

**RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH**

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December 20, 2009

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

**PRAYER 8:15 AM**  
**CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 9:00 AM**

**WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

*In him (Jesus) was life, and that life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it... the true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world."*

John 1:4-9

**Gathering**

Prelude music: Elizabeth & Hannah Stoltzfus, Adam Fellenbaum

Gathering songs

Call to worship

L: The Lord has come as light into our darkness;

The Lord is our light and our salvation.

**P: Then what shall we fear?**

L: The Lord is the strength of our lives.

**P: Of whom shall we be afraid?**

**ALL: One thing we ask of you, Lord;**

**This is what we will pursue....**

**To live in your presence all the days of our lives,**

**To look at your beauty, and to seek you in your house.**

Worship in song

Fourth Advent Candle...Rejoice...God delivers

Micah 5:2-5 Candle Lighters: Jill, Carissa & Kayla Heine

**Praise & Giving**

Worship in song

Sharing our life together

Congregational prayer

Sharing our tithes and offerings

Offertory: Sarah Rohrer...“Breath of Heaven”

**Proclaiming**

Children's message

Scripture: Luke 1:39-55

Message – “*God Delivers*” – Pastor Nelson

**Song of Response**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gather around the candle – “O Holy Night”

**Benediction**

**Sending Song** “Go Tell It On the Mountain”

Pastor Ray, *worship leader*; Evie Hershey, *children's message*; Jeff Raught & others, *musicians*

**THIS WEEK**

**Thu 7 p.m.** Christmas Eve service

**COMING EVENTS**

**Jan 3** Communion; covenant signing

**Jan 11** Mon 7:00 p.m. All commissions meeting...meal served at 6:15 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**QUIZZING SIGN-UPS...**sign up on the poster in the youth room by December 27 if you are interested in quizzing this year. Quizzing material is 1 & 2 Corinthians. It's a great chance to learn scripture and have fun!

**YEAR-END GIVING** continues through the month of December for the ministries at Ridgeview. The congregation affirmed a financial plan that included \$30,000 in year-end giving—giving above regular Sunday morning offerings. This giving at year-end is needed to meet our financial plan giving for the year.

**PUBLICATION DEADLINES THIS WEEK...**all newsletter information due tomorrow(Monday) by 12 noon; bulletin information due Wednesday, 9:00 a.m.

**“LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE”**, Monday, December 21, 7:30 p.m. at Maple Grove Mennonite Church. This service is an opportunity to address our losses and sadness. See bulletin board for details.

**MISSIONS COMMISSION** is conducting an in-gathering for the New Holland Food Bank for the month of January. The food bank is requesting non-perishable, dry boxed foods...mashed potato mix, macaroni and cheese, rice, beans, etc. As always, confirm that the items are not about to pass their freshness date. Please place items in receptacles under the mailboxes. Thank you for your contribution.

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to Levi & Jeanmarie King. Levi's sister Miriam Stoltzfus died December 12.

### **JR HIGH YOUTH**

January 8-10 Winter retreat at Camp Hebron.

### **REPORT for December 13**

Offering \$9618.70 Education \$50

Worship Attendance 162

### **PRAYER CORNER**

- Bonnie & Jennifer Winters
- To experience God's presence as we are in this busy holiday season
- Persons facing financial pressure
- Selection of TCRC members
- Calling of a pastoral search team
- Remember friends and families in the community who have experienced loss and death during this season

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