Ridgeview Mennonite Church 3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529 717 768-3143 March 26, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL9:00 AMCONGREGATIONAL MEETING (fellowship hall)9:00 AM

We will share and listen around the three questions considered last Sunday in Sunday School classes.

1. What is our congregational vision/mission and how is it shaped by an Anabaptist/Mennonite perspective? What priorities are shaped by our mission/vision?

2. What do we understand to be the role of the pastor in the congregation?

3. What trends/changes do we expect in the congregation in the next five years?

Worship Leader: Etta Esch

WORSHP SERVICE

10:15 AM

Prelude

Gathering Song

Welcome & Announcements

Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Lighting the Peace Candle

Leader: Lord, our lives are dry bones. We are cruel in our word and indifferent in our actions. We confess to the Lord . . .

(silent prayer)

Leader: Breathe on us, Lord. Put your Spirit within us and make us alive.

All: We place our hope in you. Amen.

Call to Worship (*based on Psalm 130*) Leader: Out of the depths we cry to you. **People: O Lord, hear our cry.** Leader: If you kept a record of sins, who would stand a chance? **People: O Lord, hear our cry.** Leader: But with you there is forgiveness. All: We wait for you, O Lord. We hope in your word. Blessed be your name.

Congregational Singing Children's Time

Scripture: John 11:1-44, Psalm 130 Message *Called to Life* Pastor Audrey Benediction Sending Song

NEXT SUNDAY: Communion

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed 9:00 a.m. Food Pac April 22 ACC Spring Assembly @ African Community Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRANCH COMMUNITY CHURCH is planning to hold their first Sunday morning service Sunday, April 23. They plan to continue the practice of having church every other week until sometime in July when they will likely begin to meet for church every Sunday morning.

INTERIM PASTOR... The Administration Commission along with the Pastoral Advisory Committee is working with Atlantic Coast Conference to find an interim pastor with a possible start date around June 1.

SEARCH COMMITTEE...Some persons are being contacted to serve on a search committee for a long-term pastor. If you have nominations for search committee members, please send them to Dick Thomas, <u>richard.thomas4971@gmail.com</u> by Wednesday, March29 **AS MANY OF YOU KNOW** I am interning with Advoz Mediation & Restorative Practices as part of my graduate program. I will be co-facilitating two community circles this spring. It would be great for some Ridgeview Mennonite community to attend!

Advoz is hosting a community listening circle about the topic of race on March 27, gender on April 3, 4-6pm@Manheim Township Library (Morgan Center B room). We live in a rapidly changing world. Recently we have experienced a massive increase in digital connection and a decrease in person-to-person connection. Advoz envisions an empowered community that engages diversity, embraces differences, and promotes collaboration and justice. A way Advoz lives out its mission is to provide a space to discuss hard topics like race and gender and engage with the nuances they bring. Race and gender are core identities. Building the capacity to listen to stories different than our own and empathize with another's experience creates a strong community. Jill Heine

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