

**Ridgeview Mennonite Church**  
**3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529**  
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**January 7, 2018**

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

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** **9:00 AM**

**WORSHIP** **10:15 AM**

Worship Leader: Joanne Dietzel  
Music: Worship Team  
Children's Time: Julie Sommers  
Nursery: Lisa Eldridge, Patty King  
Greeters: Amos & Jean Zook

*Drawn by the light, we, like the magi, are sent in new directions. We are empowered to be God's illuminating presence in the world. Arise, shine for the mystery of Christ has been revealed!*

Prelude  
Gathering Song  
Welcome/Church at Work  
Meeting God in Silence  
Call to Worship

L: Yes! The light is here. We carry the light within us.

**P: It is the star of the East; it is the morning sun.**

L: The light is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

**P: Praise the Lord!**

L: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake. You have torn open the heavens, and your glory reaches the earth.

**P: May we, like the magi, seek you until we find you. May we offer our gifts in your presence, no matter where you are**

**found.**

L: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Congregational Singing  
Receiving Our Tithes & Offerings  
Children's Time

Scriptures: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14; Isaiah 60:1-6

Message: "And So It Begins" Matthew 2: 1-12 Pastor Mick

Congregational Response

L1: O God, your light has come, your glory risen, and your brightness dawned,

L2: illuminating not only the way of the magi, but all our paths.

**P: From your fullness we have received grace upon grace -**

L2: as your mystery has been revealed

L1: and your presence made known.

**P: Now we too are called to arise, shine, and return by another road.**

L1: Yet we confess that

L2: instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently, instead of walking with boldness and confidence, instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,

L1: we cling to what we have and know and we continue on our old familiar ways home.

**P: We are frightened by the unknown, and the darkness that covers the earth.**

L2: Forgive us.

*Pause for Silence.*

L1: O God, Emmanuel, in Jesus, the Christ,

L2: you have come among us.

**All: You have given us life, and we are restored.**

Song of Response

Church in Prayer

Benediction/Sending Song

**FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

**THIS WEEK**

**Wed 9:00 a.m.** Food Pac

**6:00 p.m.** Wednesday evening on the ridge... intergenerational game night.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE EXTEND OUR SYMPATHY** to the Nancy Stoltzfus family on her death on January 2, 2018.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**, Everence Lancaster will again host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community. Courses will explore subjects from retirement preparation and financial markets to de-cluttering your home.

Information and registration forms are in your mailbox. For group rates, please talk to Etta Esch, Everence Advocate by February 11

**FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH**, 100 Quarry Road, Leola, invites the public to its annual 4-week Winter Bible School series focused on *Fruit of the poisonous tree: Conversations on race, faith and reconciliation*.

Beginning January 10, Wednesday evening sessions, led by local pastors and community service leaders, will begin with a shared meal at 6 p.m., followed by teaching for adults and activities for children in grades K through 8 at 7 p.m. Please call the church at 717-656-6227 or email [fhmc@foresthillschurch.org](mailto:fhmc@foresthillschurch.org) to reserve your space at the shared meal or register your child for participation. Further details can be found on the church's website at [www.foresthillschurch.org](http://www.foresthillschurch.org).

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10**, intergenerational game night on the ridge. A night of fun and fellowship. Bring your favorite card or board games. Don't miss out. Dinner at 6:00; games immediately following.

#### **REPORT FOR December 31**

Offering \$5200.00 Attendance 73

Year end on 12/31/17 \$6,771.00

Total Year end as of 12/31/17 \$16,894.76

Auction Profit \$9,021.52

Total Year end and auction \$25,916.28

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