

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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February 25, 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: Joy Lapp

Nursery: Melissa & Erica Siegrist

Greeter: Paul & Judy Smoker

Lent 2

Me & You and the Generations after You

God's covenants and promises are not just for our ancestors, or for us, but also for our descendants. Although God is able to fulfill what has been promised, our human ways sometimes get in the way. What might be coming between Me (God) and You (the people), or between you and your descendants?

Prelude

Gathering Song

Welcome/Church at Work

Meeting God in Silence

Call to worship

L: Welcome this day to the second step on our Lenten journey.

P: We come with great hope and expectation as we walk the way of Christ.

L: Today's journey may demand much of us.

P: We want to be ready to offer ourselves to the Lord.

L: Come, let us begin again the wondrous excursion.

P: Let us place our lives in God's abiding love.

L: Come, sons and daughters of Abraham and Sarah, nations born of barren lands, you who stand here because of promises fulfilled, come and worship your God.

P: We were born through faith of our ancestors, just as our faith will give life to future generations; even as we hope against hope,

we come to worship our God.

L: Welcome home, children of God. Welcome to this house of God.

Congregational Singing

Receiving Our Tithes & Offerings

Children's Time

Confession

L1: God of our ancestors and our descendants,

L2: promising Abraham and Sarah children at their age just seems mean.

L1: For them to believe that promise sounds foolish –

L2: almost as foolish as expecting that same faithfulness from us.

L1/L2: That was then, this is now.

P: We are not used to waiting.

L2: If something we want takes too long, we itch to move on to the next thing,

L2: even when waiting is important.

P: Forgive us our impatience and refusal to believe in what we cannot see. Build in us the willingness to hope against hope. Help us to value and contribute to a future yet unseen. Instill in us a faith to inspire future generations.

Darkening Lenten Candle

Assurance

I will always keep the promise I have made to you and your descendants, because I am your God and their God.

Scriptures: Mark 8:31-18; Romans 4:13-25

Message: "Around the Corner" Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Pastor Mick

Song of Response *In the Bulb there is a Flower* HWB #614

Church in Prayer

Benediction/Sending Song

THIS WEEK

Mon 7:00 p.m. Mission Commission

Wed 9:00 a.m. Food Pac

COMING EVENTS

Mar 29 6:30 p.m. Thu Maundy Thursday service @ New Holland Mennonite

Mar 30 7:00 p.m. Fri Good Friday service @ Ridgeview

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THERE WILL BE FORMS in the classrooms and on the library counter to offer nominations for the position(s) of TCRC member (Team Congregation Relations Committee) and Lay Minister of Community Life. We invite those in Christian Education classes to discern together persons to nominate and submit them as a class. If you do not have opportunity to attend a class, you are invited to submit names as an individual. Nominations will be received until Sunday March 4.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED...We need several volunteers who would be willing to be "Children's Activities Assistants." The job description includes being available when parents sign their children in and out of Sunday School, serving as a restroom attendant, and "floating" between the children's classrooms offering assistance as needed. The "Children's Activities Assistant" is important for maintaining compliance with Pennsylvania's Child Protection regulations. Please contact Kate or Debbie if you would be willing to serve in this important role.

NURSERY HELP NEEDED...We need more nursery helpers during the worship hour on Sunday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Melissa Siegrist.

THE MEMBERS OF THE TOGETHER INITIATIVE NETWORK invite you to the Together Initiative Network Day of Caring on April 28, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM, at the Together Community Center, 3293 Lincoln Hwy E, Paradise. Join us as the townships, churches, school district, businesses, and individuals work together to beautify our community! We'll be working on projects like: painting, yard work, and road clean up. Sign up today at tiny.cc/TINdayofcaring or call Marian at (717) 687-9594 x211. Please register before April 13, 2018.

RENOWNED OPERATIC TENOR TIMOTHY BENTCH will be in concert with the Chamber Choir of Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster and the Philadelphia Praise Center Indonesian Praise team at St. Edward's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, on Sunday, March 11, 3 p.m. The concert is free to the public, but a freewill offering will be taken, with a recommended donation of \$25 to support the Chamber Choir's short-term mission assignment in Indonesia this summer under Eastern Mennonite Missions' GO! Program. For more information, contact MCCL at mccl@lancastringmenonite.org.

REPORT FOR February 18

Offering \$4517.92 Attendance 85

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