

**December 13, 2009**

Salem Mennonite Church  
Kidron, Ohio

Darrell Ediger, Pastor

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Sunday School	9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.

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**Rejoice! God comes in mercy to turn us around.**

**Call to Worship** Rebecka and Leiah Hackett, Choristers  
Kathy Mast, Worship Leader  
*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Blue Hymnal (H) #195

**Mini Notes**

*Come and Worship* words by M.E. Wright

Leader: We live in troubled times, waiting for God's light to burst into our dark world. Rejoice! God has come in mercy to turn us around.

**People: God restores our hearts and minds and brings us home.**

**ALL: May we turn to God with prayer and thanksgiving. May we be ready to proclaim to all the good news of God's grace. May we turn to others in generosity and sharing.**

**Memory Verse**

*In Him was life, and that life was the light of men.* John 1:4

**Opening Prayer**

**Kingdom Choir**

*Come, Lord Jesus* Michael Bedford

**Music**

*Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (H) #201

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* (H) #206

*O Come Let Us Adore Him*

O come let us adore Him; O come let us adore Him

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

**Candle Lighting**

Ryan & Amber Doty

**Scripture**

Isaiah 12:1-6; Luke 3:7-19

**Special Music**

*Mary, Did You Know?*

Travis Pauli  
by Mark Lowry

**Sermon** Darrell Ediger  
"Rejoice! God Comes in Mercy to Turn Us Around"

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Hymn of Response**  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness* (H) #327  
This hymn is sung in celebration of Sylvia Hostetler's birthday.

**Litany of Response**

**Leader:** Lord, in this time of Advent, we celebrate your presence with us and long for your coming. We rejoice that you do not forget us, but break into the confusion of our lives. You keep coming in mercy to turn us around.

**People:** **Lord, help us in our turning around. Help us repent and turn toward you.**

**Jack Badertscher:** *We confess that we have tried many paths and that our wandering has made us weary.*

**People:** **Guide us with your grace.**

**Len Nussbaum:** *Lord, in your loving kindness, help us to fear no more.*

**People:** **Rejoice! Sing aloud! God forgives!**

**Carol Leunk:** *We rejoice because God is in our midst, turning us around and taking away our fear. God rejoices over us with gladness. God renews us with love.*

**ALL:** **God saves the lame, gathers up the outcasts and changes their shame into praise. We rejoice in your plan of salvation. You restore your people. Lord, come to save us! Amen.**

**Music**  
*Redeeming Love* Brown Hymnal (FG) #199

**Offertory** Herb Himes, organist  
*Angels From the Realms of Glory* arr. Burkhardt

**Announcements and Sharing**

**Closing Hymn**  
*Go Tell It On the Mountains* (FG) #205

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## **Benediction**

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen, and the God of peace will be with you. Amen*

## **Last Sunday's Guests**

*Ashley, Wyatt, and Braden Lehman*

*Lloyd & Jane Miller*

*Jeanne Sopp - Massillon*

*Ray Flickinger - Canada*

## **Prayer Concerns and Joys**

- Pastor Darrell will be having an outpatient spinal cord stimulator implant surgery this Tuesday at Aultman Hospital. Thanks for your prayers!
- *(MMN Request)* People in Sweden celebrate St. Lucia Day with candles on this date just before the winter solstice, a turning point in the darkness of winter. Pray for Disa & Tom Rutschman and their family as they share the light of Jesus through teaching and other youth ministries from their home on the Arctic Circle.

*The flowers this morning are in celebration of Sylvia Hostetler's birthday this coming Thursday, December 17. Happy Birthday, Sylvia!*

## **Today**

4:00 p.m. SYF - Cabinet meeting

5:00 p.m. SYF - Input at Lessman's

3:00 p.m. Caroling with The Joyful Jammers! We will be meeting at the church to go over last minute details and review songs. Anyone who would like to join us is welcome! We will carpool from the church leaving at 3:30 p.m.

## **Tuesday**

10:00 a.m. Education Council Meeting

## **Wednesday**

6:30 p.m. Mini Notes

7:00 p.m. Kingdom Choir

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

**Next Sunday**

10:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent; Mark Moser, speaker. "Mary Sings" - Luke 1:26-55

JHY - Input at Sprunger's after church

5:00 p.m. SYF - Input/Caroling at Lessman's



Christmas is getting closer and closer. We need lots of paper ornaments on our tree! Let's cover it with services done by Salem people young and old.

A reminder from the Business Council: The work on the parking lot upgrade has begun, we will need to make initial payment before the end of 2009. Please have your gifting completed by the end of the year.

January 3, 2010 - Communion

WIM December Project: Love Gift for Diane Salsburey



17 annual reports turned in,,, 18 to go! Reports should be turned in today if at all possible. Please let Eileen know if yours will be delayed.

Please remember to save your **Our Family** brand labels and place them in the box under the church mailboxes. Be sure to include the UPC symbol when cutting off the labels. Every label helps our SYF raise funds for future mission trips. Thanks!



A bulletin board has been designated for Christmas cards and family letters/pictures to be shared with the entire church family. Feel free to add your greetings!

"Christmas Music Listening" ... go to [www.soundofmajesty.org](http://www.soundofmajesty.org) - from Moody Bible Institute with Greg Wheatley, anytime of the day or night.



For church cancellations due to winter weather, please listen to these radio stations: WQKT - 104.5 FM or WCRF - 103.3 FM. Pastor Darrell and Jan Sohar will also start the prayer chain, so please check your email. We will also try to call those not on the prayer chain as well.

**Happy Birthday To:**

Today Jill Hostetler  
Thursday Sylvia Hostetler  
Janelle Roshong



**Happy Anniversary To:**

Wednesday Jeremiah & Rebecca Mast - 3 Years!



**Christmas  
Dinner**

An extended Family Christmas Dinner will be held on Christmas Day, December 25, at Kidron Mennonite Church Fellowship Building. The gathering will start at 11:00 a.m., with the carry-in meal at 12:00 noon. Meat, drinks, and dinner rolls will be provided. The fellowship and games will last until 2:30 p.m. Anyone in the community who has no plans, is welcome to come.

Come celebrate the season at Central Christian High School's Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 15, at 7:00 p.m.

The 76<sup>th</sup> rendition of Handel's *Messiah* will be Sunday, Dec. 20, at 2:30 p.m., at Oak Grove Mennonite Church, with Brian Wiebe conducting. Help us make a joyful noise and come join the chorus (and bring a friend!) Chorus rehearsals will be Friday and Saturday, Dec. 18 and 19, from 7:00 - 9:30 p.m. Come worship with us and celebrate God's master plan for the world, as expressed in this wonderful oratorio.



Reception Committee

Today - John & Janet Sprunger, Jack & Shelley Salsburey  
Dec. 20 - Lin & Pam Beyer, Myrle Trefney, Marianne Cameron

Ushers

Today - Ray King & Greg Nofsinger  
Dec. 20 - Jim Corbett & Ben Ediger

Sunday School Nursery

Today - Seth & Rachael Clark  
Dec. 20 - Diann King & Marianne Cameron

Worship Service Nursery

Today - Chris Daniels & Annie Roshong  
Dec. 20 - Maxine Hershberger & Jacqui Hershberger

Attendance

Dec. 6 S.S. - 104  
Worship - 153

Offering

Dec. 6  
General \$6,885.00  
Designated \$6,802.60  
\$13,687.60

