

# Conestoga Mennonite Church

Our Living  **HI**STORY MISSION:  
Joyfully Living Christ's Story to Benefit Others

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December 26, 2010      MERRY CHRISTMAS!      Number 52

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*Prayer Connection (8:30 - 9:00 a.m.)*

*Teaching the Word in Sunday School (9:30 a.m.)*

Gather 'Round: *Simeon & Anna Welcome Jesus*      Luke 2:21-40  
Adult Inter. Lesson: *Whom Shall I Follow?*      Isaiah 43:1-7, 11-14

*Morning Worship (10:30 a.m.)*

\*Christmas Day Advent Focus: "In our time, sorrow and longing are avoided or denied, especially in the holiday season. God calls us to name our joy and our pain so we can freely trust God in our lament and in our rejoicing."

Opening Hymn

\*A Ringing Call to Silent Reflection & Candle Lighting -Kristy Petersheim

\*OT Prophets yet speak - Isaiah 63: 7-9

\*Advent Hymn

Announcements and Our Living HiStory Prayer

Pastor Bob

Offertory

Jody Essick

Worship in Song

Worship Team

The Word of the Lord

Matt. 2:13-23

Message: "*Weep and Rejoice in Faith*"

Pastor Bob

Response Hymn

Benediction

\*Fall 2010 Leader magazine Advent Material

**TODAY:**

• 9:30 - 10:30 - (S.S. hour) "Invite a Friend" Christmas Fellowship Brunch

• Thank you...

... **Carol Moss** for the beautiful flowers.

... **Lyle and Tina Essick** for serving as ushers.

... **Tina Essick** for serving in the church nursery.

~This Week's Activities~

**Sr. Youth** (Grades 9 - 12)

**Wednesday:** No Bible Study

**12/30:** 5:00 p.m. - Meet at church for Camp Deerpark Service Trip. Return on 1/2/11. See release form for more information.

**Young Adults**

**Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study at the home of Bob & Cindy - "The Thessalonian Church/Food Pantry Connection"

**Thursday:**

**1:00 p.m. - Wandering Shepherds** will meet at the home of Ruth Stoltzfus at Tel Hai. We will be looking at 1 Peter 1:3-9, New Birth.

**7:00 p.m. - Pastoral Team**

~Conestoga's News and Notes~

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Samantha Beam and Scott McClellan on their engagement. A summer of 2012 wedding is projected.

**SAFETY TRAINING:** In order to implement our Child and Adult Protection Policy all youth and adults will meet to participate in our safety training to serve in our children and youth ministries. Please plan to join us either Wednesday evening, January 5 or Sunday afternoon, January 23.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL:** On January 9, children ages pre-school to grade 5 will begin their Sunday School time in the Sanctuary. Teachers and students in these classes will meet together in the Sanctuary at 9:30. From 9:30-9:40 we will share a time of singing and an introduction to the story before going to individual classrooms. We will continue to meet this way until at least the end of the current quarter.

**SERVICE OF REFLECTION AND RENEWAL:** A program is in each mailbox for next Sunday's second annual Service of Reflection and Renewal. You are encouraged to review the service and spend time in prayer for this time of relinquishing 2010 and embracing by faith God's future together.

**INVITATION TO PRAYER:** You are welcome to join a small group gathering each Sunday morning (8:30 - 9:00) for prayer. We meet in the room between the fellowship hall and sanctuary. We gather with the promise that "where two or three meet in My name there I am in their midst."

**ONE DAY SERVICE TRIP:** Any adults interested in helping the youth cut firewood for Deerpark on Friday, December 31, please speak with Bob or Karen Horning.

**MDS** has an urgent need for a **head cook** from January 4 - February 4 and a **crew leader** from January 4 - March 4 in Louisiana. The head cook is responsible for meal planning, shopping, preparing and serving meals for groups of 12 - 22 people. The crew leader will lead a crew of short-term volunteers as they build a new home in Louisiana.

**PLEASE SEE THE BULLETIN BOARD** for Christmas greetings received in the church office.

**NEXT SUNDAY:**

- 9:00-9:30 a.m. - Coffee, tea, juices and donuts in the fellowship hall
- See Service of Reflection and Renewal Bulletin in mail boxes
- Flowers: Pastor Bob
- Nursery: Denise and Mindy Beam

*~Looking Ahead~*

Wed., Jan. 5 & Sun., Jan 23 - Safety Training  
Jan. 16 - Elder Greg Petersheim will bring the morning message  
Jan. 18 - Annual Hunters' Banquet  
Jan. 27 - Annual Business Meeting

*~December 19, 2010 Reports~*

**Attendance:** Sunday School - 74 , Church - 102  
**General Offering:** \$5,947.19 **Designated Offerings:** \$1,400.00 Food Pantry;  
\$500.00 Sign; \$5,000.00 EZMF

**Pastoral Team:**

Pastor Bob, Chair  
Nelson Beam, Elder  
Greg Petersheim, Elder  
Jerry Petersheim, Elder  
Dot Leatherman, Early Childhood Ministries  
Lemar & Lois Ann Mast, Deacon(ess)

**Ministry Council:**

Pastor Bob, Chair  
Dir. of Ch. Ed.: Bonnie Beam  
Dir. of Fellowship: Liz Petersheim  
Dir. of Mission: Howard Moss  
Dir. of Stewardship: Bill Beam  
Dir. of Worship: Sharon Stoltzfus

**Church Staff:**

**Pastor:** Bob Petersheim: leadcmc@dejazzd.com, 610-507-8862 (cell)  
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~ Welcome to Conestoga Mennonite Church ~

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