

# Spring Mount Mennonite Church

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*Our Mission: To reach out to our community as a healthy congregation able to offer welcome and fellowship for the purpose of salvation and nurture in God's grace.*

<b>Pastor:</b>	Christian J. Nickels	484-962-0029
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**Preservice Prayer Time 9:30 a.m.** (in a classroom in the basement)

Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

## December 13, 2009

### Third Sunday of Advent

Preservice Music		<i>Rejoice!</i>
Call to Worship		Chris Nickels
Congregational Singing		Bill Hallahan
Scriptures:		Deb & Dan McDonough
	Isaiah 12	pp. 558-559
	Zephaniah 3:14-20	p.767
	Luke 3:7-18	p. 834
Lighting of Advent Candles		
Theme Song	<i>"I Will Trust in You"</i>	
Children's Time		Deb McDonough
Congregational Singing		Deb & Dan McDonough
Sermon:	<i>"Return and Rejoice"</i>	Chris Nickels
Litany of Response		
Offering		
Prayers of the People		
Sharing of Praises and Prayer Requests		
Closing Song		Deb & Dan McDonough
Benediction		Bill Hallahan

<b>Greeters/Ushers:</b>	Al Paul	David McDonough	Carol Menser
		Jonathan Pennington	Rich Miller

### THIS WEEK AT SPRING MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

Tuesday, **December 15**, 7:00 p.m. – **Bible Study** at Cheryl McCauley's home

Wednesday, **December 16**, 7:30 p.m. – **Bible Study** at Ruth Reinford's home

### UPCOMING EVENTS AT SPRING MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

Thursday, **December 24**, 7:00 p.m. – **Christmas Eve Service**

**Bring all Angel Tree gifts to the church by next Sunday, December 20.**

**NEXT SUNDAY:** December 20, 2009

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sermon:	<i>"Deliver"</i>	Chris Nickels
Scriptures:	Micah 5:2-5a & Luke 1:39-55	
Worship Leader:		Dan McDonough
Song Leader:		Walton Ruth

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Everyone is invited to a **Christmas Choral Concert** on Sunday, **December 13**, 6:30 p.m., at **Souderton Mennonite Church**. Come enjoy a **Children's Christmas pageant** presented by our Adult Choir and children. Following the program, enjoy some light refreshments. For information call 215-723-3088 or visit [www.soudertonmennonite.org](http://www.soudertonmennonite.org).

The **Perkasie Mennonite congregation** invites all to a community **Christmas Carol Sing** on Sunday, **December 20**, 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow. A free-will offering for medical supplies in Mexico will be collected. For information call 215-257-3117.

You are cordially invited a **Christmas Open House** at the **Mennonite Conference Center's new location**, 569 Yoder Road, Harleysville, on Monday, **December 14**, 6:00-8:30 p.m. The Mennonite Conference Center is home to the offices of Franconia and Eastern District Mennonite Conferences. Everyone is welcome to visit the new location and meet the staff at this joyous celebration of the season.

All are invited to **Christopher Dock Mennonite High School's** upcoming **Student Visitation Days** on Monday, **December 14**, and Friday, **January 29**. Please call Lois Boaman in the Admissions Office at 215-362-2675, ext. 106, to make an appointment.

**Christopher Dock Mennonite High School** will host its annual **Christmas Arts Festival** on Thursday, **December 17**, 7:30 p.m., in the Clemens Center Auditorium. The Festival will feature a display of student artwork, various bands and choirs, and a range of works from "Deck the Halls" to Benjamin Britten's "A Ceremony of carols." A highlight of the Festival will be Handel's *Hallelujah* chorus.

**Longest Night Service** – All who experience pain and loneliness during the holiday season are welcome to a service of hope on Monday, **December 21**, 4:00-5:00 p.m., at **Souderton Mennonite Church**. Join us in the sharing of scripture, prayer, and music to acknowledge that God's presence is for those who mourn and struggle. For more information call 215-723-3088 or visit [www.soudertonmennonite.org](http://www.soudertonmennonite.org).

A **Seminar for Sunday School Teachers** will be held on Saturday, **January 16**, 8:15-11:15 a.m., at **Plains Mennonite Church**. Seminars will be offered on the following topics: "Nurturing the Faith of Children," "Managing and Engaging Every Student in the Classroom," "Teaching Tweens and Teens," "Creative Ways to Use the *Gather 'Round* curriculum." All participants will be able to choose two of the four seminars offered. Registration is FREE.

**SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE MONTH:** But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Philippians 3:20

### REMINDER OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 13 – Franconia-Lancaster Choral Singers at Zion Mennonite Church

December 13 – Handel's *Messiah* at Blooming Glen Mennonite Church

December 13 – Evening Song and Prayer Service at Perkasie Mennonite Church

December 18 – Depth of Mercy at Perkiomenville Mennonite Church

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Quakertown Christian School** is seeking a Business Manager and a Special Education Teacher
- **Salford Mennonite Church** is seeking 2 part-time Custodial Assistants.

*Check bulletin board in foyer for details and additional postings.*