

## RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

December 13, 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**

Third 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: Michelle Gehman, Alexys Palmer

Gathering songs

Call to worship (Philippians 4: 4-7)

**L: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.**

C: Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

**L: Do not worry about anything,**

C: but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God.

**ALL: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.**

Third Advent Candle...Rejoice...God is turning us around

Isaiah 12:2-6 Candle Lighters: Edna & Elizabeth Stoltzfus

### Praise & Giving

Worship in song

Sharing our life together

Congregational prayer

Sharing our tithes and offerings

### Proclaiming

Children's message

Scripture: John 1:1-5; John 8:12

Message – *"Rejoice! God Comes in Mercy and Light to Turn Us Around."* – Carol Wenger

### Song of Response

### Benediction

Pastor Nelson, *worship leader*; Gwen Fellenbaum, *children's message*;  
Jeff Raught & others, *musicians*

**TODAY....**Christmas caroling...meeting at 4 p.m. at church. Return to the church following caroling for fellowship and refreshments.

**NEXT SUNDAY** (December 20) No Sunday school  
9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast; 10:15 a.m. Christmas Worship Service

### THIS WEEK

**Tue 7:30 a.m.** Corporate prayer

**7:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.** Open prayer

**9:00 a.m.** Sewing Circle

### COMING EVENTS

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

**Jan 3** Communion; covenant signing

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANKS TO ALL** for supporting the Time Out auction...your generous bidding amounted to over \$13,000.

**QUIZZING IS COMING!** This year's material is 1st and 2nd Corinthians. The first quiz match is scheduled for January 24th. The season concludes with a trip to Ohio from March 26-28th. Please let Carol know if you are interested in quizzing or if you are interested in helping to coach.

**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.

**SENIOR HIGH YOUTH**

Dec 14 Mon 7:00 p.m. Council meeting @ Nathan Horst's  
Dec 16 Wed 7-8:30 p.m. Christmas party

**JR HIGH YOUTH**

January 8-10, 2010. Winter retreat at Camp Hebron.

**REPORT for December 6**

Offering \$7370.50 Education \$40  
Worship Attendance 185

**PRAYER CORNER**

- Bonnie & Jennifer Winters recovering from injuries
- Taylor Palmer experiencing some health issues
- College students ending first semester
- 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
- May we rejoice in the Lord

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