

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

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December 27, 2009

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

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

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: Elaine Shirk

Elizabeth & Hannah Stoltzfus *I Know Who He Was* (Duet)

Adam Fellenbaum *God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen* (Baritone Horn)

Gathering songs: Shirley Nolt, accompanist

O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem, Joy to the World

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.

Congregational Singing

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

O Come All Ye Faithful

Praise & Giving

Worship in song: Jeff & Band

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

My Soul Is Filled With Joy

Angels We Have Heard on High

Sharing our life together

Congregational prayer

Sharing our tithes and offerings

Offertory: Sarah Rohrer...*Breath of Heaven*

Proclaiming

Children's message

Scripture: Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17

Message – **“Rejoice—the Lord has brought us to this place”**

Pastor Ray

Song of Response *Longing for Light*

Benediction

Sending Song *Go Tell It On the Mountain*

Pastor Nelson, *worship leader*; Joy Lapp, *children's message*; Jeff

Raught & others, *musicians*

COMING EVENTS

Jan 3 Communion; covenant signing

Jan 11 Mon 7:00 p.m. All commissions meeting...meal served at 6:15 p.m. All welcome to come and participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

QUIZZING SIGN-UPS...sign up on the poster in the youth room by December 27 (today) 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!

ON THE THIRD Tuesday of each month the sanctuary has been open for individuals to pray regarding our pastoral leadership needs. We will discontinue this practice over the cold winter months until April of 2010. The prayer meeting that meets on the third Tuesday of each month, 7:30 a.m., will continue, weather permitting. All are welcome to attend.

YEAR-END GIVING continues through December 31 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.

CAN'T KEEP FROM SINGING? Love praising God? Consider joining the Carol Choir (grades 2 – 5), the Concert Choir (grades 6 – 8) or the Chamber Choir (grades 9 -12) of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) this spring. Singers are being accepted for all three choirs. We are committed to training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing. For more information, contact Darlene Hein (dtmhein@aol.com) at 898-0398 for singers in grades 2-8 or Rosemary Blessing (siegrirs@hotmail.com) at 392-6205 for singers in grades 9-12.

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.

JR HIGH YOUTH

January 8-10 Winter retreat at Camp Hebron.

NO REPORT for December 20

Church cancelled due to snowstorm

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH COVENANT

I covenant with God and my brothers and sisters in Christ at Ridgeview and the broader church:

- To be a servant and partner in the journey of building up our faith community with my time, talents, and finances.
- To joyfully grow into the image of Christ through personal and corporate discipleship, fellowship, stewardship and worship.
- To discover and exercise the gifts of the spirit and the fruits of the spirit.
- To invite others to a saving knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ.
- To partner mutually in sharing encouragement, vision, nurture, hospitality, confession, and forgiveness
- To intentionally embrace kingdom ways of living in peace.

LONGING FOR LIGHT

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.

Longing for truth, we turn to you.

Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.

Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.

Many the gifts, many the people,

Many the hearts that yearn to belong.

Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to day.

PRAYER CORNER

- To experience God's presence as we are in this busy holiday season
- Persons facing financial pressure
- Our mission partners sharing Jesus' light—Smokers, Hoovers, churches in Argentina, Hope Christian Center, Mennonite Mission Network, Haiti school
- Selection of TCRC members
- Calling of a pastoral search team
- Preparation for communion and covenant signing next Sunday
- Quizzing staff preparing for new season
- Remember friends and families in the community who have experienced loss and death during this season

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