

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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March 28, 2010

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6 (NIV)

Seeing God at work

Prelude

Gathering song

Sharing our life together (sign the pew registry)

Meeting God in silence

Will we wave palm branches today and hide them tomorrow?

Will our hosannas—when everything is going well—turn into insult when there is weariness or trouble?

Call to worship: Joanne Dietzel

Morning after morning, God grants us a new day:
wake up to the joys and challenges life presents.

**This is the day that God has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

God equips us to face whatever the day may hold;
watch and listen as God offers to teach us.

**We gather, seeking a blessing in the name of God.
We come, thanking God for the gift of salvation.**

See the gates of righteousness thrown open for us;
enter to praise God's marvelous works.

God's steadfast love endures forever!

Blessed is the one who comes in God's name.

Procession with Palm branches

Worship in song

Worship in giving

Many risked much on the first Palm Sunday – their wardrobes, their reputations, their lives. What, for us, represents a fitting participation in God's parade? God welcomes whatever you are ready to give.

Congregational prayer

Children's time: Elaine Shirk (Penny Power)

Scripture: Mark 11:1-11; 15-18

Message: "God's House of Prayer" Pastor Ray

Response

Sending

Joining God at work

EASTER SUNDAY...

8:00 am Sunrise service at the church

9:00 am Breakfast

10:15 am Worship Service

LOOKING AHEAD...

In April, Ray Yoder will lead two joint Sunday School classes.

These sessions will be on "When you don't agree,"...how to converse with each other when you see things differently.

April 11 – Principles to help guide you when you disagree

April 18 – Agreeing and disagreeing in love

THIS WEEK

Wed 9:15 a.m. Time Out—Chuck Holt, Director of the *Factory Youth Center* in Paradise

Fri 7:00 p.m. Good Friday service

COMING EVENTS

Apr 11 Communion

Apr 17 ACC spring assembly

Apr 25 Sun Teacher appreciation and enrichment luncheon

Apr 30 & May 1 Ladies retreat @ Tel Hai

May 6 National Day of Prayer—Prayer Walk at Intercourse Park

May 22 Sat Parking lot yard sale

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IT'S JUST ABOUT TIME TO PLAY SOFTBALL...if you are interested in playing on the church softball team, contact Jason Rohrer (392-7783) or Rich High (687-7986).

EARLY EASTER SERVICE...the senior high youth hope you will join us at 8 a.m. in the upper parking lot by the cemetery Easter morning. We will begin our celebration outside and then move into the gym area for the conclusion of our service.

ANYONE WHO would like to add their voice to the Easter morning vocal group.....there will be one rehearsal, Thursday, April 1, 7:00 p.m. at Jeff's house. You will be singing as part of the whole band/vocal ensemble at the 10:15 service. All are welcome.

YOU THE CONGREGATION are invited to participate with the Junior High Youth in their 30Hour Famine. Our purpose is to make our youth more aware of the needs of the world and also to raise money to physically meet those needs. If you can give, please see any of the Junior High Youth.

WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY to Pastor Ray and Edna Yoder on the death of Ray's brother Henry Paul Yoder and to Junior & Jean Zook on the death of Junior's brother, Abner Zook.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...Celebration & Renewal Service, Sunday evening, May 23. More details will follow.

APRIL 18 will be the final day to contribute to the congregational education fund established to support students/families who attend our church schools.

FROM THE PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE...a reminder to complete the Pastoral/Congregational Priorities--"Twenty Pastoral Areas" and return by April 4.

THE HOOVERS will be home on leave this summer from June 24 through August 18. Their Ministry Support Team is looking for housing and a car for use during that time. If you can help with either of these needs or have any leads, please contact Jim Glick.

ACC ANNUAL SPRING ASSEMBLY at CrossWay Church in Ocean City, Maryland, Saturday, April 17. Ervin Stutzman will be the keynote speaker. There will be a chartered bus from Lancaster, making at least one additional stop to pick up passengers in the Gap area. All are welcome to attend. Contact Keith Wilson at ACC for more information keithw@atlanticcoastconference.net – 717-394-8107 – Call or visit atlanticcoastconference.net to register.

EDITED VISION STATEMENT...In January at the All Commission meeting we spent time discussing the vision statement: *"Called by God to learn and share together God's love with all creation."* After energetic discussion, those present recommended that we edit the vision statement to read: *"Called by God to know and share Christ's love."* The Ministry Team affirms this edited change and presents it here for your reflection and response. We would like to hear your response to this change. Contact one of the Ministry Team members with your thoughts.

COME TO NARRATIVE...a weekend with Ted & Co. TheaterWorks, May 14-16 at Laurelville. If you're an actor or drama enthusiast or simply someone hoping to share the powerful stories of scripture with others, **narrative: rediscovering the sacred** will be a journey you won't want to miss. Ted Swartz, Jeff Raught and others will be the resource personnel. More details posted on the bulletin board.

WDAC, FM is airing the program, *Shaping Families*, Saturday, 6:30 PM. Listen each week for this 15-minute program from Third Way media. If you miss it on the radio, you can listen to it anytime or sign up to receive it to your email as a podcast each week at www.ShapingFamilies.com. Tell your friends and neighbors about this new program. *Shaping Families* is produced by Third Way Media, providing a voice in public media on behalf of Mennonite churches.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH have Gene Wenger ham loaves for sale... \$8/ham loaf.

REPORT for March 21

Offering \$4844.25 Attendance 168

PRAYER CORNER

- Quizzing team and staff in Kidron, Ohio this weekend.
- 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
- Pastor Ray & Edna Yoder and Junior & Jean Zook as they grieve the loss of siblings
- Dave Nolt having a chemo treatment Thursday, April 1, at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia
- Persons young and old with continuing health issues
- Evan & Charlotte Lapp visiting the James family in Arizona

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