

Community Mennonite Church

Jan. 4, 2009

Epiphany: The Embracing Face of God

“Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”

Psalm 80:3, 7, 19

We Gather

PRELUDE – CONGREGATIONAL SINGING

Nancy Heisey

On this day earth shall ring

HWB 192

As with gladness men of old

HWB 218

OPENING HYMN AND CANDLELIGHTING

Christ whose glory fills the skies

HWB 216

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Louise Hostetter

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come.

People: It's been dark for so long!

Leader: But now the light has come.

People: God's glorious light is rising over our heads.

Leader: Open your eyes and let them adjust to this new reality. God is illuminating the landscape, and now we begin to see God's goodness.

People: The light is moving out across boundaries and barriers, filling the whole earth.

All: The light of Christ is a light to all peoples. We rejoice in God's justice and mercy made visible among us.

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS

We Hear God's Word

CHILDREN'S STORY

Jonathan Yoder & Crystal Meadows

SONG

Lydia Stoll, soloist

Morning Star! O cheering sight!

HWB 214

SCRIPTURE

Lee and Kyle Good

Isaiah 60:1-6; Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON

Jennifer Davis Sensenig

We Respond to God's Word

SONG

For the healing of the nations

HWB 367

SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hallelujah! We sing your praises

SJ 88

Put peace into each other's hands

SJ 87

Taste and see

SJ 86

Jesus sun and shield art thou

HWB 466

We Are Sent

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Welcome to all visitors!

- The Church Newsletter is on top of the hymnal racks.
- The ushers have welcome brochures with blue information slips for you to fill out. Please place blue slips in the offering basket.
- Nursery care for age 2 and younger is off the main hallway.
- Join us for Sunday School at 10:30. Children's class offerings are posted on the bulletin board near the women's restroom. Adult Sunday School Offerings:
 - Word/Bible Study: The Book of Exodus** (Dean House, Rm 2)
 - Young Adult Class** (Dean House, Rm 1)
 - Open Window** (Dean House, Rm 4)
 - Sunday Bunch** (Room 109)
 - Worship/Listening Prayer** (Prayer Room)
 - College Student Class** (sanctuary)
 - Coffee & Conversation** (Fellowship Hall)
 - Dunkin' Donut Men's Group**
 - Quilting & Conversation** (coat rack area near Rm 109)
 - Walk/Discipleship: Tending the Earth** (Dean House, Rm 3)

TODAY, Jan 4

Worship at 9 AM – Caring & Sharing offering
Announcements: Meg Wightman
Nursery: Meribeth & Carly Kraybill, Valerie & Emma Serrels
Sound: Jonathan Tieszen
Welcomers: David Graybill & Brenda Martin
Head Usher: Dorothy Jean Weaver
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
Budget draft discussion with Committee chairs at 11:45 AM
Holly Showalter's China presentation at 7 PM, FH

CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Mon 7:00 PM Women's Jail Ministry
Tue 6:30 PM Relief Sale Quilting, Rm 109 annex
Thur 1:30 PM Pastoral Team
Sat-Sun 12-yr Olds Retreat
Sun 9:00 AM Worship
Speaker: Jason Gerlach
Worship Leader: Linda Pfamatter
Nursery: David & Tina Glanzer, Chris & Becky Long
Sound: Ray Horst
Welcomers: Steve Witmer & Sandy King
Head Usher: Wayne Sneary
Sunday School at 10:30 AM

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109 & FH;
Intermediate English, RM 203
Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen & FH
Thur 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109 & FH;
Intermediate English, RM 203

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

Jan 11 Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29;
Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

June 30-July 5, '09 MCUSA Assembly in Columbus, OH
July 13-19, '09 Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Paraguay
July 23-27, '09 Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly
Aug. 28-30, '09 Church Retreat at Camp Overlook

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OUR MISSION

We the people of Community Mennonite Church offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ. We strive actively to follow the God of peace through our worship, fellowship, and service to both the local community and the wider world.

Leadership

PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Meg Wightman, Pastor of Community Life
cmc_meg@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon, Fri 1-3 PM
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Paul Longacre, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Dave Cockley, Council Chair
Andrea Schrock Wenger, Vice-Chair
Terry Burkhalter, Administrative Chair
Brian Martin Burkholder, Community Life Chair
Jennifer Murch, Youth Chair
Heidi Winters Vogel, Outreach Chair
Hedy Reese, Worship Chair

CHURCH OFFICE

Sandy McCafferty, Office Coordinator
office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4:30

Attendance last Sunday: 171

Offering: \$3,772.24

YTD Budget Comparison: +\$4,254.23