



## **BOWMANSVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH**

**April 19, 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 You Are My Witnesses**

You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised. ~Luke 24:48,49

**Key Concept:** We must proclaim, celebrate, and live according to the full story of Jesus, including his birth, death, resurrection, and ascension on high.

### **9:30 AM Gathering**

**Offering** – Building Fund

**Offertory** – Jake Ringler

**Congregational Singing**

**Sermon** – Ken Becker

**"Mixed Together or Mixed With"**

II Peter 2

**Song of Response**

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**

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



# 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

Continue to pray for the Leadership Team as they seek persons to fill roles on our Church Council. Pray that they will be given clarity as to how this new organizational structure will best work for our congregation as they plan to meet together for the first time in May.

## **MISSIONS**

Darrel & Miriam Weaver

Emma Joelle

Willy-Lohmann-Str 24

Halle/Saale

Germany 06114

## **COLLEGE**

### **Carissa Ringler**

Lancaster Bible College

Living at home this semester while student teaching

### **Ken Becker**

Third year STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry) classes at the Lancaster Campus of EMU this Saturday, April 25. (Ken has a half day of classes in May and then GRADUATION!!)



April 22 – Nick Lehman  
 Jevon Shirk  
 23 – Violet Good  
 25 – Helen Becker  
 28 – Linda Clark  
 Howard Martin  
 Miles Rissler

## Wedding Anniversaries

*Cinford & Kim Zimmerman will celebrate their 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on April 24.*

**A. Grace Graybill** has recovered from her broken hip and is now able to return to her regular room at Landis Homes. You will find her at Homeview 24. Thank God for giving her the strength to persevere through therapy and for the healing he has provided which now allows her to leave nursing care and live independently again.

**Pray God's blessing on our Community Bible School** which will be held Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11.

*For anyone who is interested, there will be a **prayer time** prior to the Sunday School hour in Room #4 in the overflow area, starting at 8:00-8:15.*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Obed Arango, a photographer working for Lancaster Conference is worshipping with us this morning and will be taking pictures of some of our activities. The pictures may be used in an upcoming article in the *Shalom News* publication (formerly Lancaster Conference News).

**This week the Before and After Program** will be using the church basement in the afternoons beginning at 1:30 because of early dismissal in the Eastern Lancaster School District.

**The Ladies Choir** that will be singing on Mother's Day will practice here this Tuesday evening at 7 PM.

*Another **Scrapbooking Eventing** will be held this Wednesday, April 22, beginning at 7 PM in the church basement. Anyone who scrapbooks is invited! Bring your supplies and enjoy some fellowship while working.*



April 22 – Committee Mtg. @ Jake's @ 7:30  
 29 – Bible Study @ the church @ 7:30  
 May 2 & 3 – Canoeing – meet @ the church @ 3AM  
 Cost is \$40

**Our Community Bible School** will be held Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11. Much behind the scenes work is already being done. The following is a list of some items that you can begin saving for use at Bible School:

1. **Toilet paper rolls**
2. **Magazines and calendars** with pictures of scenery, animals, etc (anything children would like). Pictures can be large or small.
3. **Large and small pieces of scrap felt.**

Items can be placed in a box in the overflow area at the Bible School table. **Help is still needed for various other roles in the Bible School program. Signup sheets are on the table in the overflow.**

## **Freedom Gate Ministries, Reading, PA.**

The mission of Freedom Gate Ministries is to provide Christian “aftercare” support for ex-prisoners. This support not only includes food, clothing, and shelter but also a “constant care” environment where the ex-prisoner receive practical counseling in all areas of life in order to become a responsible neighbor in the community.

**May is the month our congregation leads Tuesday evening Bible Studies at Freedom Gate and donates groceries throughout the month. Contact Bernice Rissler (445-4361) if you have interest in leading a Bible Study. Papers listing the groceries they need will be available each week during the month of May. Remember to check with Bernice to see what is needed.**

**Freedom Gate Ministries will be having a Chicken BBQ fundraiser this Saturday, April 25, at the Wal-Mart in Elverson. Chicken is available from 10 AM to 5 PM at a cost of \$5 per dinner.**

**Also, golfers should mark their calendars for Freedom Gate’s Golf Tournament which will be held on Saturday, June 27 at the Willow Hollow Golf Course, beginning at 8:15 AM. More details will follow.**

### **Freedom Gate Ministries Breakfast Banquet**

**When – Saturday, May 2, 2009**

**Time – 8:00 AM**

**Place – Yoder’s Banquet Facility, New Holland, PA**

**Cost - \$10 per person (all you can eat buffet)**

**Guest Speaker –Patrick Tutella, director of the chaplaincy program at the Berks County Jail/Prison System in Leesport, PA**

**Call Bernice Rissler (445-4361) by April 26 for tickets.**

**Lancaster Mennonite High School will present the musical “Titanic” Thursday through Saturday, April 30-May 2. Times are 7:30 each evening as well as 2 pm on Saturday. For tickets call 717-299-0436, ext. 340.**

The final **Friendship Circle** for the year will be held at the Weaverland Mennonite Church this Tuesday, April 21 with Ann Gible sharing on the subject “Prayer That Brings Results”. Come and learn how to tap into the power of prayer. The program begins at 9:30 AM and closes at 11 AM. Come early for coffee and fellowship. Nursery and preschool classes are provided. Friendship Circle will begin meeting again in September.

## **HELP TO FILL THE CRIB**

One of the ways you can help give children a healthy, clean start to life is by purchasing and assembling **Newborn Kits**. There is an urgent need for these kits. In 2008 MCC sent more than 10,000 of these kits around the world with the majority going to those affected by ongoing violence in Iraq.

A **Newborn Kit** includes the following new items, size 3-9 months. (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*

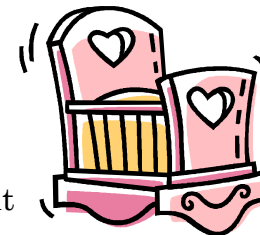
*4 cloth diapers, preferably flat-fold*

*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 placed in the crib in the basement foyer and Sewing Circle will see they are taken to MCC.



*Dear church family,*

*Thank you for the lovely cards you gave to me in honor of my birthday.*

*Valerie Mast*

**LAST SUNDAY:**

**Sunday School Attendance:** No Sunday School

**Offering:** Pastoral Support Fund - \$6,963.00

**NEXT SUNDAY: Music Sunday**

**Offering:** Freedom Gate Ministries

Today

**LIBRARY:** Valerie Mast

**GREETERS:** Delvin & Janetta Huber

Valerie Mast

**NURSERY:** Janie Nolt and Janice Martin

Next Sunday

Sandy Yoder

Dave Horning, Wes Shirk

Sherry & Kelly Martin

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## **Sermon Notes**

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