

Welcome to
Lauvers Mennonite Church

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

Pastor: Glenn Lauver 436-9051

January 8, 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: Rich Graybill Family
Fellowship Meal – You are invited to the basement for soup & salad.

Sunday School: *All Creation Joins in Praise*, Psalm 96:1-6, 10-13

Worship Service:

Nursery: Jodie Martin
Worship Leader: Mike Clark
Worship in Song: Tonya's group
Offering
Message: Pastor Elvin, Stretch Your Tent Curtains Wide

Last Sunday

Attendance: 81
Offering: \$2,210

Next Sunday

Greeters: Scott Hackenberger Family
Host Family:
Message: Pastor Glenn, Prayer, I Chronicles 4:10

Upcoming Sermon Schedule

January 22 – Pastor Glenn
January 29 – Pastor Elvin
February 5 – Pastor Glenn
February 12 – Pastor Glenn
February 19 – Nevin Glick
February 26 – Steve Swartz

Announcements

1. **Fellowship meal** today of soup & salad – to begin our time of fasting with our congregation which goes until January 22.
2. Please contact **Elvin** with any agenda items you have for the **congregational meeting** on Friday evening, January 13, 7 p.m.
3. **Daniel Shayesteh** will speak on **'Exodus from Darkness'** at Lauvers on Saturday evening, January 21. See the bulletin insert; use it to invite someone to hear him.
4. **Next Sunday is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.** Check the bulletin insert for ways you can promote life through Crossroads Pregnancy Center.
5. **Youth:** Saturday, January 28, Taffy pull at Neil and Gretchen's.
6. **SUNDAY LUNCH HOST FAMILIES NEEDED** – January, February & March do not have many volunteer host families signed up yet; note no volunteer yet for next week! Check your calendar & **sign up today** or call Gladys to let her know when you can host.
7. **JMS Events:**
Saturday, January 28, 2017 7-10 AM
First Baptist Church in Mifflintown, Family Ministry Center
All-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast
Available by donation
Supporting the JMS Jamaica Missions Trip
– Also, that evening at 7 PM
(same place)
JMS will be holding a
'Showcase of Talent'
Highlighting talents of the 'JMS Family'

Upcoming Events:

- ~Jan. 8 – Soup & Salad Fellowship meal
- ~Jan. 13 – Congregational meeting, 7 p.m.
- ~Jan. 21 – 'Exodus from Darkness' by Daniel Shayesteh, 7 p.m.
- ~Jan. 22 – End of fasting meal



The Closest Relative

Some local pranksters dragged a dead mule onto the parsonage lawn and left it. Bright and early the next morning, they telephoned the preacher. The spokesman said, "Parson, I believe it is the duty of you ministers to take care of the dead, and I noticed a dead mule in your yard. Are you going to bury him?"

"Yes, if you'll give your consent," replied the parson, "because I need the consent of the closest relative!"

It Shall be Opened?

Many years ago, according to a United Press report, Ted Bentz, a Jackson Prison inmate and a member of 'Baby Face' Nelson's gang, wrote the state parole board:

"In Luke 11:10, Christ says, 'Everyone that asketh receiveth and he that seeketh findeth, and to him who knocketh, it shall be opened.'

By virtue of the above, how about a parole?"

The board promptly replied: "Trouble me not, the door is now shut' – Luke 11:7"

As the new year begins, think about what may be ahead for you!!

January's ❄️❄️ fall from above;

February finds us with full of love. ♡♡

In March comes spring with 🌸 breaking through;

April's showers make the 🌱 green and new.

We honor our 👤 on a day in May;

In June we remember 👤 on his day.

July brings picnics, 🍷 and fun;

The "dog days" of August bring hot, hot ☀️.

September 🎒 take us back to school;

October 🍂 turn gold and the air turns cool.

👤 Day comes in November each year,

And in December we're filled with ❄️ cheer.

🍷 A year full of new days is given to you....

Thank God and remember him in each thing you do.





Power House of Prayer

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do for it is written, "Be holy because I am holy." I Peter 1:15&16 (NIV)

Praise God for:

- *God's example of holiness to us.
- *Safety for those traveling over the holidays.
- *Testimony of God's miraculous healing through surgery for Mandy (Sue Harlon's daughter)
- * Elvin and Charlotte's new grandson, Matthias.

Pray for:

- *God to reveal himself to us through our time of fasting.
- *Healing for Chad Graber (Glenn Lauver's brother-in-law) from injuries in a snowmobile accident.
- *God's direction in our congregational meeting Friday evening.

Quote: May our prayers not be mindless, but instead be mindful of God's will.

Marcus Lehman 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 by Thursday evening.