

Conestoga Mennonite Church

Our Living  **HI**STORY MISSION:

Joyfully Living Christ's Story to Benefit Others

December 5, 2010 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Number 49

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

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

Gather 'Round: *Zechariah, Elizabeth, and John* *Luke 1:5-25;57-80*
Adult Inter. Lesson: *Receiving Comfort & Strength - Is.40:1-5,25-26,29-31*

Morning Worship (10:30 a.m.)

*Advent #2 Focus: "In our time animals prey on one another, people oppress one another, and creation is damaged. God calls us to repent and live into a surprising new order: people who live in harmony with one another, and natural regrowth from deep roots."

Opening Hymn

*A Ringing Call to Silent Reflection & Candle Lighting Ryan Petersheim

*Advent Hymn

*OT Prophets yet speak - Isaiah 11: 1-10

Announcements and Our Living HiStory Prayer

Pastor Bob

Keeping Children and Workers Safe

Rod Stoltzfus

Offertory

Mindy Beam

Worship in Song

Worship Team

Children K - Grade 5 dismissed for Children's Church & M4:6a

The Word of the Lord

Matt. 3: 1-12

Message: "*Be Real and Reconnect!*"

Pastor Bob

Response Hymn

Benediction

*Fall 2010 Leader magazine Advent Material

TODAY:

- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. - Coffee, juices & donuts in our Fellowship Hall
- M4:6a staff assisting Cindy: Roger Hoffner & Mike Petersheim
- Community Christmas Carol Hymn Sing at 6:00 p.m. at Conestoga
- Thank you...

... **Tina Essick** for the beautiful flowers.

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

... **Sonya Petersheim** for serving in the church nursery.

~This Week's Activities~

Sr. Youth (Grades 9 - 12)

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. - Bible Study at the church
Camp Deerpark Service Trip 12/30 to 1/2

Young Adults

Tuesday: 7:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study at the home of Conrad & Nikki Kraybill. Justin Pechart will lead the bible study.

Monday:

7:00 p.m. - Pastoral Team

Tuesday:

9:15 - 11:00 a.m. - Neighbors Caring & Sharing focuses this week on "Garland of Joy - Paper Craft with Lee." Please pre-register.

7:00 p.m. - Men's Bible Study on James 1:19-27

Wednesday:

9:00 a.m. - Visitation Team

Thursday:

12:00 p.m. - Senior Connections - Christmas Lunch (ham, mashed potatoes & trimmings) - David & Pegge Tennant will lead us in thinking about "Christmas." Games & shuffleboard in the Family Life Center.

Friday:

6:30 - 9 p.m. - Jr. MYF will meet at the church for homemade pizza, games and a White Elephant Gift Exchange. Gifts should be valued at \$5 or less please. Remember to invite your friends!

Saturday:

10:00 a.m. - Christmas Party for Preschool to Grade 5. Please invite friends, neighbors & grandchildren. There will be story & music time, as well as a craft and decorating Christmas cookies.

~Conestoga's News and Notes~

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL QUARTER: Today is the first Sunday of a new Sunday School quarter. Jr. Youth and children will be studying stories from Luke with the theme "Meet Jesus, God's Servant." The adults will study "Assuring Hope" focusing on the promises of hope found in the words of the prophet Isaiah and the hope found in Jesus, the Suffering Servant. Welcome to any of our Sunday School classes - if you want a suggestion, just ask the ushers.

MISSION UPDATE: We praise God we have been able to steward the Elsie Zook Mission Fund (EZMF) supporting multiple missions. Our commitment to eight of the seventeen current recipients ends this year and will not be renewed due to the fund's rapid distribution. Anyone interested in making a major donation to extend Conestoga's involvement should speak with Bill Beam (Director of Stewardship) or Howard Moss (Director of Mission) about donations to our "Conestoga Mission Fund."

INVITE A FRIEND: Sun., Dec. 12, when the Conestoga Christian School Vocal Ensemble has our morning worship, and Sun., Dec. 26, when our Sunday School hour will be a “Christmas Fellowship Brunch,” would be good opportunities to invite a friend or neighbor to church with you!

CONESTOGA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S Annual Christmas Program will be held Tues. Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m. at Hopewell Christian Fellowship.

SUGAR COOKIES are needed for the December 11th Christmas party for preschool to grade 5. Anyone willing to bake cut-out sugar cookies should please see Liz Petersheim. Another 8-10 dozen un-iced cookies are needed.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is an invitation to come away from the world and spend an entire weekend focusing on your spouse and your relationship. The 2011 dates at Kenbrook Bible Camp in Lebanon, PA are February 18-20, July 15-17, or October 21-23. If you are interested, please see Liz Petersheim for more details.

MINISTRY FOR REFUGEES: We have posted material on our bulletin board regarding an opportunity to do exciting hands-on ministry for newly arriving refugees. Anyone interested in being part of a sponsorship team should speak with our Director of Mission, Howard Moss.

NEXT SUNDAY:

- Conestoga Christian School Vocal Ensemble
- Nursery: Bryce Petersheim & Dylan Beam
- Flowers: Krista Petersheim
- Worship Leader: Pastor Bob
- Offertory: Carmen Weber

~Looking Ahead~

Dec. 26 - “Invite a Friend” Christmas Brunch - 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Jan. 2 - Covenant Renewal Sunday

~November 28, 2010 Reports~

Attendance: Sunday School - 76 , Church - 98

General Offering: \$3,848.28

Designated Offerings: \$100.00 Christian Ed., \$25.00 Food Pantry

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)

Music Coordinator: Krista Petersheim: 610-621-4409

Church Administrator: Carol Braglio: conestogamc@dejazzd.com, 610-286-9124



*“Thank you” everyone
for your support and encouragement
by participating in the annual MYF Auction!
We are eagerly anticipating a summer mission trip
and other MYF ministries! - Conestoga MYF*



~ Welcome to Conestoga Mennonite Church ~

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