

December 8, 2019 • Volume 64, No. 49 Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. • Worship: 10:00 a.m.

# ELC Christmas Program: 10:30 a.m. Meal to follow.

Offering: There will be an offering gathered during the worship service for the work of the Early Learning Center.

Please give weekly church offering directly to Nancy Hoober or Wade Esbenshade.

#### ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

**December 1:** 38 • Offering: \$1,547

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

December 8: Shirley King • December 14: Bob Martin

#### **NEXT SUNDAY: December 15**

Coffee/Greeters/Close: Sue & Tim Martin
Worship Leader: Ray Hurst; Usher: Evelyn Bailey

Song Leader: Jenn Esbenshade; Praise Team: Bryan Hower, Brenda Martin Hurst, Dawn Ranck-Hower; Sound: Davin Esbenshade Prayer: Wade Esbenshade; Children's Time: Jen Morales Nursery: Karina Morales (Evelyn Bailey)

### **Upcoming Events**

(All events held at church unless otherwise indicated)

- Dec 11 Youth group Bible Study at Ridgeview
- Dec 14 Men's Prayer Breakfast, Squireside Café, 7 a.m.
- **Dec 15** Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower Junior Youth Christmas Party, 6-8 p.m., Ridgeview
- **Dec 20** Women's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Yoder's Restaurant
- Dec 22 Sermon: Dawn Ranck-Hower
- Dec 29 Christmas Brunch and Program
- Dec 30 MCC Warehouse workday
- Dec 31 Senior Youth All-nighter

#### **Church News**

**CHRISTMAS WORSHIP on December 29:** We would love to have special Christmas song, poem, other readings, etc. during our December 29 worship service. Gather a few friends or family members to join you. Let Pastor Dawn know what you would like to share by **Sunday, December 22.** 

Junior Youth Christmas Party! December 15. 6-8 p.m, Ridgeview Mennonite. Christmas crafts, games, food and a white elephant gift exchange. Bring an item from home that you already own but would like to "re-gift." Guideline: Give unto others what you would like someone to give to you.

**Reverse Advent Calendar:** Instead of TAKING a treat from a box each day during Advent, ADD an item to a box. Add the items to the display at the back of the church.

**Workday at MCC Materials Resource Center:** Monday, **December 30.** 9 a.m.—3 p.m. Service opportunities for all ages. Sign up in lobby. Pizza ordered for lunch: \$5 per person.

## **Community News**

**Mennonite Children's Choir: Christmas Concert Series** Come and support Seth Lantz at a concert on **Sunday, December 8**, 4 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster

The Great Winter Warm-Up!: MCC is turning 100 in 2020!!! Help contribute to the goal of collecting 6,500 comforters across the U.S. and Canada for distribution to people in need around the world. MCC East Coast has set a goal of 5,000 comforters in January. Two local locations on **January 18**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Garden Spot Village or 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the Materials Resources Center (organized by our own Ruth Hershey!).

**Tuesday Alive with 55 & Up: December 10,** 10 a.m. Ridgeview Mennonite Church. Christmas program led by Milt Stoltzfus, the Spiritual Nature and Community Life Coordinator for Friendship Communities. Sing Christmas carols, listen to stories and have a surprise or two! An uplifting and joyful end to our 2019 season.

**Stewardship University**: Saturday, **March 7,** Calvary Church. Register at StewardshipUniversity.com beginning December 2.