

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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March 8, 2020

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: Jeff Pauls
Music: Melodic Hewn, Elaine Shirk
Children's Time: Debbie Denlinger
Nursery: Val Kauffman, Jan Stoltzfus
Greeters: Evan & Charlotte Lapp

Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering Song
Welcome
Lighting the Peace Candle
The Church at Work
Call to Worship

Leader: We lift up our eyes looking for help.

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we have troubles and difficulties, where does our help come from?

People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Leader: When we are invited into new ways of thinking and being, where does our help come from?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth.
Let us worship the One who faithfully helps us and never leaves us or forsakes us.**

Congregational Singing
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings
Children's Time

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-4; John 3:1-17
Message: *New Way of Thinking, Being and Doing* Pastor Robert
Response Song

Church at Prayer
Benediction
Sending Song

NEXT SUNDAY; Third Sunday in Lent. Pastor Audrey will give the message.

THIS WEEK

Tue 10 a.m. Alive with 55...Bryan Hower and Dawn Ranck Hower will share their life journeys up until they were 47 and then what led them together in May 2012. Lunch is served after the program.

Wed 9 a.m. Food pac

6:00 p.m. Mission Commission

COMING EVENTS

Mar 18 & 25 Family Nights

Mar 29 Sun Congregational meeting during Sunday school hour

CHORD EVENTS

Mar 15 Sun, 1:00 p.m. Game "night" in the afternoon @ Meadville.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYCE will be out of the office March 11 – 17. Joyce Thomas will be printing the bulletin.

FAMILY NIGHTS, March 18 & 25...the Christian Formation committee is excited to present the Circle of Grace curriculum for ages 3 to 18 (please plan to attend both sessions). Following our fellowship meal, the children will break into two groups, ages 3-5 (Pre-school to Kindergarten) and grades 1-5. The youth and junior youth (grades 6-12) will form two groups of girls and boys to explore how to be safe in mind and body. The Circle of Grace curriculum is created specifically for Mennonite congregations and school to teach students about personal safety in their homes, schools and communities.

BRANCH COMMUNITY will begin to hold services in the sanctuary Sunday, March 15. Their worship service will start at 6:00 p.m. Please be in prayer for Branch Community as they move to this new phase of their life together

NEEDED...double bagged bags for food pac program.

MISSION PROJECT continues through March collecting food items for the food pac program...Progresso soup with meat, individual applesauce cups (plain), oatmeal individual packs (plain or maple flavored), swiss miss hot chocolate packs.

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL & SERVICE, April 9, 6:30 p.m. we are invited to join New Holland Mennonite Church in eating a meal together like Jesus did with his disciples; we will wash each other's feet or hands; pray for others; witness Jesus' anguish in the garden of Gethsemane; and watch as he is betrayed, arrested, and deserted by his disciples. **Bring 30 pieces of silver** and pour it in as an offering, praying for times that you have betrayed others, been betrayed, or for others who have been betrayed. The silver will be given to CrossNet Ministries, New Holland, PA. **Sign up by April 5 on the sheet in the lobby.**

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE April 10, 7:30 p.m. New Holland Mennonite Church will be joining us at Ridgeview for a Tenebrae Service. The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy. If you see only the happy ending of a movie, everyone who saw it from the start is elated, but you go away saying, "So they were all hugging each other? So what?" But if you see the beginning and the middle part, with all the suspense and grief, you understand what the characters overcame, and the happy ending is all the happier.

NEW DANVILLE SCHOOL benefit auction and chicken barbecue, Friday, April 3. Food stands open at 4:30 p.m. and auction begins at 5:00 p.m. Details posted on bulletin board.

FIREFIGHTER John Wayne is recovering at home following his fall three weeks ago while fighting a fire. He will have a lengthy recovery. Let's shower him with cards. John Wayne Ebersol, 3819 Yost Road, Gordonville PA 17529.

CURRENT NEWSLETTERS from the Smokers and Oyate School are on the literature rack.

REPORT FOR March 1

Offering \$4523 Education \$200 Attendance 112

"Liminal space is a unique spiritual position where human beings hate to be but where the biblical God is always leading them. It is when you have left the tried and true but have not yet been able to replace it with anything else. It is when you are finally out of the way. It is when you are between your old comfort zone and any possible new answer. If you are not trained in how to hold anxiety, how to live with ambiguity, how to entrust and wait, you will run...anything to flee this terrible cloud of unknowing."
~Richard Rohr

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