

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.*

Pastor: Christian J. Nickels 610-287-3681
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Worship Service 9:45 a.m. Coffee Time 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

January 11, 2009

Preservice Music Eileen Viau
Gathering and Praising
 Congregational Singing Dave Brunk
 Call to Worship Bill Hallahan
 Congregational Singing Dave Brunk
Hearing God's Word
 Children's Time Randi Moyer
 Scripture: Mark 1:1, 9-13 p. 812
 Sermon: "Good News" Chris Nickels
Responding
 Song of Response Dave Brunk
 Offering
 Congregational Prayer Chris Nickels
 Announcements
Sending
 Closing Song Dave Brunk
 Benediction Bill Hallahan

Greeters/Ushers:	Carl Nyce	David McDonough	Carol Menser
	Eva Nyce	Jonathan Pennington	Rich Miller

THIS WEEK AT SPRING MOUNT MENNONITE CHURCH

Wednesday, **January 14**, 7:30 p.m. – Church Council Meeting

NEXT SUNDAY: January 18, 2009

Sermon: "Intruding" Chris Nickels
 Scriptures: Mark 2:1-12
 Isaiah 43:18-25
 Worship Leader: Glenn Cooper
 Song Leader: Gay Brunt Miller

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the second quarter of our fiscal year, 7/01/08 through 12/31/08, the figures are as follows:
 Average offering per week: \$1,455 actual / \$1,512 budget
 Offerings received (26 weeks) \$37,828 actual / \$39,325 budget
 Budgeted expenditures (26 weeks) \$29,283 actual / \$39,325 budget
 Sharing Fund – Income (26 weeks) \$1,556 (Includes \$894 carried over from last year.)
 Expenditures (26 weeks) \$724

A prospective **middle school student visitation** is scheduled for Wednesday morning, **January 14**, at **Penn View Christian School**. Interested families should contact Sandra Harrell, Director of Admissions, at 215-723-1196 or email sharrell@pennview.org. Information about Penn View Christian School may be found at www.pennview.org.

"Praying in difficult times" will be the topic of the next **prayer gathering** of Franconia Mennonite Conference. The gathering will meet at **Swamp Mennonite Church** on Saturday, **January 17**, 10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., for a time of worship, prayer, and teaching. **John Shuey**, regional representative for the Church Prayer Leaders Network, will share with pastors, prayer leaders, and anyone who wants to be encouraged in praying through difficulties and helping others to pray. All are invited to come! For more information, contact Sandy Landes, Prayer Ministry Coordinator, at slandes@franconiaconference.org or 215-723-5513, ext. 121.

Karen's Place, the coffee shop ministry of **Doylestown Mennonite Church**, will be open on Saturday, **January 17**, from 7:---10:30 p.m., featuring the singer songwriter **Susan Piper**. Admission is free. Donations collected will go to Mennonite Disaster Service. For more information please call 215-345-6377 or visit www.karensplace.org.

The **2009 Winter Peace Retreat** at **Spruce Lake** will be held **February 13-15**. The adult program on "**Restoring Justice: Creating Peace Between Victims & Offenders**" will be led by **Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz**, director of the MCC Office on Crime and Justice. The youth program on "**Understanding Jesus' Activism: Can Youth Change the World?**" will be led by **Mark Reiff**, youth pastor at Doylestown Mennonite Church. There will be children's activities and time for recreation. For further information contact Becky Felton at 215-536-7935 or bbfelton@verizon.net, or see the announcement at <http://efpjc.ppjr.org/efpo92.htm>. Registration deadline is Tuesday, January 20.

SCRIPTURE VERSE OF THE MONTH:

These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. – 1 Corinthians 2:10

REMINDER OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

January 11 – Evening Song and Prayer at Perkasio Mennonite Church
 January 13-17 – Peace Gathering in Philadelphia churches
 January 30 – February 1 – Winter Retreat at Spruce Lake

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

- **Christopher Dock Fitness Center** is seeking part-time staff.

Check bulletin board in foyer for more details and additional postings