

Welcome Guests:

It is our hope that you will encounter God's presence for your life as you worship with us, and find yourself blessed & challenged in your faith journey so you can be a blessing to others. You may make comments or requests next to your name & any information you wish to share in the attendance books. We hope to meet you after worship in the foyer during our informal fellowship time. Please join us for worship again!

(Contact an usher to use Sound Mate---Assisted Listening devices.)

9:00 am – **SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES - ADULT LESSON:** “Surprising Opportunities”
(LUKE 1:8-23)

The World Is About To Turn!

Advent Week 1

10:00 am – **WORSHIP SERVICE**

GATHERING

Congregational Singing of Christmas Carols Don Sensenig
Call to Worship Focus Reading John Eby
Call to Worship Trevor Ranck

Leader: ‘Look’, says the Lord, ‘I am coming soon!’

People: We trust the Lord, our eternal Rock.

Leader: *The Lord humbles those in high places & brings down the lofty city.*

All: Bring us back, almighty God. Show us your mercy & we shall be saved.

Leader: *The night is almost over. The day is almost here.*

People: O Lord, raise up your might.

Leader: *Come quickly to help us.*

All: Bring us back, almighty God. Show us your mercy & we shall be saved.

Gathering & Offertory Prayer

Offering: EMM/Brislen Support (Year-End Appeal)

Offertory: Sheila Meck (*piano*), Lisa Meck (*violin*), Jansen Herr (*bass guitar*)

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Children's Time: Advent Visitor - Mrs. Noah Chris Hess

Advent Candle Lighting Ritual

Theme Song: ‘My Soul Cries Out’

Old & New Testament Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5, Romans 13:11-14

Sermon: *Get Ready! God, in Person, Comes to Judge & Teach* Pastor Don Sharp

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Congregational Singing

Prayer of Confession:

Leader: God of all wisdom,

People: We yearn to live in your truth, but often choose ignorance instead.

**Save us Lord from pride & insecurity of choosing our own course
that we may humbly and confidently follow your lead,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction: *Words of Assurance*

Postlude

Advent Instrumental Team

*Special Thanks to: Nancy Leaman for providing the advent table display
for each week; Fern Beiler for making the banner backdrop to the table.*

CALENDAR:

TUESDAY

Dec. 4 – 9-11 am - “**Craft n Chat**” at Connections at Mellinger Mennonite

THURSDAY

Dec. 6 – 4:15 pm - **Leadership Team Meeting** in conference room.

SATURDAY

Dec. 8 – 9-11 am- **Children's Christmas Play dress rehearsal** in sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY

Dec 9 - 10 am - **Worship: Advent Series “THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN”**

First Sunday of Advent: “*Take Heart!*”

Message by: Associate Pastor John Leaman

Offering: Congregational Ministries

- **Children's Evening Christmas Program**

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December 11 - **Sewing Circle** in church basement.

December 12 – 6:30 pm - **Christmas Caroling**---sign up in SS classes *today*

December 23 - **Christmas Service & Carry-in Continental Breakfast**

December 27 - **5th Sunday Worship Rehearsal** in sanctuary.

Jan 4-6, 2008 - **Jr. High Youth Retreat** at Camp Hebron (*date change*)

Jan. 7 – 7-8:30 pm - **Depression Support Group** in the conference room

Jan. 11-13, 2008 - **Sr. High Youth Retreat** at Camp Hebron (*date change*)

Today's Childcare Staff:

2s & 3s class:

Carol Zimmerman, Tricia Felpel & Melvin Felpel

Nursery (infants-Age2):

Renee Eberly and Amy Troyer

Children's Activity Bags are available from an usher for use during the worship service. Please return items after each service for future use.

Offering Reports for November 25:

Building Fund	\$18,064.40	Lancaster Conference	\$120.00
Congregational Ministries	\$ 2,693.40	Renee Dennis Support	\$ 35.00
African Medical Supplies	\$ 1,817.00	Anny Smucker Support	\$360.00
Student Aid	\$ 790.00	Friendship Ministries	\$100.00
Herb/Rose Burkhart Support	\$ 100.00	Jr High Fundraiser	\$ 15.00
Leola Food Bank	\$ 75.00		
Sunday School Attendance:	141	Church Attendance:	195

Bulletin items are accepted until **WEDNESDAY** noon to Glenda (291-1089 or ggroff@juno.com). Newsletter items are accepted through *December 23*.

