

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
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December 24, 2023

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

Fourth Sunday of Advent
HOW WILL WE KNOW . . . WHY ME? WHY NOT ME?

Worship Leader: Bob Smucker
Music: Julie Sommers, Shirley Nolt

Prelude: Alex Kauffman
Gathering *O Come All Ye Faithful* (verse 1)
Lo, How A Rose HWB #211

Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Peace Candle
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship
Leader: God sent the angel Gabriel to a young woman in Nazareth named Mary.
He said to her, "Greetings, favored one! God is with you."
High voices: But Mary was perplexed by Gabriel's words,
Low voices: and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Leader: The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, for you have found favor with God."
People: Like Mary, we're also ordinary. Will God really work through us?
(pause)
All: Together we ponder.

Congregational Singing
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear HWB#195
Angels We Have Heard On High HWB#197
Redeeming Love
Oh Beautiful Star STS #32

Children's Time: Debbie Denlinger
Scripture: Luke 1: 26-38
Message: *Why me? Why not me?* Pastor Klaudia
Response Song *Oh Beautiful Star* STS #32

Advent Candle Lighting/Benediction
Leader: Together we ponder.
Candle lighter: We're so ordinary. Will God really work through us?
Leader: Do not be afraid! Nothing is impossible with God.
Go, for the mighty one has done extraordinary things, and holy is God's name!
Sending Song: *Silent Night* HWB #193

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY...Music Sunday

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan 2 6:30 p.m. Pastoral Search Committee meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT...Congratulations to Kyle & Caitlan Siegrist on the birth of their son, Luke Glen, born December 11.

THE BULLETIN WILL BE PRINTED Tuesday this week (December 26).

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS for Merv Stoltzfus... mrstoltzfus@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE ADMINISTRATION COMMISSION

for Joining Together in December to meet our goal for end of year giving. We are excited by the success of our auction and the generosity of the congregation. We have a Chapel Fund that was not included in the end of year giving goal. However, with the arrival of the chairs and equipment for the sound system and future planned chapel changes, more money is needed in this fund. It would be great if together we would continue our generosity to help this vision become reality. Contributions beyond the \$3,060 needed for the budget today and next Sunday will benefit the Chapel Fund.

IF YOU HAVE A CREDIT CARD thru Everence, please consider earmarking Ridgeview Mennonite Church as “Your Neighbor.” My Neighbor program is an easy way to support Ridgeview Church, your Neighbor, through your normal shopping routines. For every grocery, gas or other purchase you make, Everence will donate 1.50% of the transaction to the Church.

REPORT FOR December 17

Offering \$3,060	Attendance 66
Year End for 12/17/23	\$ 9,416.00
Year-end to date	10,937.00
Year-end & Auction	18,173.62

We will still need to have two weeks offering each with \$3,060.00 (total \$6,120) to be able to say the year end stands at what it is right now.

Pastoral Advisory Council

Klaudia Smucker, Interim Pastor

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