

JANUARY



**Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3**

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

BOWMANSVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

January 3, 2010

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

Proclaimed in Baptism

A voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." Matthew 3:17

Key Concept: The best resolution anyone can make is to heed the call of John the Baptist and repent and be baptized.

10:00 AM Gathering

Offering – Community Outreach

Offertory – Michael and Jeff Becker

Worship

Message – Larry Weber

***"Choosing to Heal Life's Hurts,
Hang-ups and Habits"***

Matthew 5:3 (The Reality Choice)

Song 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

Bowmansville Mennonite Church
 Before and After School Program
 Ruthie Weaver, Director

Michelle Ringler is presently serving with a mission team from Lancaster Bible College in Chile, South America. They are working with native Chileans at a Bible School and at orphanages, and will also be doing friendship evangelism.

Ask God to bless them with good health and safety as they serve and pray that the hearts of the people they relate to would be open to hear about God. Pray also that each team member would be filled with boldness as they have opportunity to share their testimony. The group will return home Jan. 15.



Congratulations!!

Bruce & Allayne Byram will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary on January 6.

Darrell & Tammy Becker will celebrate their 3rd wedding anniversary on January 6.

Eugene & Mabel Martin will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 10.

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!



Jan. 11 – Jon Martin

The following persons have committed to participate in Bible Quizzing from 1 & 2 Corinthians during January, February and March:

Michael Becker, Katelyn Byram, Brett Haller, Jordon Haller, Dan Horst, Jordon Horst, Tim Horst, Katie Ringler, Erin Shirk, Derick Weaver, J.C. Wenger, Jesse Yoder and Seth Yoder.



Thank God for each one of these youth and their willingness to set aside time for this activity. Pray God's blessing on the coaches as they lead and encourage these young people to hide God's Word in their hearts.

Specific prayer requests from the group are:

1. That the Scriptures would stick to our minds & hearts
2. For discipline in studying
3. That we could be good encouragers to each other

May God Bless you for praying for each of us,

Coaches Audrey Haller, Donna Horst and Duane & Donna Weaver

COLLEGE

Cheryl Horning

Larry Weber

Second Year STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry) classes at the Lancaster Campus of EMU this coming Saturday, January 9.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Happy 92nd birthday to Ruth Sensenig! The flowers at the front of the sanctuary are for you.

From Your Family

Next Sunday the Youth Group will serve a soup and sandwich meal following the morning service. Donations for the lunch will go toward their 2010 Summer Service Project. From August 9-14 the group will travel to Harlan, Kentucky to work with MCC sponsored SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People). Using the efforts of volunteers, SWAP addresses sub-standard housing in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. Participants will work with and for local homeowners "In the name of Christ", sharing the message of God's love and building relationships that serve to enrich all involved.



Beginning next 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.

All ladies are invited to meet for lunch at the Shady Maple Dutchette (basement of smorgasbord building) this Wednesday, January 6, at 11 AM. This is a monthly event, held the first Wednesday of each month.

Mark your calendars for a congregational workday at MCC's Material Resource Center on Tuesday, January 26, from 9 AM – 3 PM. There will be work for men and women.

MEN'S RETREAT 2010

In the past few years, the men of Bowmansville Mennonite Church have been so impacted by being a part of the Men's Retreat, it has now become an annual event. Please reserve April 16-18, 2010. We will be meeting again at Refreshing Mountain for another powerful weekend. Trust me...you don't want to miss it!

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.

Friendship Circle will be held at the Weaverland Mennonite Church on Tuesday, January 5. Sue Steffy will be talking on "Body and Soul Fitness." The program begins at 9:30 and closes at 11 AM. Come early for coffee and fellowship. Nursery and preschool classes are provided. Please note: If Eastern Lancaster County Schools are closed or delayed, Friendship Circle will be cancelled.

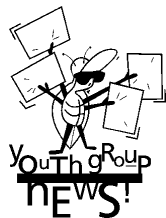
Bowmansville District Sewing Circle will meet here on Wednesday, January 20, in the morning and afternoon. You are invited to come for the entire time or just a few hours as it suits you. January is the month for our pot luck lunch, so please bring a hot or cold dish to share with the group. The project for this month is comforters.

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

Thanks for all the cards, gifts and words of encouragement you have shared with Sandy and I throughout this holiday season. May God bless each of you with a wonderful and blessed New Year!

Sandy & Larry

Join friends of Sunday School Meditations at an upcoming Dinner Meeting being held on Saturday, January 23 at Yoder's Restaurant in New Holland. The meeting will begin at 6 PM with Merv Keller, pastor at Church of the Brethren, Lewiston, Maine, speaking. Come prepared to receive a blessing and to enjoy a delicious meal. Reservations can be made by calling Jim & Elaine Landis at 717-687-8490.



Jan. 06 – Bible Study @ the church @ 7:30
10 – Youth Sunday/Soup & Sandwich Lunch
18 – Skiing/Snowboarding

Sermon Notes

“Choosing to Heal Life’s Hurts, Hang-ups and Habits”

Matthew 5:3 (The Reality Choice)

Stress

Fears

Diet

Overwork

Addictions

Attractions

Worry

Bad habits

Anger

Dishonesty

Need to control

Regrets

Relationships

Finances

Painful memories

Perfectionism

Resentment

LAST SUNDAY: Sunday School Attendance: 192

Offering: Building Fund \$3,363.89

Budget 2,450.00

Total Offering \$5,813.89

12-20-09 offering received last Sunday

Community Outreach \$ 483.00

Budget 2,450.00

Total Offering \$2,933.00

NEXT SUNDAY – Sermon: Larry Weber

Offering: Pastoral Support Fund

Today

LIBRARY: Sandy Ringler

GREETERS: Dave Horning, Janie Nolt

HOST FAMILY: Dave & Janice Horning

Next Sunday

Connie Fox

Ray & Naomi Good

Mike Reese

Soup/Sandwich Lunch

