

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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April 8, 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: Evie Hershey
Greeters: Rich & Rose High
Nursery: Carol Wenger, Joy Lapp

Prelude
Gathering Song
Welcome/Church at Work
Meeting God in Silence
Call to worship (*inspired by Luke 15:11-32*)
L: Come, let us celebrate the forgiving, reconciling love of God.
P: **For once we were lost and felt so far away;
now we have been found and welcomed home.**
L: We are the wayward son and daughter
P: **so, God welcomes us, and lets the past be the past.**
L: We are the elder sibling, standing outside,
P: **But God welcomes us in and
challenges us to join in this radical hospitality.**
L: Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.
P: **We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**
All: ***Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love***

Congregational Singing
Receiving Our Tithes & Offerings
Children's Time
Scriptures: Luke 15:11-32
Message: *"Love Without Arms"* Roy Bender
Song of Response *Far, far away from my loving father* HWB #139

Church in Prayer
Sending Song
Benediction

Our guest speaker, Roy Bender, has been in ministry for nearly 39 years. He finished his fourth pastorate this past December and is currently employed at the Mennonite Information Center as interim director. He also serves part-time as a conference minister in Eastern District. His wife Connie oversees the operations of their business, Show-Ease, an agri-business in Ephrata. They have two children, Darren who lives in Indiana with his family and a son, Ryan, who is deceased.

THIS WEEK

Tue 10 a.m. Alive with 55... *"The Radiettes"*, a group of four young women, seniors at Lancaster Mennonite School, who have been singing and playing different instruments since their sophomore year. John Denlinger will introduce them and share "bits and pieces" about LMS.
Wed 9:00 a.m. Food Pac
6:00 p.m. Wednesday night on the ridge...mystery night
Thu 6:30 p.m. End of Life Planning seminar

COMING EVENTS

Apr 18 Wed 7:00 a.m. Men's breakfast @ Olde Mill
5:34 p.m. Ladies dinner @ Upohar
Apr 28 Sat ACC spring assembly celebration at Hope Community Church, Fleetwood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOU ARE INVITED to Soup and Story at Merv and June Landis' home, Monday, April 9. Drop in for soup from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., speaker to follow until 7:30 p.m. Come for the food, fellowship and opportunity to learn something new. Please RSVP to June at 717-917-0430 voice/text.

INGATHERING FOR MAY....individual applesauce cups for the food pac program.

REMINDER....Complete your affirmation ballot and return it by April 15 to box located on library counter. Additional ballots are on the library counter.

HARMONIES ANNUAL HYMN SING today 6:30 p.m., at the Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Road, Lancaster. If you love traditional hymns and a cappella singing you won't want to miss it. All are welcome. Details at www.harmonies.org

MEDA (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) is partnering with the City of Lancaster in hosting World Night Market on Friday, May 18, from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. in Binns Park (Lancaster City). This family friendly event is free to the public and will feature live music, international food, children's activities, and much more!

TED AND COMPANY SHOW....Discovery: A Comic Lament will be performed at Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Saturday, April 21, 6:00 PM. The play is about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. It finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice and land use, offering both comic and challenging glimpses into the absurdity of white settler oppression of Indigenous Peoples and the land we live on. A show about love, loss, and of land, Discovery nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity. A freewill offering will be taken following the play's conclusion and a short panel discussion will conclude the evening.

THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR of Lancaster has announced its Spring Concert Series schedule:
Sunday, April 8, at 4 p.m. -- Strasburg Mennonite Church, Strasburg
Sunday, April 22, at 4 p.m. -- First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster
Saturday, April 28, at 7 p.m. -- St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster
Sunday, April 29, at 4 p.m. -- Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola
Sunday, June 10, at 7 p.m. -- Mount Gretna Tabernacle, Mount Gretna
Tickets are not required; a freewill offering will be received.

ALL CAMPUSES of Lancaster Mennonite School will hold an open house Sunday, April 22, from 1-3 p.m. Parents of prospective students from prekindergarten through high school will have the opportunity to talk with school leaders, meet teachers and tour the facilities. More information about the open houses and the school is available at www.lancastermennonite.org/flourish.

REPORT FOR April 1

Offering \$5513 Attendance 102

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