

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
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January 5, 2025

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM

WORSHIP SERVICE 10:15 AM

Worship Leader: Joanne Dietzel
Music: Julie Sommers, Shirley Nolt

Prelude
Gathering Song *As With Gladness* VT 277
Welcome & Announcements
Lighting the Peace Candle
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Call to Worship

L: How did you get here?
Left: We walked, eyes looking up, following the star.
Right: We ran, lunging for a love that is bigger than us.
Left: We tumbled and fell, tender step after step.
Right: We ambled like a river, caught up in God's flow.
L: Tell me again, how did you get here?
P: **We are here by God's grace and love's pull.**
L: Welcome home. This is God's house.
There is room for you here.
P: **Let us worship our gracious God!**

Congregational Singing
Oh Beautiful Star of Bethlehem VT 275
We Three Kings (verse 1, from memory)
Hope is a Candle VT 211
Praise, I Will Praise You Lord VT 131

Children's Time: Evie Hershey
Scripture: Isaiah 43:16-21; Matthew 2:1-12
Message: *"The Road Isn't Straight"* Pastor Katelyn

Affirmation of Faith

L: We are so grateful to be here, at the start of a new year.
We are grateful to be here, at the start of a new week,
gathered in community. We are so grateful to begin again.
P: **We believe in a with-us God, a God who is beside us in the mountains and valleys, holding our hand through every bump and turn.**
L: And in the chaos of our journey, we believe that God sees what we cannot always see: a path home by another way.
P: **Therefore, trusting in this ever-present and guiding God, we lace up our shoes.**
L: We look for God's fingerprints in the world.
P: **We trust that there are paths still unexplored,**
L: . . . paths that God has only begun to invite us down.
P: **And like the Magi, we dare to follow.**
All: May it be so, Amen.

Response Song
What Child is This VT 267
Helpless and Hungry VT 268
Prayer Concerns and Praises
Benediction
Sending Song *O Worship Our God* VT 129

CALENDAR

Wed 9:00 a.m. Food Pack

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANK YOU FOR END OF YEAR GIVING...the budget we adopted to fund our 2024-2025 vision/mission included giving of \$15,000 above the weekly budgeted offering during the month of December. Total above budget giving for the month was \$16,891 which surpassed the goal! Thank you for generous giving to meet and to pass the goal as well as all the other ways you enable Ridgeview to be a caring, faith community to participants as well as making a positive difference in our local community and around the world.

AT BULLETIN PRINTING....Conrad Bildstein is a patient at Lancaster General Hospital.

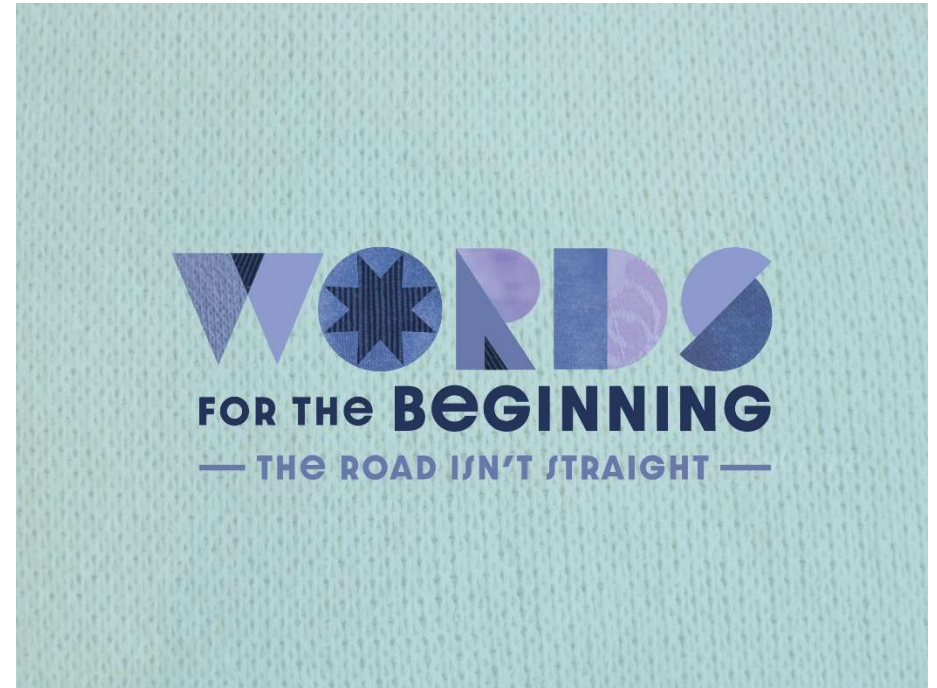
AN EVENING IN WINTER—with Andrew Pauls, Clymer & Kurtz and Sopa Sol—Concert at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, Friday, January 17, 7:00 p.m. All are invited. Suggested \$15 donation to support the musicians. Andrew Pauls: andrewpaulsmusic.com; Clymer & Kurtz: clymerkurtz.com; Sopa Sol: sopasol.com. Contact: contact@sopasol.com

REPORT FOR December 29

Regular Offering for 12/29/24	\$2,940.00
Year-end Offering 12/29/24	\$6,370.00

Year-end giving total	\$8,974.00
Auction total	<u>7,917.00</u>
Combined total	\$16,891.00 (Goal \$15,000)

Attendance: 50



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Pastoral Advisory

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