

Welcome to Mountain View

March 27, 2010

- 9:00 Prayer in Pastor's Office
9:15 Sunday School
10:15 Worship Service
Announcements
Easter Preparation – *Am I Guilty?* by Audrey Surma
A Voice from the Mob Deanna Yoder
Worship and Praise
Offering
Sharing
Prayer Requests
Worship and Praise
Dismissal for Junior Church – age 2 through grade 1
Sermon – *The Importance of Knowing Jesus* I John 5:1-5
Closing Song and Prayer
- 6:00 Youth group Bible study and dinner at the Patchell's.

Welcome! We're glad that you are here to worship with us today. We hope that you will feel right at home. We pray that God will speak to your heart through the music and the message. If you are visiting with us, please fill out the visitor information slip (on the back of the Prayer Request Form) and place it in the offering plate.

Serving Today

Ushers – Marv Kanagy and Adam Glick
Nursery – Linda Denlinger, LaCosta Frank (SS), Val Reed, Becky Rhoades (CH)
Sound – Dale Hostetler

March 20 Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	75
Primary S.S. Offering.....	\$5.00
Worship Service Attendance.....	96
Budget Offering.....	\$1,691.00
Total Budgeted to Date.....	\$31,937.31
Total Received to Date.....	\$28,633.75

Pastor's Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 9 to 12 a.m.

New Pictorial Directory: If you have not already had your picture taken, we will be taking pictures today for the new church directory following the worship service. This is for ALL attending Mountain View. Our directory will not be complete without your picture.

This Week:

Mon 7:00p Baby shower for Nicole Wade and twins, Ben and Hannah.

Tues 9:00a Men's Bible study at the church.

Wed 9:00a Women's Bible study and brunch at the church.

Thurs 6:00p Women's Bible study at Barb Mowery's.
7:15p Men's Bible study at Ken Esh's loft.

Next Sunday is our once-a-month fellowship meal. Bring a covered dish and plan to stay for the food and fellowship.

The Morning Ladies' Bible Study Group will be studying from the book of Ruth, April 6-May 11. If you would like to join this 6-week study, contact Ardis *today*. Workbook cost is \$8.

Reedsville Community Days: Beginning next Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. we will be meeting each Thursday day evening for prayer for this outreach. Also the committee will be meeting on Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

Beacon Lodge Camp in Mount Union, PA is still looking for **college-age counselors** for June 4-August 9. Please call Hayley Lacombe at 717-250-5346 for more information, and visit www.beaconlodge.com to view staff applications.

You are invited to participate in a **community birthday celebration for Don Baggus** at a drop-in at the West Kish Presbyterian Church fellowship hall in Belleville on Sunday afternoon, April 10, 2011, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity to celebrate not only his birthday but also a chance to thank him for his fifty years of service to the Belleville community as our local funeral director. Please bring cards, notes, or letters of memories and thanks!

We have been following the suffering of the Japanese people. The news is filled with striking pictures of the earthquake, tsunami, and nuclear power plant radiation leaks. At the same time we see the ingenuity and hard work of the Japanese people rising to the challenge of clean-up and meeting the needs of those persons who were displaced.

Anabaptists have been in Japan for about 60 years. Mission workers were first sent to Kyushu, Japan, in 1951, by the General Conference Mennonite Church. Japan Mennonite Christian Church Conference began in 1965 with six congregations. Mission workers continued to plant new churches. By 2000 all the missionaries had either moved or retired. According to the Mennonite World Conference website, there are currently nearly 3,000 Mennonites in Japan.

None of the established churches appear to be in the area affected by the tsunami. However, a small group known as the Hitachi house church north of Tokyo in Hitachi City was in or near the affected area. All group members are known to be safe.

Please join with other Christians across the world in prayer for those affected by the disaster. "Father, please hear and answer the cries of the Japanese people. We join them in asking for your love, grace and compassion to bring comfort to those who mourn. Be with the many who work to bring relief, food, water, and shelter to those in need. Please be near those who have lost loved ones."

While Japan is a country with resources and is admirably attempting to manage the disaster relief effort by themselves, we as believers desire to express God's love in word and deed. For those desiring to help, we recommend donating money to Mennonite Central Committee. You can send checks to MCC, 1013 Division St., Goshen, Indiana, 46528 or, to donate online, go to www.mcc.org. Please mark your donation "Japan Earthquake."

Sincerely,

Steve Swartz, CMC General Secretary