

*"The Lord is  
my strength  
and my  
song..."*



Exodus 15:2

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*Bowmansville Mennonite Church  
129 Pleasant Valley Road  
East Earl, PA 17519*

**BOWMANVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH**  
March 29, 2009

*We are a fellowship of Mennonite Christians committed to continuing the work that  
Jesus Christ began through worship, nurture and mission.*

**9:00 AM Sunday School**

**"A New Source of Life"**

Where the river flows everything will live. – Exekiel 47:9

**Key Concept:** We can enjoy the benefits of the spiritual renewal that come from the Holy Spirit. He can reverse all the life-killing areas of ourselves and transform us into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

**10:00 AM Gathering**

**Offering** – District Leadership Training Fund – 50%  
Darrel & Miriam Weaver,  
EMM workers in Germany – 50%

**Congregational Singing**

**Sermon** – Larry Weber  
**"Godliness & Contentment"**  
1 Timothy 6:6

**Song of Response**

**Sharing by Anthony Sensenig about a  
mission trip to China**

**Benediction**



# PRAYER MINISTRY

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Larry Weber –Pastor – 445-4449 (church); 445-5229 (home)  
Duane Ringler-Associate Pastor – 859-1625  
Ken Becker – Youth Pastor – (610) 777-8905  
Wilmer Nolt – Financial Deacon – 445-5404  
Larry Horning – Administrative Deacon – 445-7139

## **MISSIONS**

Amos & Rowena Stoltzfus  
Dirgham  
c/o Pocket Testament League, India  
19 Raj Niwas Mart  
Delhi 110 054, India  
[Alive53@gmail.com](mailto:Alive53@gmail.com)

## **COLLEGE**

### **Bob Rissler**

Reading Hospital School of Health Sciences  
Pursuing an associate degree in nursing (RN)

### **Larry Weber**

First year STEP (Study and Training for Effective  
Pastoral Ministry) classes at the Lancaster Campus of  
EMU this Saturday, April 4.

**Uphold the Bible School Committee in your prayers** as they plan and work on this year's program. Be open to God's leading as to how **YOU** might be a part of this ministry to the community. Teachers, helpers, skit participants, props designers, prayer partners, nursery helpers and snack donations are still needed. Sign up sheets are on tables in the overflow. Contact Stacey Martin if you have any questions. (336-3966). Bible School will be held Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11.



- April 1 – Adin Martin
- 2 – Jackie Shirk
- 3 – Valerie Mast
- 4 – Jolene Martin  
Anna Mae Wise
- 5 – Dan Horst
- 6 – Elvin Weaver
- 7 – Violet Gehman

## Wedding Anniversaries

Brent & Donna Horst will celebrate their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary on April 2.

Weaver & Kathryn Martin will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 2.

Earl & Margie Martin will celebrate their 33<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on April 3.

Bob & Debby Rissler will celebrate their 6<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 5.

Ken & Corraine Witmer will celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 7.

Leonard & Miriam Zimmerman will celebrate their 36<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 7.

 Weaver & Kathryn Martin's family invites you to participate in a card shower celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 2. Cards can be sent to:  
Weaver and Kathryn Martin  
458 Staver Road  
Reinholds, PA 17569

For anyone who is interested, there will be a prayer time prior to the Sunday School period, beginning next Sunday morning, April 5. We will meet in Room #4 in the overflow area, starting at 8:00-8:15.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Health Ministry Team will be checking blood pressures after church today in the overflow area. We plan to take them on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. If anyone needs their blood pressure checked monthly or weekly, please contact someone on the team. If there are other ways we can be helpful to you, please let one of us know.



~Health Ministry Team

Duane Ringler, Kim Zimmerman,  
Sherry Martin, Carolyn Ringler, Bob Rissler

Music Sunday will be held April 26 at 10 AM. You are invited to select songs that you would like to sing that morning. Please call Janice Horning with your selections (445-5687) or place them in her mailbox by Easter Sunday morning, April 12.

**Counsel papers were placed in your mailboxes two weeks ago. They should be returned to boxes that are in either foyer TODAY.**

The church building is reserved for Rodney Eberly and Jamie Kulick's wedding on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4. Please limit your activities at the church on those days, especially if children are involved. Thank you!

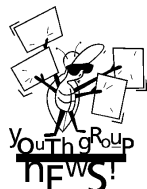
Next Sunday all adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour. A member of *The Gideons International* will share about this ministry.

On Good Friday evening, April 10, we will meet for a light meal, footwashing and a short service commemorating the death of Christ, beginning at 7 PM.



