

BOWMANVILLE MENNONITE CHURCH

May 2, 2010

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

When

You are in the
final days of
your life,

What

Will you want?



Will you hug that college degree

in the walnut frame?

Will you ask to be carried to the garage
so you can sit in your car?

Will you find comfort in rereading your
financial statement?

Of course not!

What will matter then will be people.

If relationships will matter most then,
Shouldn't they matter most now?"

— [Max Lucado](#)

FAMILY LIFE SUNDAY

9:00 AM All Youth and Adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the sanctuary.

Welcome to John & Sharon Charles, from Abundant Living Ministries, Brickerville, PA, who will be speaking on the subject of "Communication".

10:00 AM **Gathering**
Garment of Praise
Bigger Than Any Mountain

Offering – Short Term Missions
Offertory – Valerie Mast
His Grace is Greater

Worship
The Love of God
Angus Dei
Amazing Love
Knowing You
Let Your Glory Fall

Message – John & Sharon Charles
"Your Home as a Ministry Center"

Hymn of Response
The Family of God

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

*Everyone is invited to gather in the basement
for food and fellowship!*



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/After School Program
 Ruthie Weaver, Director

Mim Reiff will be leading the Bible Study at Freedom Gate this Tuesday evening at 7 PM. Pray that God's love will shine through her as she teaches and encourages those who will be a part of this gathering.

Church Council will meet this Tuesday evening. Pray for wisdom and understanding as this group deals with important matters pertaining to our church life.



May 7 – Carli Ringler
 9 – Drew Walton
 10 – Michael Becker
 Audrey Haller
 Joyce Horning
 Josh Lehman
 11- Derek Brubaker
 Brett Haller

Wedding Anniversaries

David & Mary Alice Kulp will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary on May 8.

COLLEGE

Austin Stoltzfus

Beth Huber



**Thursday,
May 6, 2010**

How often have we prayed something like, "Oh, Lord, be with cousin Billy now in a special way"?

Have we stopped to consider what it is we're requesting? Imagine that you are a parent who is preparing to leave your children with a babysitter. Would you dream of saying, "O Betsy, I ask you now that you would be with my children in a special way"?

No way! You would say, "Betsy, the kids need to be in bed by 9PM. They can have one snack before their baths, and please make sure they finish their homework. You can reach us at this number if there is any problem. Any questions before we go?"

We are very specific with our requests made to our babysitters. We want them to know specifics. It should be no different with prayer.

–David Jeremiah



Anyone desiring prayer or needing to talk with someone is welcome to stop by Room 4 in the overflow following the service.

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

Mother's Day will be celebrated next Sunday, May 9. Come prepared to share a sentence or two about your mother during our Sharing & Prayer Time that morning.

Freedom Gate Ministries, Reading, PA

The mission of Freedom Gate Ministries is to provide Christian "aftercare" support for ex-prisoners. This support not only includes food, clothing, and shelter, but also a "constant care" environment where the ex-prisoner receives practical counseling in all areas of life in order to become a responsible neighbor in the community.

- Our congregation provides groceries for Freedom Gate during the month of May. **Beginning today** someone will be at the front and rear of the sanctuary with papers listing the groceries they need.
- Our congregation also leads the **Tuesday evening Bible Studies** for the residents of the Freedom Gate House during the month of May. Contact Bernice Rissler if you have interest in leading a Bible Study.

On Thursday, May 13, from 9 AM-3 PM, you are invited to help with the work of MCC at their **Material Resource Center** on Trout Run Road, Ephrata. **There will be something for men and women to do**, and jobs may include knotting comforters, quilting, sorting kits, or helping with other recycling projects that they are presently working on. If you are able to stay for the entire day, please bring your lunch. Drinks are provided.

Friendship Community's Annual Fest and Auction will be held this coming Friday and Saturday, May 7 & 8. Chicken BBQ meals will be available on Friday from 4-7 PM, followed by a free concert by "Set Free". A Pancake & Sausage Breakfast will be offered on Saturday from 7-10 AM, with the auction beginning at 9 AM. There will be lots of children's activities and good food available throughout the day. All activities take place at 1149 E. Oregon Road, Lititz, next to Landis Homes.



- May 05 – National Day of Prayer
@ Lanc. Bible College
Meet @ the church @ 5:45 PM
- 11 – Bible Study at Freedom Gate with a stop at the Dairy Queen on the way home. Meet @ church @ 6:30 PM.
- 13 – Work evening @ MCC Material Resource Center – 6:30-8:30 PM
Meet @ church @ 6 PM

ATTN. YOUTH: Final payment for the Kentucky SSP is due by May 19. If you paid the \$50 deposit by Jan. 31, you owe another \$50. If you paid the \$50 after that date, you owe \$70. We need payment from you by the deadline so that we can keep up with the large deposits owed for the whole group that are due to SWAP ahead of time. If you have paid nothing by May 19, the cost will be \$200.



Thanks to everyone who helped us raise funds for our Summer Service Project by donating time and help to the Servant Auction, by donating other items for the Specialty Auction, and by purchasing us! We raised approximately \$7,000 and there is no way we could have done it without you. We are very grateful to have a church family who is supportive of us in so many ways!

-The Youth Group

All ladies are invited to meet for lunch at the Shady Maple Dutchette this Wednesday, May 5, at 11 AM. This is a monthly event, held the first Wednesday of each month.

LAST SUNDAY: Sunday School Attendance: 157
Offering: Bishop Support Fund - \$1,985.98
Budget 2,625.00
Total Offering \$4,610.98

NEXT SUNDAY: MOTHER'S DAY
Sermon: Larry Weber
Offering: Pastoral Support Fund

Today
LIBRARY: Michelle Hoover
GREETERS: Dave Horning, Allayne Byram
Janie Nolt
NURSERY: Michelle Hoover, Renee Martin

Next Sunday
Sandy Ringler
Ray & Naomi Good
Irene Good, Heidi Charles

Family Life Sunday Notes

John & Sharon Charles

9 AM – Communication

10 AM - Your Home as a Ministry Center

FILL THE CRIB!!

Family Caring
Project

NEWBORN KITS



Giving birth can be expensive, especially in countries that are experiencing economic deterioration. Besides clothes for the baby and herself, a mother often must take along all hospital supplies, even bedding and medicines. “Some women have started going to church after giving birth because of the kindness shown by women from churches who came with the gift of newborn kits.” reports a MCC worker in Russia. Newborn kits are sent to assist mothers in giving their children a good start in Bosnia, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, North Korea, Serbia, Russia and Ukraine.

Contents (NEW items only, size 3-9 months)

- 2 gowns/sleepers (flannel or similar warm, soft material)
- 2 undershirts/onesies (short or long sleeves)
- 4 cloth diapers (flat-fold preferred)
- 1 receiving blanket (light weight fleece or flannel
minimum 92cm / 36 in)
- 4 safety pins (5cm / 2in)
- 1 large bar mild soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 pair of socks

Remove packaging material (except soap) and fold into the receiving blanket. Fasten together with the safety pins.

Kits can be brought to the church and Sewing Circle will see they are taken to MCC.



Let's see how quickly we can fill the baby
crib in the basement foyer with kits!
Thank you for helping with this need!

UPCOMING SERVICES:

May 16 – Baptismal Service for New Believer's Class