



This is the day that the

LORD hath made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

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

BOWMANSVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

September 13, 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

Gideon: Deliverer for the People

The Lord turned to him and said, "Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?"

~Judges 6:14

Key Concept: Gideon needed some extra persuasion to reach his potential. It was the Lord who moved him to commit himself to deliver the nation of Israel from her enemies.

10:00 AM Gathering

Offering – Pastoral Support Fund

Congregational Singing

Mighty to Save

You Are My King

How Great Is Our God

Come, Let Us All Unite

Sharing – Mabel Martin

Congregational Singing

What a Friend We Have In Jesus

Days of Elijah

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Knowing You

Responsive Reading - Psalm 103

#676 in Mennonite Hymnal

Congregational Singing

King of the Nations

Our God, He is Alive

It May Be at Morn

Eternal City

Sharing Time
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



Holly Loose has been moved for some therapy. It's not an easy adjustment & she's not sure how long she'll have to be there. A card or note from you will brighten her day.

If anyone would like to decorate a small scrapbook page for her, see Donna Weaver. Many thanks!

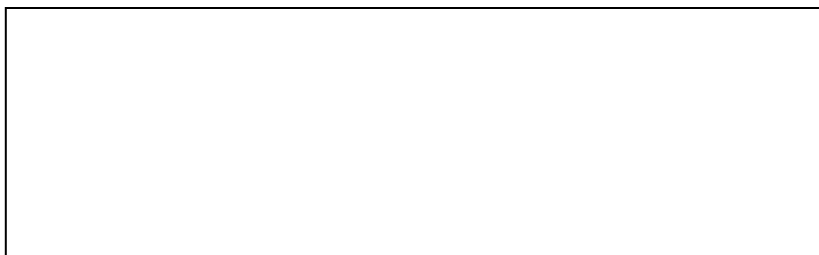


COLLEGE

Larry Weber

The third Saturday of each month now through May, Larry Weber travels to Lancaster to spend the day taking classes as part of the STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry) program which is offered by Eastern Mennonite University at their Lancaster campus. Larry is in the second year of this three year course. In addition to Saturday classes, participants are expected to spend six hours per week studying and reading for class assignments. Thank God for providing such a practical training program for our leaders. Thank God for Larry's willingness to commit time and energy to the work that these classes require, and pray God's blessing on him as he blesses us with the skills and knowledge he gains.

Josh Zimmerman



Sept. 20 – Clair Bowman
 Ruth Bowman
 Sandy Yoder
 22 – Wilmer Nolt
 Mim Reiff

Wedding Anniversaries

Duane & Donna Weaver will celebrate their 16th wedding anniversary on September 18.

Mark & Shelly Zimmerman will celebrate their 18th wedding anniversary on September 21.

Prayer Meetings are held every Sunday morning in Room 4 from 8:15-8:45 AM and every Friday evening from 7-8:30 PM.
 YOU are invited!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In preparation for our fall Communion Service on October 4, **Council Papers** were placed in your mailboxes last Sunday. **Affirmation ballots** for several roles in our congregation were also placed in your mailboxes last Sunday.

Both papers should be returned to boxes that have been placed in either foyer by next Sunday, September 20.

Bowmansville District Sewing Circle will meet here this Wednesday, September 16, in the morning and afternoon. You are invited to come for the entire time or just a few hours as it suits you.



A purple retainer case, with retainer, was found after services two weeks ago. Stop by the church office if it is yours.

If you have need of pastoral care today through Friday, September 18, please contact Associate Pastor Duane Ringler.

The church building is reserved for Steve Becker & Brittany Bush's wedding rehearsal on Thursday evening, September 17 and for their wedding on Saturday, September 19. Please limit your activities here at the end of the week, especially if children are a part of your group. Thank you!



Friendship Circle will be held at the Weaverland Mennonite Church, this Tuesday, September 15 from 9:30 AM to 11 AM. Come early for fellowship and coffee. Nursery and preschool classes are provided. The first meeting will be a "Welcome Back Brunch" with Pastor Brian Martin sharing on the subject "The Blessings and Strength of a Godly Woman". Ladies of all ages are welcome!

The Allegheny Mennonite Historical Association invites you to attend a Hymn Sing in the 1855 Allegheny Mennonite Meetinghouse, 39 Horning Road, Alleghenyville, PA next Sunday afternoon, September 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. Dwilyn Beiler of Paradise, PA will lead hymns from the 1969 Mennonite Hymnal. Limited copies of this hymnal will be available. Call 717-949-3475 or 610-777-3003 for more information.

