

Ridgeview Mennonite Church
3723 Ridge Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
www.ridgeviewmennonite.net
717 768-3143
December 14, 2025

Advent 3: *What Do You Fear?*

Insisting on Hope This Advent

WORSHIP SERVICE 9:30 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:50 AM

Worship Leader: Etta Esch

Music: Elaine Shirk, Shirley Nolt

Prelude

Gathering Song *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* VT 218

Welcome & Announcements

Advent Candle Lighting

Leader: In a world full of fear, where do you see glimmers of joy?

Congregation: We see glimmers of joy in birthday candles and homemade cards. We see joy in the laughter of children and the delight of grandparents. We see joy in meals around the table and in the singing of Christmas songs.

Leader: You are right. Even in a fearful world, joy is all around us.

Today we light the candle of joy as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that even in a fearful world, joy is here. Joy is real. We only have to look for it.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

Receiving Our Tithes & Offerings

Call to Worship

Jeremiah said, "I am only a boy."

Moses said, "Who am I to do this work?"

Mary said, "How can this be?"

We often say, "But God, I am afraid."

Even when we are afraid, God invites us closer.

So may we trust the Inviter.

May we heed God's invitation.

May we summon our courage and sing God's praise.

Let us worship our courageous, inviting, calling God. Amen!

Congregational Singing

Bless'd Be the God of Israel

VT 223

He Came Down

VT 239

Children's Time: Evie Hershey

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Luke 1:26-39

Congregational Song: *O Come Take Heart*

Message: *"Even in Our Fear, We are Called Forward"* Joanne Dietzel

Response Song *Silent Night*

VT 244

Praises and Prayer Concerns

Sending Song *Joy to the World*

VT 240

Benediction

CALENDAR

Fri 7:00 a.m. Men's breakfast at Amos' Place

Dec 24, 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS to meet budget need to average \$2,502, which would be \$10,008 regular giving in December and an additional \$8,000 for Joining Together in a special year end offering. The offering last week was \$2,282 leaving \$15,726 needed to meet the Joining Together goal. Thank you for your faithful stewardship!

TO OUR CHURCH FAMILY- We are excited to share an opportunity we have with you. In February we will be traveling to Nairobi, Kenya for a two-week short term mission trip. The mission we will be serving with is Missions of Hope International (MOHI). MOHI works with disadvantaged communities to help break the cycle of poverty and to share the hope of Jesus. While there, our team of twelve will be involved in activities centered around encouraging teachers, staff, and students of MOHI. We invite your prayers for ourselves, the team we will be serving with and those we will be serving.
Bill and Joanne Zimmerman

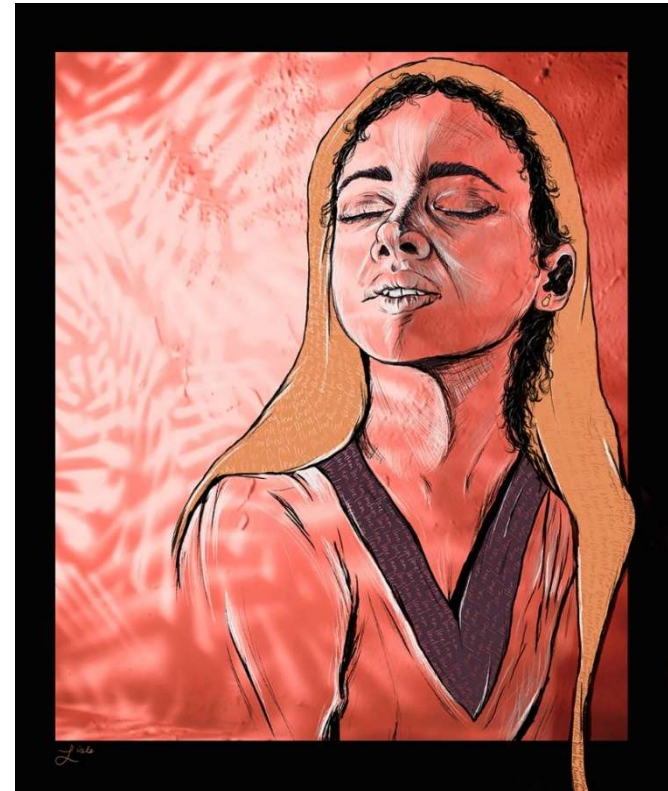
NOTE...the week of December 21 and 28 the bulletin will be printed on Wednesday. That means all announcements will be due December 23 and December 30.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Sara Bushong, sarabushong57@gmail.com

AFTER THE AUCTION we received a donation from Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre for one complimentary ticket that is valid between December 2025 and May 10, 2026. If you have interest in the ticket, talk to Dick Thomas. The ticket sale will be added to the auction total income.

REPORT FOR December 7

Offering \$2,282 Auction: \$6,054 Attendance 48



***“Even In Our Fear We
Are Called Forward”***

December 14, 2025

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

Pastoral Advisory

Katelyn Robbins, Pastor
katelyn@ridgeviewmennonite.net

Etta Esch

John Denlinger

Ministry Leadership Team

Dick Thomas

Julie Sommers

Dan Dietzel

Evie Hershey

Administrative Assistant

Joyce Shirk