

Candlelight Peace Vigil January 30th

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Ridgeway Community Church of the Brethren was very blessed to have a large number of community folks attend the (indoor) community Candlelight Peace Vigil we sponsored on Friday night, January 30th. About 75 people attended, including Police Chief Martin, Township Board of Commissioners President and Township Ward 4 Commissioner Frank Lynch, several Lutheran pastors, Catholic friends, a Church of the Brethren pastor from Lancaster County, people from the West Shore . . . just a large and diverse group all gathered to share their hopes for peace and justice in our land.



Thanks to Judy Cook, Brenda Fructl, Chris Bright, and Kathy Kosnoskie of our congregation who shared, to Russ Kunz for running AV, to Carol Krahn and her amazing crew who set everything up, and to Kathy and Cindy who baked brownies for everyone who came!

**Darkness cannot drive out darkness;
only light can do that.
Hate cannot drive out hate;
only love can do that.**

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



It was a very moving service to lift up our concerns about recent events in Minneapolis and elsewhere, raise our voices for peace in our land, both lament and share hope, and stand in solidarity in the ways that Jesus calls to share compassion and respect for all persons.

The service was streamed, and is posted to our congregation's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@ridgewaychurchofthebrethren>.