

BOWMANVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

December 13, 2009

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

I Will Praise You, O Lord!

Although you were angry with me, your anger
has turned away and you have comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The Lord, the Lord,

is my strength and my song
and he has become my salvation.

Isaiah 12: 1,2



REJOICE!

God comes in mercy to turn us around!

9:00 AM Sunday School

Prophets Foreshadow Messiah's Birth

The Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.

-Isaiah 7: 14

Key Concept: God is with us. He will never abandon us. He will use us if we have the heart of submission to his will that we see in Mary. We may not be visited by angels, but we too need not be afraid. God is with us.

10:00 AM Gathering

To Us a Child of Hope is Born MH #125

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing MH #135

Offering – Pastoral Support Fund

Call to Worship

Oh, Beautiful Star of Bethlehem

The Message

The Christmas Song

Silent Night

Advent Candle Lighting - Luke 3:7-18

Message – Larry Weber

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Song of Response – *Mighty to Save!*

Sharing and Prayer

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

MISSIONS

Crossfire Youth Ministries
 James Horning, Executive Director
 Bowmansville Youth Center
 Jamie Horning, Director
www.crossfireyouthcenter.org



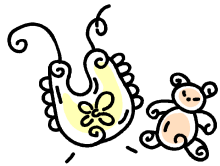
Dec. 16 – Jesse Yoder
 17 – Wilmer Burkhart
 18 – Hannah Witmer
 19 – Len Becker
 21 – Lindsay Ringler
 22 – Kary Haller

Wedding Anniversaries

Harry & Sharon Lehman will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on December 13.

Roy & Nancy Martin will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary on December 18.

Paul & Mim Reiff will celebrate their 35th wedding anniversary on December 20.



Congratulations to Darrell & Tammy Becker upon the birth of a son, Jericho Scott! Jericho was born on Thursday, December 10, weighing 7 lb., 8 oz. and is 20 inches long. He is also

welcomed by his sister, Lucy. Thank God for this precious addition to our church family, and pray God's blessing Darrell & Tammy as they raise these children to love the Lord.

Election of officers will be held when Bowmansville District Sewing Circle meets this 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.

COLLEGE

Josh Zimmerman

Michelle Ringler

Preparing to leave with a nine member college team to serve in Chile for two weeks (Dec. 29-Jan.15). They will be working with native Chileans at a Bible School and orphanages, as well as doing friendship evangelism.



Congratulations to Jim Burkhart and Elsie Bowman who were married here yesterday! The Burkharts will be living in Florida for the winter and will make Lancaster County their home when warmer weather returns! Pray God's blessing of good health and much happiness on this couple and the new home they have started!

Thank you for the many prayers, cards and visits you blessed us with while Mary was in the hospital and at the Golden Living Center. She is doing well and came home this week! She will continue to receive therapy and will return to Garden Spot Village's day program when Irvin is at work. Continue to uphold us in your prayers. God bless each one of you.

~Mary & Irvin Weaver

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our congregation's annual
Christmas Program

will be held tonight,
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.
Cash donations are also welcome.



LAST SUNDAY:

Sunday School Attendance: 163

Offering: EMM General Mission Fund \$4,142.53
Budget 2,450.00
Total Offering: \$6,592.53

NEXT SUNDAY – Christmas Sunday “God Delivers!”

Coffee/Cookies/Fellowship at 8:30 AM

No Sunday School

Worship Service at 9:30 AM

Sermon: Duane Ringler

Offering: Community Outreach

Today

LIBRARY: Sandy Yoder
GREETERS: Delvin & Janetta Huber
Mike Reese
NURSERY: Audrey Haller and Glenda Martin

Next Sunday

Connie Fox
Ray & Naomi Good
Valerie Mast

Next 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. **Our worship service will begin at 9:30
AM.**



- 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

Bowmansville District Sewing Circle will meet here
this Wednesday, December 16, in the morning and afternoon. The
project for December is Relief Kits.

Sermon Notes

3rd Sunday of Advent

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