The Allegheny Mennonite Historical Association is pleased to announce that this past June the Director of the National Park Service designated the Allegheny Mennonite Meetinghouse as a national historic landmark. It has now been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Special thanks and recognition is given to Henry Horning and his daughter, Sue Baker, for the many hours they spent in research and in completing forms to earn this designation.

The Bowmansville District Senior Link bus trip to Gettysburg is now open to anyone of any age and not necessarily from the Bowmansville District. The trip is planned for Friday, October 9, leaving from the Bowmansville Church at 7:30 AM and returning around 7:45 PM. Stops include the Lincoln Train Museum, the Hall of Presidents, Boyd's Bear Country and the Land of the Little Horses. Admission to these stops, an all you can eat buffet lunch and motor coach transportation by Elite Coach are included in the price. Contact Grace Zimmerman at 717-484-4883 to register, or for more details. **Reservations MUST be made by TODAY.**



Sept. 16 – Bible Study @ Crossfire @ 7:30 PM
(building open from 6-9:30)
21 – Ozzie's Sports World - \$15
Meet @ church @ 5:30 PM
25-27 – Leader's Weekend

Collecting Old Bibles

Pages may be missing or coming out.
Valerie Mast will be delivering them to an organization in VA.
The organization sends the bibles to people who have none.
Give bibles to Valerie by Sunday September 20th.

Woodcrest Retreat will be holding their **Fall Senior Citizen's Day** on Wednesday, October 7, from 9 AM to 2 PM. Glen Sell will share on "Life's Greatest Joy" and "A Lasting Legacy". Afternoon music will be provided by The Roland Zimmerman Family. Lunch is provided. Call 738-2233 to reserve a seat or for more information. A freewill offering will be received.

Thanks to everyone who helped with weed eating around the pasture fence this past Monday. Also, thank you for the many creative ways you have helped me celebrate my birthday this year! God bless you for your kindness!

Ken Becker



BOWERY MISSION ANNUAL APPRECIATION BANQUET

DATE: Friday, October 16, 2009

PLACE: Weaver's Banquet Facility, Adamstown, PA

TIME: Doors open @ 6 PM; Meal served @ 6:30 PM

RSVP: By October 10 to

Paul Beyer (717)626-5118 or (717)738-4835.

LAST SUNDAY:

Sunday School Attendance: 121

Offering: Asia Missions \$2,547.28

Budget 2,450.00

Total Offering \$4,997.28

The offering received on August 30 for **Freedom Gate Ministries** amounted to \$448.00.

NEXT SUNDAY: "Bring A Friend Sunday"

Sermon: Duane Ringler

Offering: Building Fund

Today

LIBRARY: Connie Fox

GREETERS: Delvin & Janetta Huber

NURSERY: Shirley & Glenn Zimmerman

LAKE IN WOOD CAMPGROUND

Kelly Martin

Next Sunday

Sandy Ringler

Ray & Naomi Good

Ruth Ann Weaver, Janice Martin

The Joyful Men

Our annual **CHURCH PICNIC** will be held **THIS AFTERNOON** at Woodcrest Retreat from 2 PM till dark. We will be meeting in the Poplar View Pavilion, which is the pavilion where the auction is held. (Take the main drive all the way up to the top of the hill and continue until you can't go anymore.) Bring your lawn chairs. Supper will be served at 5 PM. Hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans will be provided, along with drink and place settings. Each family should bring a salad or dessert to share. Refrigeration space is limited, so if your food item needs to stay cold, please bring it in a cooler.

QUOIT PITCHING TOURNAMENT

If you are not signed up but would like to participate, meet at Woodcrest at 2:45 sharp to draw for partners.

"Bring A Friend Sunday"



Next Sunday has been designated as "Bring a Friend Sunday." This will be a special morning when you are encouraged to invite someone along to church with you and introduce them to our church family and ultimately to Jesus, if they do not already know Him!

Studies show that getting an individual to attend for the first time is often the most difficult of all the steps leading to making a commitment to Jesus Christ. This will be one of the best times ever for you to invite a friend or acquaintance who does not attend a church elsewhere to join you, as the service will be specially geared toward our guests. We will conclude the morning with a **FELLOWSHIP MEAL**. Please bring a generous portion of a finger food, salad or dessert to share. The Kitchen Committee will provide sandwiches and drink. Guests are not expected to bring a food item.