Prayer & Praise:

- Health concerns

- God's presence in our world

- Those away in Christian service: Mike/Cindy/Jordan/Alia Brislen, Kenya; Herb/Rose/Jed Burkhart, Canada; Reggie/Renee (Groff) Dennis, Chester; Brent/Trina/Anneka/Abigail Siegrist, Kenya.

Stumptown Mennonite Church

Leadership Team:

LEAD PASTOR:	DONALD D. SHARP -	560-6352
ASSOC. PASTOR & MINISTER OF EVANGELISM:	JOHN LEAMAN -	656-6612
MINISTER OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS:	JANSEN HERR -	951-3525
DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:	DEB HIGH -	284-3184
DEACON:	ANDREW DIENER -	656-8341
MINISTER OF COMMUNITY LIFE:		
ASSISTANTS IN COMMUNITY LIFE MINISTRIES:	SHELLEY LEAMAN -	399-7675
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MINISTER OF EDUCATION:	HAROLD LEAMAN -	656-2429
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	LISA MECK -	672-1174
MINISTER OF WORSHIP:		
WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM:	DON SHARP, KAREN FRETZ, PAM RUTT, JOSEPH LEAMAN	
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC:	KAREN FRETZ -	394-6544
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:	GLENDA GROFF -	291-1089

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Friends at Stumptown: WOW! What an amazing amount of food you donated to the Food Bank! Thank you so very much. We are grateful that the shelves are now full as we head into Winter. Many families need our support this time of year. Thanks for caring for your neighbors in need. We appreciate your ongoing support.

Beth Fenton, Coordinator of Leola Area Food Bank

The Locust Grove Mennonite School Handbell Choir will play at Landis Homes, West Bethany Chapel on Dec. 18 at 10 am. John Leaman will have a Christmas meditation. *All are welcome.*

Cookie Baking: Anyone wishing to bake cookies for the Frederick Douglas Christian School Christmas program, please contact Marlene Groff. Deliver by noon on Dec 14.

NOTICE: The Parent & Preschool Center at Mellinger Mennonite Church has an immediate opening for a paid childcare provider on Tues. mornings in the nursery. The Center provides babysitting for children of those attending the mother's *Connections* meetings from 9-11 am. Contact Chris Hess or call Dorothy Livengood (397-5717).

Corner of Hope is in need of men's winter coats & boys clothes. Additional items which they gratefully accept are listed on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

**"Get Ready!
God, in Person,
Comes to Judge & Teach"**

Message by: Pastor Don Sharp

Date: December 2, 2007

Feel free to take notes, draw pictures/diagram of the sermon, etc.

Mennonite Publishing Network, through **Faith & Life Resources**, is providing a series of pamphlets entitled *CLOSE TO HOME*. Three of these pamphlets ("Pornography", "Spouse Abuse" & "Eating Disorders") are located on a small table close to the grand-father clock in the foyer. They are for anyone's use---to provide encouragement, heal-ing & growth. Over the next few years, ~30 areas of life (*including alcohol addiction, depression, marital discord, etc*) will be addressed. We hope you find them helpful.

~Deacon & Counseling Ministries

Community Events

Dec. 3 - Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's illustrated presentation entitled, "Switzerland's Täuferjahr 07: A Celebration of Anabaptism in Story and Visuals" (7 pm) at East Petersburg Mennonite Church. Members of the USA Liaison Team for Anabaptist Year 2007 – Sam Wenger, Lois Ann Mast, Don/Joanne Siegrist will be speaking & presenting DVD footage about the exciting events that took place this summer in Switzerland.

Dec. 5 – Trumpeter, Chiz Rider, at Leola United Methodist Church (7:30 pm). Free-will offering to be received.

Dec. 7 (6-8:30 pm) & 8 (5-8:30 pm) – Christmas Candlelight Tours at 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum, the oldest Mennonite Meetinghouse in North America. Admission: \$6/adults, \$3/children 7-12. Call 464-4438 for info.

Mission Statement:

Stumptown Mennonite Church is a welcoming congregation of followers of Jesus Christ who seek to:

- **Worship**, love and serve the triune God
- **Nurture** by preaching and teaching the whole Word of God
- **Grow** in our relationships with Christ and each other
- **Reach** out in love, service and witness to all people.