

# **BOWMANVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH**

**December 27, 2009**

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

But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
Though you are small among the clans of Judah,  
Out of you will come for me  
One who will be ruler over Israel.

He will stand and shepherd his flock  
In the strength of the Lord,  
In the majesty of the name  
of the Lord his God.

And they will live securely,  
For then his greatness  
Will reach to the ends of the earth.  
And he will be their peace.

Micah 5:2,4,5



# **GOD DELIVERS!**

**December 27, 2009**

## **9:00 AM Sunday School**

### ***Messiah's Birth Causes Joy and Rage***

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.

~Matthew 2:10

**Key Concept:** Herod was threatened by the birth of Jesus while the wise men were drawn to him. Let us be drawn to Jesus so we too can worship the Messiah!

## **10:00 AM Gathering**

*Garment of Praise*

**Offering – Building Fund**

### **Worship**

*O Come All Ye Faithful - MH # 132*

*Away in a Manger*

*The Splendor of the King*

*Knowing You*

*Victory In Jesus*

*We Will Dance*

**Advent Candle Lighting – Luke 1:39-56**

**Message – Duane Ringler**

***God Delivers!***

**Litany of Response**

**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**

Kendra Martin  
 957 Camp Hebron Road  
 Halifax, PA 17032  
 kmartin@camphebron.org

**Michelle Ringler** will be leaving with a mission team from Lancaster Bible College this Tuesday, Dec. 29, for Chile, South America. They will be working with native Chileans at a Bible School and at orphanages, and will also be doing friendship evangelism. Pray for safety and uneventful traveling conditions as they fly from New York to Chile, and ask God to bless them with good health during their weeks serving there. Ask God to open the hearts of the people they relate to, and pray that each team member would be filled with boldness as they have opportunity to share their testimony. The group will return home Jan. 15.



Dec. 30 – Nicole Ringler  
 Donna Weaver  
 Tyler Zimmerman  
 Jan. 02 – Margie Martin  
 03 – Ruth Sensenig – 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday!  
 04 – Tyler Rissler  
 Trevor Rissler

**Officers for the Bowmansville District Sewing Circle** for 2010-2012 are as follows:

President: Janet Good  
 Vice President: Janice Horning  
 Treasurer: Grace Sensenig  
 Secretary: Helen Becker  
 Asst. Secretary: Betty Martin  
 Song Leader: Glenda Martin

Thank God for persons willing to commit to lead this work of the church!

**Ask God to bless Alvin Wise** with complete healing in his shoulder following surgery this week. Pray that he would have clear direction as to whether the same procedure should be done on his other shoulder sometime in the coming months.



**Grace Horning** spent some time in the Ephrata Community Hospital this week and is now receiving care in the nursing unit in the Wheatridge Building at Fairmount Homes. Pray that Grace and Irvin will be filled with God's peace even though Grace's physical body does not function as it once did and they need to adjust their lives accordingly.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Offering baskets have been placed in both foyers for your contributions to last Sunday's offering for Community Outreach or, if you use the envelope system, you can simply place last Sunday's envelope in the baskets when the offering for the Building Fund is received during the service today.

MEMORY VERSES - If your child has completed his/her memory verse quota, please turn in the paperwork to Donna Horst.

## For Your Information:

- ⇒ Email Change: Brent and Donna Horst have changed their email to [horst5@frontier.com](mailto:horst5@frontier.com)
- ⇒ Larry Horning's current cell phone number is 717-490-1784.

Items for the January/February church calendar should be given to Helen Becker by this Thursday, December 31.



- Dec. 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; **7:30 PM-12 AM\***  
Meet at the church at **7:00 PM\***  
Guys bring a drink; girls bring a snack  
**\*Note time change!**

Can't keep from singing? Love praising God? Consider joining the Carol Choir (grades 2 – 5), the Concert Choir (grades 6 – 8) or the Chamber Choir (grades 9 -12) of the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) this spring. Singers are being accepted for all three choirs. We are committed to training children and youth to glorify Jesus Christ through excellent choral singing, For more information, contact Darlene Hein ([dtmhein@aol.com](mailto:dtmhein@aol.com)) at 898-0398 for singers in grades 2-8 or Rosemary Blessing ([siegrirs@hotmail.com](mailto:siegrirs@hotmail.com)) at 392-6205 for singers in grades 9-12.

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) invites visitors to join Peter J. Dyck for a reception at MCC's



Welcoming Place, 21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA.

The drop-in event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2009. You are invited to visit with Peter, to peruse his books and to enjoy light refreshments commemorating Peter's 95th birthday.

Guests will have opportunity to contribute to a current MCC program in Sudan, Africa. "Coming Home Sudan" is MCC's support for displaced people returning to Southern Sudan following a 22 year civil war. Contributions help with education, agriculture and peace-building efforts in Sudan.

*Beginning Sunday evening January 10 and continuing through March there will be opportunity every 2nd & 4th Sunday evening of each month to gather in the church basement and follow up on Ken Eberly's teaching on the Holy Spirit. This will be an informal time of meeting together from 6:30 – 8 PM as Ken comes and shares with us. All are invited to attend.*

A Sweetheart Banquet will be held at WOODCREST RETREAT on Saturday evening, February 6, 2010 at 6 PM. Come enjoy delicious food, special music and encouragement for your marriage! "Three Pillars of Love" will be the theme of speaker John Landis. John is Associate Pastor of Krall Mennonite Church. The cost is \$30 per couple. Call 738-2233 for reservations by January 28, 2010.

Greetings in the Name of the Lord Jesus! We at Street Life Ministries want to thank you for your recent donations of coats, sweatshirts, socks, gloves, and hats. This time of year is particularly hard on the homeless and poor and we are so glad to give them the warm clothing you sent. We are thankful for your partnership with our ministry. Thank you again for showing the love of our Savior through your giving!

-Rev. David Van Fleet, Street Life Ministries



**LAST SUNDAY:** Sunday School and Church Service cancelled  
due to snow storm!

**NEXT SUNDAY** – Sermon: Larry Weber  
Offering: Community Outreach

Today

**LIBRARY:** Sandy Yoder  
**GREETERS:** Wes Shirk, Janie Nolt  
**NURSERY:** Julie Weber, Michelle Ringler

Next Sunday

Sandy Ringler  
Dave Horning, Janie Nolt

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## **Sermon Notes**

### ***God Delivers!***

## **Litany of Response**

**Leader:** Lord, in this time of Advent, we celebrate your presence with us and long for your coming. We rejoice that you deliver.

**People:** **Lord, make us ready. Deliver us from sin and hopelessness. We celebrate your light coming into our darkness.**

**Leader:** We remember the hope Jesus brings to all people in all times and places.

**People:** **Rejoice! God delivers.**

**Leader:** We remember the peace God gives, a flickering candle that the night cannot understand or extinguish.

**People:** **Rejoice! God delivers.**

**Leader:** We rejoice because God is in our midst, turning us around and taking away our fear. God rejoices over us with gladness, God renews us with love.

**People:** **Rejoice! God delivers.**

**Leader:** We look for signs in the heavens and God sends a baby. God remembers. God's saving mercy breaks through time and space to include even us.

**All:** **Rejoice! God delivers.**