

RIDGEVIEW MENNONITE CHURCH

3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville PA 17529 717 768-3143

July 19, 2009

**Called by God to learn and share together
God's love with all creation**

PRAYER 8:15 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

We gather to worship the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we worship today may we be filled by the Holy Spirit who enables us to follow in the steps of Jesus Christ. Praise God who meets us in the special and routine activities of life, even in this time together.

Gathering

Prelude
Gathering Songs
Call to Worship
Congregational Singing

Praise & Giving

Sharing Life Together (sign registry)
Senior High Youth sharing about Mennonite Youth Convention
Congregational Prayer
Sharing Our Tithes & Offerings

Proclaiming

Children's Message
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:18-25
Message: "In His Steps" Pastor Nelson

Song of Response

Benediction

Loretta Lapp, *worship leader*; Jeff Raught, Ed Raught, *musicians*; Joy Lapp, *children's message*

NEXT SUNDAY: "Be Prepared to Answer", 1 Peter 3:15-17 Pastor Nelson

THIS WEEK

Mon 9:00 p.m. Softball game @ Paradise Park Scores from this past week—Ridgeview 15, St Johns 7; Ridgeview 5, Weaverland 3

Tue 7:30 a.m. Prayer (church open 7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

9:00 a.m. Sewing Circle

Wed 7:00 p.m. Discernment & Discovery meeting (see note in announcements)

COMING EVENTS

July 26 Sun Commissioning service for the Charles Smoker family

Aug 19 6:00 p.m. Groovin in the Grove

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY IN YOUR MAILBOX you will find a nomination ballot to submit your nomination(s) for the next Minister of Missions. Evan Lapp is not available to extend his term. Loretta Lapp and Joanne Dietzel have consented to extend their terms for another six months in order to maintain continuity as affirmed by a joint meeting of the Ministry Team, Transition Team and Gift Discernment on May 27.

PASTOR RAY & EDNA are at their home in Harleysville this weekend.

THANK YOU to all who were so thoughtful to think of me with your many nice cards, prayers, and words of encouragement during my hospital stay and recuperating at home. It's so nice to have a church family that remembers us older people. Pastor Nelson and Ray have been so faithful with their visits and phone calls, as well as several other people who visited me in the hospital. Catherine Esch

DO YOU HAVE ANY preschool aged educational items, toys, flash cards, coloring books, games, puzzles, books, posters, kid table/chairs? Julie Denlinger is gathering these items as part of her social work internship for her non-profit organization low budget preschool classroom. Items can be brought to the church and placed in the container located outside the church office until August 19.

SUNDAY, JULY 26, is the last day that the Charles Smoker family will be here before returning to Japan. We are planning a prayer of blessing and sending. There will be a “finger food” fellowship luncheon. Please bring food that can be eaten without utensils. Drinks will be provided. Later in the day there will be a drop-in from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at their place of residence...180 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster. Bring your lawn chairs; pie, ice cream & drink will be served. RSVP would be appreciated...392-5792. Charles & Anne Marie Smoker

PERSONS ARE NEEDED to operate the sound system. If you have interest in serving in this ministry, please contact Ron Lapp (768-8748) or Donald Martin (656-9649).

JUST A REMINDER...we do not have Sunday school the month of August. Worship time is 10:15-11:30 a.m.

A **“DISCERNMENT AND DISCOVERY”** meeting is planned for Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 p.m., to review the current leadership and ministry structure of the congregation. This meeting will include the current and former Ministry Team members, Transition Team, Gift Discernment, TCRC, as well as several other persons. Anyone is welcome to come to this meeting to be a second circle of listeners and observers of the process, as well as to share reflections and observations at times.

MAPLE GROVE MENNONITE CHURCH...celebrating 100years, Sunday, August 16, beginning at 9:30 a.m. RSVP is requested for meals...610-593-6658 or mgchurch@netzero.net. Complete details of the day is posted on the bulletin board.

INFORMATION for the August newsletter is due Monday, July 20.

NO SENIOR HIGH YOUTH activities this week.

REPORT for July 12

Offering \$6278.41

Church Attendance 166

PRAYER CORNER

- God’s guidance as we experience economic crisis
- God’s guidance as we work with recommendations from congregational assessment
- Ken Shertz and Etta Esch recovering from surgery
- Pastor Nelson as he prepares for the message next Sunday
- Jonas Fisher healing from a bike accident
- God’s presence in discernment and discovery meeting Wednesday evening
- Safety in our summer travels
- Valentino, Albert & Frances’ grandson, receiving cardiac treatment
- Smoker family preparing for return to Japan

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