

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

March 16, 2008

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

PRAYER TIME 8:15 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

The Scandal of the Evangelical Conscience taught by Marie Kurtz and
Dick Thomas—(1990 Hall)

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

*As the crowds celebrated with palm branches, we begin our procession
into the depths of God's love. Jesus, the One hailed as Son of David,
walks in humility toward the cross.*

Gathering

Prelude *Adam Fellenbaum, Carissa Heine, Katelyn High*

Processional *Palm Branches*

Call to Worship

Congregational Singing

Sharing Life Together (sign & pass the registry)

Praise & Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Do This In Remembrance of Me *Footwashing/Handwashing*

Congregational Song

Scripture Readings: Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29; Matthew 21:1-11;
Philippians 2:5-11

Message: "Into the Depths" Pastor Nelson

Response

'Burdens'

At the conclusion, the lights will dim and we can leave in silence as we

choose. We entered with the loud joyful sounds of hosanna and glory,
and leave knowing that Jesus is betrayed, denied, deserted in this
coming week.

Pastor John, *worship leader*; Earl & Etta Esch, Jeff Raught, *musicians*;
Evie Hershey, *children's message*; Michael Bentivogli, *sound tech*

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

THIS WEEK

Tue 9:00 am Sewing Circle

Wed 9:00 am Time Out—*Karen Beiler will share her experiences
and stories of teaching school four years in China*

Thu 7:00 pm Book Club—Jesus Land by Julia Scheeres

Fri 7:00 pm Good Friday service

COMING EVENTS

April 19 & 20 Family Life Weekend

May 19-21 Photographs taken for new church directory

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

NEEDED: Charles & Anne Marie Smoker will need a vehicle while
here in the states August 1, 2008 – July 31, 2009. Be in touch with
Todd Gingrich (626-5219) if you can supply this need.

MDS urgent need for a project director in April, May and July. Crew
leaders are needed March through August. Cooks, office managers and
construction foreman are needed May through August. Call (800) 241-
8111 to schedule.

ALL PERSONS who are involved with our Easter morning service are requested to join for a meeting this **Wednesday, March 19, 6:30 pm** in the sanctuary. We will be reviewing details for the morning service. We look forward to your part. If you're not sure if this includes you, come anyway—we can always use your help. Persons are still needed to help Elton lead singing at the community sunrise service in the park—please be in touch with him if you can participate. Questions—talk to Jeff.

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 to the box on the library counter. Administration Commission gives oversight to this discernment. All nominations will be shared with the congregation for affirmation and commissioning.

MARCH 30 is the final day to contribute to the congregational education fund established to support students/families who attend our church schools.

OUR GROUP SUBSCRIPTION plan to *The Mennonite* is renewing. *The Mennonite*, magazine for Mennonite Church USA, seeks to fulfill its mission of helping readers glorify God, grow in faith and become agents of healing and hope in the world through articles that challenge and inspire, news that connects readers to the larger Mennonite community and much more. If you are interested in joining our group plan or continue your subscription, simply fill out the sheet in your mailbox and return it to the church office.

CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOGRAPHS...sign up today for an appointment to have your family photo taken for our new church directory. Photography dates are May 19, 20, 21. Joyce will be in the lobby today to assist you. You can also call the church office to schedule your time.

EDUCATION COMMISSION...anyone interested in working with the education commission in the area of adult education, please talk with 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.

MISSION INGATHERING for the month of March—Bibles for the World has changed their format of distributing Bibles, so Mission Commission is asking you to support **Penny Power**. Penny Power money will be collected until Sunday, March 30. This is an MCC project helping people around the world have clean water. Look for the red wagon with the water bucket! Mission Commission

ON FRIDAY, APRIL 25, the ACC Peace and Justice Committee is organizing an "**Urban Connections Tour**" in the Reading/Lancaster areas. Come join persons from urban congregations in New York City, Baltimore, and Reading/Lancaster. This is an opportunity to not only learn about justice issues around us, but also to form supportive relationships with other ACC members and congregations. Lunch and dinner will be provided. The tour will begin at 12:00 noon in Reading and conclude by 8:00 pm in Lancaster. Childcare and group transportation are available. Please talk with Pat Yoder for more information and registration flyers.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

March 19—cookie baking for “thank you” gifts (7-8:30)

March 23—The Lord Has Risen!

March 26—7-9:00 (time difference) View the video “Amazing Grace”

REPORT FOR March 9, 2008

Offering \$7325.51 Education \$100

Church Attendance 185 Sunday school 122

PRAYER CORNER

- Search process for minister of youth
- Safety for quizzers returning to Ohio today following the weekend tournament
- Ministry Team retreat April 2
- We may grow spiritually during this Passion Week

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