



He will be called  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father,  
Prince of Peace.

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Welcome to  
**Lauvers Mennonite Church**

*“Our mission is to seek the lost and nourish the found  
through the work of Jesus Christ.”*

**December 17, 2017**

**WELCOME** to our visitors today! Please join us in worshipping the Lord, and in experiencing His love, grace, truth and presence. God bless you, in this service and in the coming days!

Greeters: Andrew & Maria Ranck

Sunday School: *Jesus Rules*, Mark 4:35-41

Worship Service

Nursery: Janessa/Reanna

Worship Leader: Nevin Glick

Worship in Song: Eric's group

Offering

Message: Eric Brubaker “How Does Jesus Affect Your Life?”

Last Sunday

Attendance: 97

Offering: \$2,860.00

Next Sunday

Greeters: Elvin Ranck Family

Message: Elvin Ranck

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

December 31 – Mike Clark

January 7 – Nevin Glick

## Announcements

1. **Christmas caroling** tonight, December 17. **PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE FOYER IF YOU CAN HELP!**
2. The elder team is inviting everyone to participate in a **two week fast beginning January 7 through January 21.** Until then, pray about what God may be asking you to do without, so you can focus more on him these two weeks. As in the past, we will end the fast on January 21 with a special meal planned by the elder team.
3. **Candle light service – Friday evening, December 22, at 7 p.m.** Come and enjoy music, a program presented by our children's Sunday school, and the candle lighting.
4. **Thank you** for the love offering given to me. I appreciate this expression of your loving care. - Marcus

Happy Birthday to: Susan Gehman on December 22  
Daryl Ebersole on December 23

Happy Anniversary to:  
John & Susan Gehman on December 22

## Purple Chickens

One of many remarkable stories in Terry O'Reilly's highly entertaining book *This I Know: Marketing Lessons Under The Influence* comes in a chapter about the importance of counter-intuitive thinking. Kenyan chicken farmers were losing most of their free-range baby chicks to larger avian predators, namely eagles and hawks. The farmers quadrupled the survival rate from 20 per cent to 80 per cent with a simple and unlikely fix – painting the chicks purple. Turns out that neither eagles nor hawks can process purple images, and don't see purple chicks as something edible. This discovery also led to a demand for a new breed of hired help – chicken painters.

-taken from the November/December 2017 issue of The Marketplace

## Upcoming Events

- ~Dec. 17 – Christmas Caroling, see sign-up sheet for times
- ~Dec. 22 – Candlelight Service, 7 p.m.
- ~Jan. 7-21 – Fasting Time
- ~Jan. 21 – ‘Breaking our Fast’ Meal

### *Cramming for finals*

*A 96-year-old lady was a faithful attendant at Bible study. She came with her lessons prepared and knew all the answers. One day a tactless member asked her, “Why do you work so hard on these lessons when you’re so old and it doesn’t matter?”*

*The 96-year-old replied confidently, “I’m cramming for my finals!”*



“GENE, SOME PEOPLE OUT HERE WANT TO  
KNOW IF THEY CAN HAVE A ROOM.”



## Power House of Prayer

*Though you do not see him you trust him, and even now you are happy with a glorious, inexpressible joy. 1 Peter 1:8b (NLT)*

### **Praise God for:**

- \*The joy Jesus brings to us!
- \*A good congregational meeting Wednesday evening.
- \*Opportunity to carol for senior citizens tonight.

### **Pray for:**

- \*Protection physically and spiritually for Amy H. Also that she could completely surrender her life to Christ.
- \*Lloyd G. dealing with pain from his fall.
- \*Jodie M.'s uncle recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- \*Jeremy Ruby in ICU with sepsis, cellulitis, and breathing problems.
- \*Nick, a homeless man who stopped in at Abundant Blessings last week.
- \*Full-time pastor for Lauvers.
- \*Our time of fasting as a congregation starting in January.

**Thought: God is the giver of joy.**

**Marilyn Swartz is serving in the prayer room this morning.**

Please give any praises or prayer requests to Marilyn Swartz by calling 463-3466 or via email at [dmswartz77@gmail.com](mailto:dmswartz77@gmail.com) by Thursday evening.