

*And This Is My Prayer:*

That your love may abound more and more in  
knowledge and depth of insight,  
So that you may be able to discern what is best  
and may be pure and blameless  
until the day of Christ,  
Filled with the fruit of righteousness  
that comes through Jesus Christ-  
To the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 9, 10, 11



**GET  
READY!**

*God calls us to choose the path of peace!*

**BOWMANVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH**

**December 6, 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**

***The Lineage of David***

The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David. —Ruth 4:17

**Key Concept:** One of the important aspects of our belief in Jesus as the Messiah is the way the New Testament presents him as a fulfillment of prophecy. Some prophecies are tied to ancestors of Jesus who played major roles in the history of Israel.

**10:00 AM Gathering**

**Offering** – EMM General Mission Fund

**Worship**

**Advent Candle Lighting** - Luke 1:68-79

**Message** – Ken Becker  
**"The Missing Peace"**

**Song of Response**

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Benediction**



# PRAYER MINISTRY

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Larry Weber –Pastor – 445-4449 (church); 445-5229 (home)  
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## **MISSIONS**

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Newsletters from Aaron & Danielle Miner and the Flamm Family have been placed on tables in both foyers.



Dec. 09 – Maggie High  
 11 – Richard Good  
 12 – Sandy Ringler  
 Wayne Rissler  
 14 – Brian Martin  
 Jim Martin (Beatrice)  
 Ed Ringler  
 Joe Ringler  
 Sadie Weaver

## **COLLEGE**

**Amber Huber**

**Larry Weber**

Second year STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry) classes at the Lancaster Campus of EMU this coming Saturday, December 12.

**Election of officers will be held when Bowmansville District Sewing Circle** meets on Wednesday, December 16. A new Vice President, Asst. Secretary, Treasurer and Song Leader are needed. Pray that persons will be willing to commit to serve in these roles so that the work of the Sewing Circle can go on.

## *Ladies Retreat!!!*



*Sign up sheets have been placed in the basement foyer for you to reserve a room at our Ladies Retreat, being held January 29-31, 2010 at the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn. Ladies 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. Please sign up **TODAY**.*

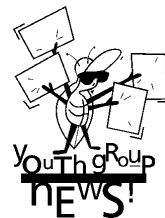
Prayer Meetings are held every Sunday morning in Room 4 from 8:15-8:45 AM and every Friday evening from 7-8:30 PM.  
 YOU are invited!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayer Meeting** will be held here this Wednesday, December 9, at 7 PM.

**JGA and JBA** will be meeting here this Wednesday evening, December 9, from 7-8:30 PM. **JGA** will be having a gift exchange and **JBA** will be doing a MCC project.

**Jr Youth** will be meeting at the Bowmansville Youth Center this Wednesday from 7-8:30 for their Christmas Party. Bring along a \$5 gift (boys for boys; girls for girls). Guys should also bring a salty snack and girls should bring a sweet snack.



- Dec. 16 – Christmas Caroling @ 7 PM
- 23 – Committee Mtg. @ Steve & Cheryl's @ 7:30
- 30 – Game/Movie Night @ 7:30  
Bring a \$5-\$7 gift –  
Guys for a guy; Girls for a girl
- 31 – New Year's Eve Party @ Hinkletown Mennonite School Gym; 7 PM-12 AM  
Meet at the church at 6:30 PM  
Guys bring a drink; girls bring a snack



The **Christmas Choir** will practice this Thursday evening, December 10, at 7 PM.

## Our congregation's annual **Christmas Program**

will be held next Sunday evening,  
December 13, at 6:30 pm.



The evening will give you an opportunity to stop and reflect on the real meaning of this busy time of the year – the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Refreshments and fellowship will follow the service.

**Invite your friends to join in our celebration!**

The Christmas Project for this year

is food for the Northeastern Lancaster County Food Bank, located in Terre Hill. Donations of non-perishable food (no glass containers, please) will be received during the service. Especially needed are peanut butter, jelly, pancake mix and syrup, canned vegetables, stuffing mix, canned sauerkraut, canned yams and canned fruit.

If you cannot attend the evening program, donations can be brought to morning worship service.

**Schedule Change:** In two weeks, on Sunday, December 20, everyone is invited to gather in the basement at 8:30 AM for coffee and cookies. No Sunday School classes will meet that morning. **Our worship service will begin at 9:30 AM.**

**Table Talk** – Join the dialogue! You are invited to the Garden Spot Village Chapel this Wednesdays December 9 from 7-8:30 PM for **Table Talk**, a dialogue about issues of importance to Christians today. Dr. Steve Nichols and Dr. Mark Wenger will dialogue about “**How We Read Our Bible.**” This event is free to the public with donations accepted. If you would like more information call 355-6203.

**Hinkletown Mennonite School** is seeking qualified persons for the following positions:

**Assistant to the Director of Development** for one day a week doing office support work; must have computer skills.

**Family and Consumer Science Teacher** for 7 hours on a Thursday; qualifications include knowledge of sewing, cooking and teaching life skills.

Contact the office at 354-7100 for more detailed job descriptions and an application form.



## **LIBRARY NEWS: LOOK FOR NEW ADDITIONS** on the table outside the library.

Included are:

- a revised version of **ROSANNA OF THE AMISH;**
- CALM BEFORE THE STORM; EYE OF THE STORM; OUT OF THE STORM;** a three series set by Janice L. Dick that tell the story of the Russians Mennonites' struggle in the early 1900's
- **SHADES OF BLUE** by Karen Kingsbury
- READINGS FROM MENNONITE WRITINGS – NEW & OLD** (recommended by Keith Weaver during renewal services)



**Bowmansville District Sewing Circle** will meet here on Wednesday, December 16, in the morning and afternoon. You are welcome to come for the entire time, or just a few hours as it suits you. The project for December is Relief Kits. You are welcome to buy items for a complete kit, or just purchase a few items and Sewing Circle will provide the rest. A Relief Kit includes the following new items:



**Relief Kit:**

- 4 large bars of soap in wrapping
- 1 plastic bottle shampoo  
(13-24 oz; placed in a Ziploc bag)
- 4 large bars laundry soap  
(such as Fels Naptha, Sunlight or Zote)
- 1 squeeze tube of toothpaste (6 oz, leave in box)
- 4 adult size toothbrushes (leave in packaging)
- 4 new bath towels (med. weight, dark color)
- 2 wide tooth combs, 6-8 inches
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 box adhesive band aids (min. 40, assorted)
- 1 pkg sanitary pads (18-24 thin maxi or ultra thin)

Place items in a box and bring to the church. Sewing Circle will see they are taken to MCC. Thank you!

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**LAST SUNDAY:**

Sunday School Attendance: 149

Offering: Lancaster Conference Ministries \$2,372.89

Budget 2,450.00

Total Offering: \$4,822.89

**NEXT SUNDAY – 3rd Sunday of Advent**

**“Rejoice! God Comes in Mercy to Turn Us Around!”**

Sermon: Larry Weber

Offering: Pastoral Support Fund

Today

**LIBRARY:** Sandy Ringler

**GREETERS:** Dave Horning, Janie Nolt

**NURSERY:** Stacey & Cassie Martin

Next Sunday

Sandy Yoder

Delvin & Janetta Huber

Mike Reese

Audrey Haller and Glenda Martin

# Sermon Notes

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent*

**"The Missing Peace"**