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LITTLE **LORD JESUS**  
ASLEEP ON THE HAY



Welcome to  
**Lauvers Mennonite Church**

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

**December 24, 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: Elvin Ranck Family

Sunday School: *Jesus Saves*, Luke 2:4-20

Worship Service

Nursery: Jenn/Lauren

Worship Leader: Nevin Glick

Worship in Song: Tonya's group

Offering

Message: Elvin Ranck “Christmas in the Garden” John 3:16

Last Sunday

Attendance: 132

Offering: \$3,023.25

Next Sunday

Greeters: Jake Rorher Family

Message: Mike Clark

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

January 7 – Nevin Glick

January 14 – Elvin Ranck

January 21 – Elvin Ranck

## Announcements

1. 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.
2. **Thank you** for the money gift, carolers & fruit basket. Thank you very much! - Susie Kauffman
3. **Thank you** for the love offering given to me. I appreciate this expression of your loving care. - Marcus
4. You are invited to – the **Jamaica Benefit Concert**, Saturday, January 13, at the Bunkertown Church of the Brethren beginning at 7:00 p.m. Juniata Mennonite School will be hosting this benefit concert to raise funds for the 2018 Jamaica mission trip.
5. More Upcoming **JMS events** – February 3, AYCE **Homemade Soup Dinner** at JMS from 4-7 p.m. with takeouts available, Available by donation; proceeds benefit JMS athletic program. February 17, AYCE **Pancake breakfast** at Fayette Fire Hall from 7 – 10 a.m. Available by donation. Proceeds benefit breakfast host families for the JMS Jamaica missions trip. March 9, 5:30 p.m. **Faith Pledge Banquet** at the Bunkertown Church of the Brethren featuring former Penn State football player, Ryan Keiser.

Happy Birthday to: Mary (Hackenberger) Stoltzfus today  
Orpha Gingrich on December 27  
Cammy Lauver on December 29

## Obeying the commandments

Abraham Lincoln was shown a painting and asked whether he thought it had been done by a good painter. “I think he is a good painter in that he observes the Lord’s commandments,” Lincoln said.

“What do you mean?” his host asked.

Lincoln replied, “He hath not made to himself the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters under the earth.”

*Your life is either a celebration  
or a chore;  
the choice is yours.*

## Upcoming Events

- ~Jan. 7-21 – Fasting Time
- ~Jan. 13 – Jamaica Benefit Concert, Bunkertown COB,  
7 p.m.
- ~Jan. 21 – ‘Breaking our Fast’ Meal
- ~Feb. 3 – Homemade Soup Dinner at JMS, 4-7 p.m.
- ~Feb. 17 – Pancake Breakfast at Fayette Fire Hall, 7-10 a.m.
- ~Mar. 9 – JMS Faith Pledge Banquet at Bunkertown COB,  
5:30 p.m.

## Go Tell it on the Speed Bump

Someone has suggested that hymns contain the theology we ought to believe, but the following titles may reflect what we sometimes wish:

- \*I Surrender Some
- \*Fill My Spoon, Lord
- \*Oh, How I Like Jesus
- \*He’s Quite a Bit to Me
- \*It’s My Secret What God Can Do
- \*Where He Leads Me, I will Consider Following
- \*Sit Up, Sit Up, for Jesus
- \*A Comfy Mattress Is Our God
- \*Oh, For a Couple of Tongues to Sing
- \*Self-Esteem to the World, the Lord Is Come!
- \*Amazing Grace, How Interesting the Sound
- \*Pillow of Ages, Fluffed for Me

Let’s strive to make the original words to these hymns the desire of our hearts.



## Power House of Prayer

*For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*Isaiah 9:6 (NLT)*

### **Praise God for:**

- \*The many names of Jesus!
- \*The Christmas program given Friday evening.
- \*The many people touched by caroling last Sunday evening.
- \*Marcus's reminder that with God all things are possible!

### **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. uncle recently diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer.
- \*Christmas celebrations to be glorifying to God.
- \*Shirley's sister, Esther, recovering from heart surgery.
- \*God's will for placement of abandoned baby in Ghana.
- \*Full-time pastor for Lauvers.
- \*Our time of fasting as a congregation starting in January.

**Thought: God became one of us so that we might become one with Him.**

**Heidi Glick 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.