



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

BOWMANVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

November 22, 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 Faithful People

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. -2 Peter 1:3

Key Concept: Some Christians cease to grow in spiritual stature while others become spiritual giants. We do not have to settle for stunted spiritual growth. Growth and renewal of our spiritual life can begin again.

Thanksgiving (Thanks-giving) Sunday

10:00 AM Welcome

Congregational Singing

*I Owe the Lord a Morning Song MH #527
God of Wonders*

Offering – Bishop Support Fund

Offertory – Adin and Silas Martin

My God is Mighty to Save

Congregational Song

I Thank the Lord, My Maker CSSH #302

Scripture Reading – Congregation in unison
Psalm 100

Thanksgiving Reflections

Alvin Wise
Bob & Debby Rissler

Congregational Song

All Heaven Declares

Thanksgiving Reflections

Tony & Theresa Witmer

Special Singing – Eugene & Mabel Martin

Living by Faith

Thanksgiving Reflections

Henry Horning
Alice Martin

Congregational Singing

It is Well With My Soul CSSH #452
He Reigns

Closing



*It is good to praise the Lord
And make music to your name, O Most High.
To proclaim your love in the morning
And your faithfulness at night.
Psalm 92:1,2*



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

Darrel & Miriam Weaver
Emma Joelle
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Nov. 27 – Grace Graybill
28 – Cody Brubaker
Anna Musser
29 – Randy Gangaway

Wedding Anniversaries

Glenn & June Kauffman will celebrate their
21st wedding anniversary on November 25.
Henry & Martha Gehman will celebrate their
55th wedding anniversary on November 25.

COLLEGE

Beth Huber

Tyler Zimmerman

A Faith Exploration (New Believers) Class will be forming late this fall. Anyone interested in being a part of this class should contact Larry Weber by **NEXT SUNDAY**, November 29.

Cadies Retreat!!!



Sign up sheets have been placed in the basement foyer for you to reserve a room at our Cadies Retreat, being held January 29-31, 2010 at the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn. Cadies of all ages are invited to be a part of this weekend! If you would like to attend, but finances are a problem this year, please contact Janice Horning. Money is available to help with costs. It is our desire that all ladies who wish to attend are able to do so and that finances are not a reason for missing this retreat.

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!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Christmas Choir practice will be held tomorrow evening, Monday, November 23 at 7 PM.

Events to be included on the December/January church calendar should be given to Helen Becker by this Thursday, November 26.

All Adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour next Sunday morning.

Next Sunday evening, November 29, at 6:30 PM, Larry & Joyce Horning will be showing pictures from their recent trip to Tanzania and their visit with Keith & Ellen Hummel and family.

The Health Ministry Team will be available to do blood pressure checks following the service next Sunday.



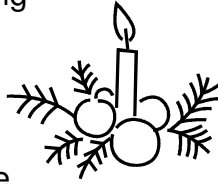
REMINDER - Jeryl Zimmerman will be home for a few days over Thanksgiving and plans to take any items that you've given for Street Life Ministries, along back to New York with him. If you haven't given anything and would like to, they are always in need of men's socks. Thanks for giving to the poor and homeless in this way. May you receive a special blessing!



Nov. 25 – Committee Meeting @ Shane's @ 7:30
Dec. 02 – Bible Study @ the church @ 7:30 PM
05 – Babysitting 6-9 PM @ church

Someone is needed to clean our church beginning the week of Dec. 23. Cleaning takes about ½ day per week. Talk with Duane Weaver if you are interested in this part time job.

Bowmansville District Senior Link will be having their Christmas Dinner and a program by the *Reunion Harmony Quartet* on Saturday, December 6, at noon. If you plan to attend, please sign up on papers that have been placed in both foyers. A donation will be accepted for the meal. (Suggest \$12)



Empty coffee cans needed!!



Save your empty coffee cans and place them in a box that will be placed in the overflow area. They will be used by the children at our Christmas Program on Sunday evening, December 13. Thank You!

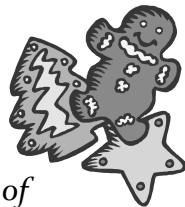
Thanks to a loving Brotherhood for your prayers and birthday cards. Psalm 90:12 says "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Verse 17: "Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us."

-Allen Gehman

Ladies Christmas Tea

A evening of fellowship and fun is planned for Thursday, December 3, in our church basement, beginning at 6:30 PM.

The evening will include a snowman craft (optional; cost \$6), a cookie exchange and plenty of time for visiting. Hot drinks and light snacks will be provided. If you participate in the cookie exchange, you will be able to take home as many cookies as you bring. Sign up sheets have been placed in both foyers. If you would like to attend please sign up by next Sunday, November 29. Ladies of all ages are welcome.....and bring a friend!



Our annual **Church Christmas Program** will be held Sunday evening, December 13, at 6:30 PM. Any children who play an instrument are invited to have a part in the evening. Please let Ruth Horst know if your child would like to participate.



Just a reminder that MCC is collecting **CHRISTMAS BUNDLES** for distribution to children through the Spanish Mennonite Council and other urban churches. Items to include in a bundle were listed in last week's bulletin or you can find the listing on papers placed at the **CHRISTMAS BUNDLE** displays in either foyers. **Bundles need to be brought to the church by next Sunday, November 29**, and Sewing Circle will see they are taken to MCC. Thank you!



Anyone 18 years or older who would like to get out of their comfort zone or to try something new for one week this January is invited to go down to Alabama for the 32nd **Annual Prison Crusade**. The Crusade will be held January 24-28, 2010. Alabama has 18 prisons to choose from. If you would like more information or if you would like to go along, please talk with Anthony Sensenig, Grace Sensenig or Grace Zimmerman. Applications need to be mailed by December 18.

LAST SUNDAY:

Sunday School Attendance: 152

Offering: MCC Relief Fund \$3,930.00

Budget 2,450.00

Total Offering: \$6,380.00

NEXT SUNDAY – 1st Sunday of Advent

“Take Heart! God is Coming to Make Things Right!”

Sermon: Larry Weber

Offering: Lancaster Conference Ministries

Today

LIBRARY: Sandy Ringler

GREETERS: Delvin & Janetta Huber

NURSERY: Becky & Jessica Zimmerman

Next Sunday

Sandy Yoder

Valerie Mast, Wes Shirk

Diane & Beth Ringler

Christmas Bundles

MCC is collecting Christmas bundles for distribution to children through the Spanish Mennonite Council and other urban churches. Giving quality items shows God's love to the recipient.

Girls (Sizes 1-16)

Dress, skirt and blouse or pants and top
- sweater optional
Toothbrush and tube of toothpaste
Washcloth and bar of soap
Toy, appropriate for the age



Boys (Sizes 1-16)

Shirt and pants; sweater optional
Toothbrush and tube of toothpaste
Washcloth and bar of soap
Toy, appropriate for the age

Wrap entire contents in a large bath towel and close with a safety pin. Label the outside of the bundle with the size of clothing and if it is for a boy or a girl.

Bundles should be brought to the church by November 29 and Sewing Circle will see they are taken to MCC.

Thank you for your help with this need!
