

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143
November 29, 2009

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

First Sunday of Advent

Christ's light shines – into our lives and into our world

Key Scripture – John 1:4-9

Gathering songs

Sharing our life together

Congregational prayer

Sharing our tithes and offerings

Children's message

Worship in Song

First Advent Candle – Promise – Fulfillment

Jeremiah 33:14-16 – Rick & Heidi Loncosky

Message – *“Just Give ‘em the News”* – Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught

Song of Response

Benediction

Pastor Ray, worship leader; Jeff Raught, musician; Michael Bentivogli,
sound tech; Dylan Palmer, projector tech

THIS WEEK

Wed 9:15 a.m. Time Out—*Christmas Tea*

7:00 p.m. Administration Commission

COMING EVENTS

Dec 7 Mon Time Out Auction

Dec 13 Sun Christmas Caroling...sign-up in the lobby if you plan to participate.

Dec 24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME OUT AUCTION - MONDAY, DECEMBER 7. Thank you for the many items contributed to date for the auction. Items are on display in the 1990 Hall. Additional items are welcomed and can be placed on the table in the lobby during the next two weeks.

INGATHERING for November...join the Christmas spirit of giving by sharing JOY bundles for the X-Treme pak program. Each bundle will include the following: bath towel, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap and a bottle of shampoo. Please wrap in the towel and close with 2 pins. Return to the church by December 6.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT? We'd love to have you play during the Advent/Christmas season. Each Sunday in December we would like to hear from some of you...baritone, saxophone, kazoo. Get practicing—there's room for all of you. Do a solo, a duet, a trio—share the talent you are learning. Let the rest of your church family hear you too. We are looking forward to it already. Pick a Sunday and let Jeff know. Thank you.

DELICIOUS AND AROMATIC fair trade organic coffees and teas are now for sale by the senior high youth and will arrive in time for Christmas! Sign up for your purchase in the lobby today.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT...Amy Horst, daughter of Elton and Sherlyn, will be playing with the Messiah Women's Soccer Team in the NCAA Division 3 national semi-finals in San Antonio, Texas on December 4. This is the sixth year in a row that the Messiah team is in the final four.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to submit your search committee nominations.

PEQUEA VALLEY HS invites senior citizens to a special concert on Friday, December 11, 11:30 a.m. in the high school auditorium. After the concert, a free lunch is served in the cafeteria. RSVP by Friday, December 4, 768-5500, to reserve lunch.

THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER invites you to join them in praise this Christmas season. They will sing at Witmer Heights Mennonite Church (Lancaster) on Thursday, December 3, 7:00 pm; St Edwards Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 5, 4:00 pm; and at Mount Joy Mennonite Church on Sunday, December 6, 6:00 pm.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Dec 2 Making applesauce

JR HIGH YOUTH

Dec 4 7-9 p.m. Christmas Party @ the church
January 8-10, 2010. Winter retreat at Camp Hebron.

REPORT for November 22

Offering \$6042.97

Worship Attendance 227

PRAYER

Leader: Lord, in this time of Advent, we worry about the future and long for your purposes to be fulfilled. We pray with the Psalmist:

People: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in you.

Leader: In the midst of uncertainty and fear, we pray:

People: do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies triumph over me.

Leader: We confess that we have tried many paths and that wandering has made us weary.

Right: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation: for you I wait all day long.

Left: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness sake, O Lord!

All: We come looking for your grace, not because we deserve it, but because of your merciful love for all people.

Right: As we wait, we rejoice in your goodness and righteousness. Teach us your ways.

Left: Good and upright is the Lord; all the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness.

All: God will make all things right. Amen.

PRAYER CORNER

- Bonnie & Jennifer Winters recovering from injuries
- College students ending first semester
- Selection of pastoral search committee
- To experience God's presence as we are in this busy holiday season
- Persons facing financial pressure
- Selection of TCRC members

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