

### 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:** "Leaving a Legacy" (Gen. 48:11-19)

Prelude

Cindy Schlosser

**10:00 am – WORSHIP SERVICE**

**GATHERING TO PRAISE & HEAR GOD'S WORD**

Opening Hymns

Bob Meck

Words of Welcome

Assoc. Pastor John Leaman

Offering for Building Fund / Congregational Ministries

Offertory: - "Sanctus (Holy Is The Lord)" by Franz Schubert Women's Quartet  
"I'm Gonna Sing", a spiritual arranged by Maurice Gardner

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture

Luke 14:1-14

Message: "Hospitality Rules"

Pastor Don Sharp

Song of Response

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

Thanksgiving Offering

Assoc. Pastor John Leaman

Money Donations for Medical Supplies/Sharing by Anny Smucker

Food Bank Groceries

**COMMUNITY LIFE** (guests, attendance, announcements, prayers & praises)

Update on Pastor Evaluation

Bishop Leon Oberholtzer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Don Sharp

Sending Song

Benediction

Postlude

Karen Fretz

**Today's Childcare Staff:**

2s & 3s class:

Ashley Armer, Lois Zook & Melvin Felpel

Nursery (infants-Age2):

Judy Leaman, Carolyn Leaman & Jean Diener

### **Prayer & Praise:**

- Health concerns– Joan Steffen, Lester Henry, Esta Hershberger, Ester Felpel's mother, Josefina Moreno
- Moreno family in death of a brother-in-law in Texas on Nov. 12
- New Life: Camryn Riley Gordon (11/17) to Adrian/Cindy (Groff)/McKenzie, Jarrett Gordon & grandparents: Don/Elnora Groff
- Praise God for our recent rainfall.
- 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.

### **CALENDAR:**

#### TUESDAY

Nov. 27 – 9-11 am - "**Mystery Brunch**" at Connections at Mellinger Mennonite

#### WEDNESDAY

Nov. 28 – 7 pm - **Offering Schedule Meeting** in conference room.

#### FRIDAY

Nov. 30 – 7 pm - **Youth Group Taffy Pull** w/Mellinger Youth in Stumptown Church basement.

#### SATURDAY

Dec. 1 - 7-8:30 am - **Men's Advance Breakfast** in fellowship hall. Jay Ebersole will share about living through difficult times. Let's gather and learn from our brother.

- 9-11 am - **Children's Christmas Play practice** in sanctuary.

#### NEXT SUNDAY

Dec 2 - 10 am - **Worship: Advent Series "THE WORLD IS ABOUT TO TURN"**

First Sunday of Advent: "**Get Ready!**"

Message by: Pastor Don Sharp

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

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

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

December 9 - **Children's Evening Christmas Program.**

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

December 12 – 6:30 pm - **Christmas Caroling**---sign up in Sunday School classes

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

December 27 - **5<sup>th</sup> 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

**Cookie Baking:** Anyone wishing to bake cookies again this year for the Christmas program at Frederick Douglas Christian School in Chester please have them to Bob & Marlene Groff's home by noon on Fri. Dec. 14. (*Tell Marlene the amount you will make*)

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 grandfather clock in the foyer. They are for anyone's use---to provide encouragement, healing & 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

### **Offering Reports for November 18:**

|                            |            |                      |            |
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| Congregational Ministries  | \$ 160.00  | Student Aid          | \$6,021.95 |
| Jr. High Fundraising Meal  | \$1,279.00 | Kenya (Anny)         | \$ 335.00  |
| Youth Group                | \$ 50.00   | Building Fund        | \$ 120.00  |
| Herb/Rose Burkhart Support | \$ 155.00  | Lancaster Conference | \$3,511.94 |
| Open Door Youth Center     | \$ 200.00  | Africa Project       | \$ 75.00   |
| Sunday School Attendance:  | 170        | Church Attendance:   | 251        |

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

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

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## **Stumptown Mennonite Church**

### **Leadership Team:**

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| 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 |
|  | RANDY ZOOK -                                    | 393-8528 |
| MINISTER OF EDUCATION:                   | HAROLD LEAMAN -                                 | 656-2429 |
| EDUCATION MINISTRIES ASSISTANT:          | JOHN MILLER -                                   | 798-3663 |
| PRIMARY EDUCATION COORDINATORS:          | JEAN DIENER -                                   | 656-8341 |
|  | 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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**MCC Christmas Bundles** can be delivered directly to Material Aid Ctr (*until Dec. 3*).

**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.

A group will meet at Stumptown Church on Fri, Nov. 30 (7-8:30 pm) to **discuss "Palestine: Peace Not Apartheid"** by Jimmy Carter. Discussion leader: George Bergey.

**The Parent & Preschool Center at Mellinger Mennonite Church** has an immediate opening for a paid childcare provider on Tuesday mornings in the nursery. The Center provides babysitting for children of the mothers who attend the *Connections* meetings from 9-11 am. If interested, speak to Chris Hess or call Dorothy Livengood (397-5717).

## **Community Events**

**Nov. 30 – Meet EMM** will be a time for you, your family, SS class, youth group, etc to see what your mission agency actually does. Tours will be available for adults, activities for kids & snacks for all. The drop-in is from 6-9 pm. Contact Kaylene Derksen at 898-2251 ext 275 or kaylened@emm.org)

**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.

## "Hospitality Rules"

Message by: Pastor Don Sharp

Date: November 25, 2007

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

### **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.

## Pastoral Review

Pastor Don Sharp's five year commitment to be our lead pastor is completed in the fall of 2008. Three persons (*Brenda Bare, Bryan Groff, Don Sensenig*) have been chosen to lead a review process along with Leon Oberholtzer and counsel from Marcus Smucker.

We are ready to proceed with the evaluation beginning December 2. We are inviting anyone who desires to participate in this review to ask one of the committee members for a questionnaire. We have also chosen 43 members at random from within the congregation to complete a questionnaire. The Leadership Team, the Church Council and each age group is represented.

We encourage anyone who has a computer to use the on-line survey; this will help in the tabulating process. Confidentiality is very important; only the committee will have access to the responses.

Please pray as we move forward in this process.

Bishop Leon Oberholtzer