

BOWMANSVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

May 17, 2009

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

*"Queer things happen in the garden in May.
Little faces forgotten appear,
And plants thought to be dead
Suddenly wave a green hand to confound you!"*
- W. E. Johns



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

9:00 AM Sunday School New Message from God

Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. ~Ephesians 3:8, 9
Key Concept: God's revealed mystery is that the gospel message is available to all, not just to a select few. But mere possession of certain knowledge isn't enough; it has to be put into practice.

10:00 AM Gathering

Offering – Fairmount Homes Sharing Fund

Worship

Sermon – Jeremy Leaman
"Facing the Ruins"
Haggai 1

Song of Response

Sharing – Nate Sensenig
Mission trip to Costa Rica

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

Tomorrow evening, May 18, our Church Council will gather for its first meeting. Pray God’s blessing on this meeting as decisions are made as to how this group can best function as a support to our pastors, as well as enhance our congregational life as we continue the work that Jesus Christ began through worship, nurture and mission.

MISSIONS

Bowmansville Youth Center

Jamie Horning, Director

An outreach of

Crossfire Youth Ministries

James Horning, Executive Director

www.crossfireyouthcenter.org

COLLEGE

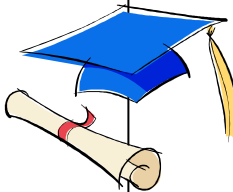
Cheryl Horning

Lancaster Campus of HAAC
 (Harrisburg Area Community College)
 Pursuing an Associate Degree in Nursing (RN)

Carrissa Ringler

On Friday afternoon Carissa Ringler GRADUATED from Lancaster Bible College! Degrees include a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education and a Bachelor of Science in Bible.

Congratulation, Carissa, on this accomplishment, and God bless you as you continue to serve Him!



May 20 – Glenda Martin
 22 – Laverne Snyder
 23 – Noah Weber
 24 – Duane Ringler
 26 – Shirley Martin

Wedding Anniversaries

Joe & Ethel Eberly will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on May 21.

Leonard & Helen Becker will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on May 25.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED

The Youth Group will be traveling to Camp Deepark, New York, for their Summer Service Project this year. They will be leaving Sunday, June 14 and return Friday, June 19.

As always, they covet the prayers of the church family as they travel and spend the week working and living together.

Sign up sheets have been placed in both foyers if you would like to be a prayer partner.

Pray God’s blessing on our Community

Bible School which will be held Sunday, June 7 through Thursday, June 11.

Thanks to everyone for your donations of toilet paper rolls, magazines and scrap felt.

We now have enough of those items, but can use the following: **CDs that you**

don’t want anymore, 30 thin white washcloths, and 30 medium size bars of white soap. CD’s can be placed at the Bible School table in the overflow. Contact Janie Nolt if you can help with the washcloths and soap. Also needed are **undecorated artificial**

Christmas trees. These will be used as props and will be returned to you at the end of Bible School. Call Stacey at (336-3966) if you have one they may use.



*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

Affirmation ballots for coordinators for the Stewardship Commission and the Evangelism Commission have been sent by way of the United States Postal Service to each church member, and need to be returned to the church **TODAY**, Sunday, May 17. Boxes have been placed in either foyer for your ballots.

Freedom Gate Ministries, Reading, PA.

Our congregation provides groceries for Freedom Gate during the month of May. **Each Sunday in May**, someone will be at the front and rear of the sanctuary with papers listing the groceries they need.

Bowmansville District Sewing Circle will meet here this Wednesday, May 20, in the morning and afternoon. The project for this month is Newborn Kits. This is the month for our carry in meal. Please bring a hot or cold dish to share with the group. Place settings are provided. Everyone is welcome to come for the entire time or just a few hours as it suits you.

Bowmansville District Sewing Circle has a **work day at MCC's Material Resource Center**, Trout Run Road, Ephrata, this Thursday, May 21, from 9 AM to 3 PM. **There will be a variety of work for men and women of all ages.** You are welcome to come for the entire day or just the morning or afternoon. If you can stay for the day, please bring your lunch. Drink is provided.



Everyone is invited to share in a FELLOWSHIP MEAL after the service on May 31, celebrating Ken Becker's STEP graduation! The Kitchen Committee asks each family to bring a finger food, salad or dessert to share with the group, and they will provide sandwiches.

New Address Directories are in both foyers for you to pick up. Each household or young adult is welcome to take one.



- May 20 – Bible Study @ the church @ 7:30 PM
24 – Fireworks at Adamstown
27 – Committee Meeting @ Ken & Anne's @ 7:30 PM
31 – Graduation Party @ Curvin & Mary's @ 4 PM

A Sister Care Seminar, sponsored by Lancaster Conference Mennonite Women, will be held at Best Western Inn & Suites, Middletown, PA, beginning at 7 PM on Friday, Oct. 2, and ending at 4:30 PM on Saturday, October 3. The cost is \$65 per person for two women sharing a room. (Cost goes down with more women lodging together). A savings of \$5 per person will be given if registration is made before May 31. **What is Sister-Care?** Women have always cared for others – Sister-Care addresses the question of how we can care for each other in the church in the context of our lives today.



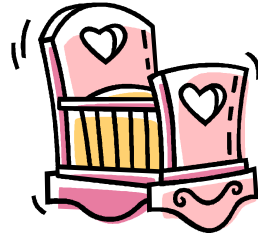
Contact Janice Horning if interested or for more information. She will be registering those already signed up TOMORROW, so that they can benefit from the early registration discount. Please contact her TODAY if you would like to attend and use this discount.



Bowmansville District Senior Link will be meeting for a **Farmer's Breakfast** at the Red Run Mennonite Church Grove on Saturday, June 20, at 8 AM. (If the weather is not favorable to meet outdoors, the breakfast and program will be held inside the church.) Following the breakfast, Charles Longenecker will speak about nature. If you would like to attend, please sign up on sheets that have been placed in both foyers. A freewill offering will be received to cover expenses. **Also mark your calendars for two additional Sr. Link events** – a bus trip to Gettysburg on October 9 and the annual Christmas Dinner on December 5. Watch for more details closer to the dates.

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. Thank you!

Freedom Gate will be holding a Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 27, at Willow Hollow Golf Course with a starting time of 8:15 AM. The cost, which includes a steak dinner, is \$80 (\$75 if registered by June 10). For more information or to register call Alvin Redcay at 610-856-7878.



From time to time we enjoy flowers that are placed at the front of the church in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday or anniversary of someone. At other times we are blessed with arrangements of seasonal flowers that persons pick from their flower gardens. Anyone is welcome to provide an arrangement of flowers to commemorate a special occasion or for no reason at all. In order to avoid having more than one arrangement prepared for the same Sunday, please sign up on the flower calendar in the overflow area. If you would like a note included in the church bulletin stating the occasion for which the flowers have been placed there, or if you have questions, contact Helen Becker.

SERMON NOTES

"Facing the Ruins"

Haggai 1

LAST SUNDAY:

Sunday School Attendance: 198

Offering: Pastoral Support Fund - \$6,282.00

NEXT SUNDAY: Sermon: Duane Ringler

Offering: Bishop Support Fund

Today

LIBRARY: Connie Fox

GREETERS: Delvin & Janetta Huber

NURSERY: Michelle & Barry Brubaker

HOST FAMILY:

Next Sunday

Sandy Yoder

Ray & Naomi Good

Mike Reese

Kim & Linford Zimmerman

Bob & Debby Rissler