6:15 pm Family Night

6:15-6:55 pm Prayer time

5:45-6:30 pm Quiz practice

COMING EVENTS

Mar 21 7:00 pm Good Friday Service

April 19 & 20 Family Life Weekend

May 19-22 Photographs taken for new church directory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOST FAMILIES are needed for ACC quizzers from Ohio and Virginia the weekend of March 14 - 16. Quizzers will bring their own sleeping bags and all meals with the exception of breakfast are provided at Lancaster Bible College where the quiz tournament is taking place. Please contact Merv Stoltzfus if you are able to host some quizzers or adult staff members. Merv can be reached at 517-9601 or woodray@aol.com.

HAM LOAF FUND RAISER...the senior high youth are selling delicious Gene Wenger ham loaves. They have received a bulk order so the loaves will be available for immediate pick up on Wednesday evenings and Sundays after church until their supply is depleted. Cost \$7.75 per loaf. Benefits the youth mission trip to Kentucky.

NOMINATIONS are being received for two members at large for the search committee for youth ministry staff position. The Search Committee will include the following members:

- 1 junior high youth parent (discerned by junior high parents)
- 1 senior high youth member (discerned by senior high youth)
- 1 advisor or Sunday school teacher from junior/senior high youth (discerned by them)
- 1 young adult (discerned by them)
- 2 members at large (discerned by congregation)
- 1 pastor (ad hoc) Pastor John
- 1 ACC conference minister (ad hoc) Merv Stoltzfus

Please return your nominations by March 23. Place in nomination box on library counter. Your ongoing prayers are needed. Questions can be directed to Joanne Dietzel or Pastor John.

THANK YOU for thinking of us during our celebration for our 65th wedding anniversary and also for Wilbur's 89th birthday—we enjoyed reading the messages in the cards. It's so nice to have a church family that remembers us! Wilbur was so happy to have Pastor Nelson visit him on his birthday—it just so happened that I was there at the time—that was a real treat for both of us. Thanks again and we wish you all God's blessings. --Wilbur & Catherine Esch

EDUCATION COMMISSION...anyone interested in working with the education commission in the area of adult education, please talk to Nelson Yoder or Marie Kurtz. Also, any person who would enjoy connecting with our young adults this spring and summer, please talk with Nelson or Marie. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for the education department.

WE WANT to thank you, our Ridgeview family, for all your love and support during my chemo treatments, which were completed February 7. All the prayers, cards, flowers, meals, visits, notes of encouragement and telephone calls helped us to keep a positive attitude. And to the Ridgeview youth and leaders—you are fantastic! The bag of goodies and notes were great. Every day that I opened a gift added joy and brightness to the day. God is good all the time...Arnold & Pat King

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK thanks RMC for contributing \$29,696.04 received from February 2007 through January 2008. These gifts, along with your prayers and participation, create ministries of healing and hope across the street and around the world. May you experience God's blessings as we work together to share all of Christ with all creation.

MISSION INGATHERING for the month of March—Bible for the World.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

March 12—Bible study with Tynea

FAMILY NIGHT

6:15 Dinner

7:00 Activities

Clubs for preschool-grade 5

Junior & Senior High Youth

Adult class—"Road Signs for the Journey"...Dick Thomas will lead a discussion on *Journeying Toward God's Reign*

REPORT FOR March 2, 2008

Offering \$11,435.41

Church Attendance 205 Sunday school 159

PRAYER CORNER

- 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
- Search process for minister of youth
- Clyde Evans, family friend of Albert & Frances, died unexpectedly this past week
- Pray for Puerto Rico Mennonite Church as it gathers for its 60th Annual Convention Assembly March 13-16 in Aibonito, PR. Pray for PRMC and Atlantic Coast Conference leaders exploring a mission and ministry partnership that is mutually supportive and encourages to each church body.

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