

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

April 19, 2009

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

PRAYER TIME 8:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

We worship God who chooses us, even when we don't belong, and sanctifies us to live holy lives as obedient disciples of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs

Call to Worship

Leader: Holy Spirit, Creating Presence, as in the beginning you hover over the waters; you breathe life into all creatures; without you every living creature dies and returns to nothing.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Comforter, by you we are born again as children of God; you make us living temples of your presence; you pray within us prayers too deep for word.

People: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life, you are light; you bring us light; you are goodness and the source of all goodness.

People: Come, Holy Spirit

Leader: Holy Spirit, Breath of life, you sanctify and breathe life into the whole body of the church; you dwell in each of us and will one day give new life to our mortal bodies.

ALL: Come, Holy Spirit

Congregational Singing

Praise & Giving

Sharing Life Together (sign registry)

Children's message

Congregational Prayer

Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

Children's Message

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-3

Message: "*Chosen, Though An Alien*" Pastor Nelson Yoder

Song of Response

Sending & Benediction

Todd Gingrich, *worship leader*; Arnold King, Elaine Shirk, *musicians*;
Joy Lapp, *children's message*; Michael Bentivogli, *sound*; Nate Zimmerman, *projector*

THIS WEEK

Tue 7:30 a.m. Prayer Time

9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle

7:00 p.m. Healthcare Ministry Action Team

Wed 7:00 p.m. Congregational meeting

Fri eve – Sat morn Mother/Daughter lock-in

COMING EVENTS

May 3 Fellowship meal—Pig Roast

May 16 7 a.m.–2 p.m. Ridgeview Yard Sale in the parking lot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ITEMS to be included in the May newsletter are due Monday, April 20.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, Wednesday, April 22...you are encouraged to come and participate. We will discuss and clarify the recommendations from the assessment report. Your participation will help focus some of our goals for the next year.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in personal health or health for persons in the congregation or community plan to attend the Healthcare Ministry Action Team on Tuesday evening, April 21 at 7:00 pm. This group works on health awareness/issues from the individual to community level. Your ideas are welcome. Direct questions you may have to Pastor Nelson.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - THURSDAY, MAY 7...mark this date on your calendar. We will again invite persons to walk and pray at the Intercourse Park and will also need persons to host at the Welcome Center. We are offering something new this year...a Corporate Prayer Time at 12:00 noon. There will be opportunity to sign up to host in the lobby after worship today and also on Sunday, May 3. Questions...talk to Ray Lapp or Evie Blank.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT...Anita Smoker, daughter of Mim Smoker Martin and the late Wayne Smoker and Edward Girvin were united in marriage April 3. They reside at 1359 Georgetown Road, Quarryville.

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH

Apr 22 Wed Congregational meeting
May 6, Wed Earth Day activities

REPORT for April 12

Offering \$5823.06
Church Attendance 276

PRAYER CORNER

- God's guidance as we experience economic crisis
- Donna Faulds recovering from back surgery
- George Esch having some health issues
- God's guidance as we work with recommendations from congregational assessment
- Families in our broader community who have recently experienced unexpected deaths of loved ones in accidents

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