On Easter morning, April 12, we will not meet for Sunday School, but you are welcome to gather for coffee, pastries and fellowship at 8:30 AM. Our Easter worship service will follow at 9:30 AM and will include Communion.

The **Annual Male Chorus Celebration** will be held at the Weaverland Mennonite Meetinghouse this evening, March 29, at 6:30 PM. Participating groups include Freeman Junior College Alumni Chorus, Chiques Church of the Brethren Male Chorus, Akron Mennonite Male Chorus, Gap Male Ensemble and our own Joyful Men. The evening will conclude with a mass chorus including all the above groups and others.



April 01 – Bible Study @ the church @ 7:30  
 04 – Omelet Stand at the PA Relief Sale  
 Meet @ the church @ 4:30 AM

**The Ladies Bible Study** will meet this Thursday evening at 7 PM in the double classroom in the basement wing.

**Brian & Renee Martin** are looking for someone to care for their two boys on Thursdays. Their regular babysitter for that day is no longer available and they need someone else with a flexible schedule to replace her. Not as much time is needed during the school year since both boys will be in school (a half day of kindergarten for the youngest). If you or someone you know would be able to help with this need, or if you would like more information, talk to Brian & Renee.

**Lost and Found items** continue to accumulate, Stop by the front foyer after the service to see if anything belongs to you!



## **Congratulations!!!**

to **Brett Haller, Dan Horst, Jesse Yoder, Michael Becker, Tim Horst and Donna Horst (Coach)** for taking **FIRST PLACE** at the ACC Invitational 2009 Quizzing Tournament last Sunday at LMS! You all

worked hard and had a great season!

May God bless all of the fourteen quizzers (and coaches) for all the time they sacrificed this quizzing season studying God's Word.

*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you for all the cards, gifts and words of encouragement we received as we celebrated our wedding anniversary. God's richest blessings to all of you!*

*Carry & Sandy Weber*



## **Spring Church Cleaning will be held in two weeks on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.**

We will start at 6:30 pm and go until around 9. If you would rather come during the daytime that can be arranged as we will have lists at each room with things to do. "Many hands make light work" is an old saying that applies to this task! While working you will have opportunity to get to know each other better and will be doing a service project right here at home! We haven't cleaned in this way for quite a few years and would like to have good participation from men and women of all ages.

- ⇒ **Sunday School teachers** are asked to place loose items in your classroom in a box after class on April 5, so that they will not be discarded or lost when cleaning is done.
- ⇒ Since the church only has one **vacuum cleaner**, some of you may want to bring your own so you can be more efficient.

Thank you,  
 The Trustees

Earl Martin, Duane Weaver, Doug Zimmerman

### **LAST SUNDAY:**

**Sunday School Attendance:** 176

**Offering:** District Home Missions \$3,878.00

Budget 1,825.00

Total Offering \$5,703.00

### **NEXT SUNDAY: Palm Sunday**

**Sunday School:** All adult classes meet together in sanctuary

**Sermon:** Duane Ringler

**Offering:** Eastern Mennonite Mission (EMM) Relief Ministries

#### Today

**LIBRARY:** Sandy Ringler

**GREETERS:** Dave Horning, Wes Shirk

**NURSERY:** Glenda & Merv Martin

**HOST FAMILY:** Curvin & Mary Ringler

#### Next Sunday

Sandy Yoder

Mike Reese, Janie Nolt

Mary and Lindsay Ringler

**Newborn Kits.** Traditionally Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has kept large inventories of these highly-valued kits. However, because of recent needs in Iraq the supply is low. In the past year more than 10,000 kits were distributed, with more than 7,000 delivered to displaced persons in and around Baghdad. Thank you for helping with this need and remember to pray for those distributing and receiving these valuable resources. A **Newborn Kit** includes the following new items: (Items should not be made of nylon or nylon fleece.)

*2 gowns or sleepers made of lightweight cotton*

*2 undershirts or one-piece outfits - short or long sleeves*

*4 cloth diapers, preferably flat-fold*

*1 receiving blanket – med. weight cotton or flannel*

*4 safety pins, 2 " long*

*1 bar mild soap, 4-5 oz. in wrapper*

Remove packaging material from contents, except for the soap, and fold into the receiving blanket. Fasten together with the safety pins. Kits may be brought to the church and Sewing Circle will see they are taken to MCC.

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## **Sermon Notes**

### **"Godliness & Contentment"**

*"But godliness with contentment is great gain."*

-1Timothy 6:6