

Community Mennonite Church

November 29, 2009

God Breaks Through!

*Advent I: Take heart!
God is coming to make things right*

We Gather

WELCOME
Jason Gerlach

PRELUDE
Sheri Hartzler

OPENING ADVENT SONG **Fling wide the door**
Jay Hartzler *HWB 186*

CALL TO WORSHIP IN DRAMA AND MUSIC
Rose Shenk and Sheri Hartzler

CANDLELIGHTING
Kendal and Jennifer North Bauman, Zach and Maia

SONG OF LIGHT **Praise the One who breaks the darkness**
SS 1

We Hear God's Word

SCRIPTURE **Luke 1:5-7, 24-25, 39-45, 57-58**
Wendy Houser Gerlach

SONG **Comfort, comfort, O my people**
HWB 176

PROCLAMATION ON ELIZABETH **A Loud Cry**
Jennifer Davis Sensenig

We Respond In Faith

SONG OF RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR PEACE **In the dullness of our long silence,
By Michael All Courtney our dry and dusty season,
our slow despair,
bring us a curled and growing hope.
Bring us peace.
Give us the grace
to believe in leaping,
the small flower swelling to fruit,
and sudden, surprised laughter.
Give us peace.
Teach us to remember
the unexpected name,
the promise of a green hill country,
water spilling onto bowed shoulders,
white wings, and Your voice
raised in blessing.**

Teach us peace.

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS
OFFERTORY
Sheri Hartzler

ADVENT CONSPIRACY FILM

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER
Jason Gerlach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Are Sent

SONG OF SENDING **Come thou long expected Jesus**
HWB 178

TEXT OF HOPE
Jason Gerlach

Jeremiah 33:14-16

WITH THANKFUL HEARTS

On Nov 15th about 100 folks from CMC attended our congregational **Dreams and Discernment** meeting. Council Chair Andrea Schrock Wenger opened the meeting and we had a few "snapshots" about finances, the Dean House, and a Pastoral Team review. Then we listened to scripture, to one another, and to the Spirit of Christ by **Dwelling in the Word**, focused on the story of Bartimaeus in Mark 10. Pastoral Elder, Lonnie Yoder then guided the congregation to indicate where we sense **God is calling us** in light of "dreams" that emerged in the annual retreat.

The meeting concluded with a few observations from the Pastoral Team and sharing two initiatives that have come to our attention: strengthening a culture of hospitality and a missional partnership with Immanuel Mennonite.

We are grateful for the strong participation in this step of discernment and receive your responses as gifts. **Thank you.** In Dec Pastoral Team will focus on prayer and our sense of God's call in light of what we've heard from the body. In Jan the Council and Pastoral Team will meet together and bring our collective sense of how God is calling us as a congregation. Expect to hear from us again in Jan. We welcome your continued **prayers and conversation.** **PASTORAL TEAM**

Welcome to all visitors!

- The Church Newsletter is on top of the hymnal racks.
- Visitor information can be found on the small bookcase on the north wall of the fellowship hall.
- Nursery care for age 2 and younger is off the main hallway.
- See bulletin board in Fellowship Hall for Adult Sunday School offerings
- Adult Sunday School offerings:
 - How we got the Bible – Dean House Rm 3
 - Exploring the Enneagram - Sanctuary
 - Chronic Disease Self-management – Dean House Rm 4
 - Open Window – Dean House Rm 1
 - Young Adult Class – Dean House Rm 1
 - Launch (ages 18-23) – Dean House Rm 22
 - Listening Prayer – Prayer Room
 - Sunday bunch – Rm 109
 - Coffee & Conversation – fellowship hall
 - Dunkin' Donuts Men's Group – Exxon Station on E Market

TODAY, Nov 29

Worship at 9:00 AM – Patchwork Pantry Sunday
Announcements: Jason Gerlach
Nursery: Betty Simensen & Wilma Gingerich
Sound: Wayne Gehman
Welcomers: Carissa Sweigart & Millard Osborne
Head Usher: Lois Kauffman
Sunday School at 10:30 AM

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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.*

CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tue 7:00 PM Community Life Commission at Vi
Miller's home
Sun Worship at 9:00 AM – Caring & Sharing
offering
Speaker: Andrew White
Worship Leader: Meg Wightman
Song Leader: Jay Hartzler
Nursery: David & Mary Ann Kreider
Sound: Terry Burkhalter
Welcomers: David Graybill & Brenda Martin
Head Usher: Dorothy Jean Weaver
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
All-church potluck at 11:30 AM
Venture Club Caroling at VMRC after potluck
Budget Speakeasy follows potluck

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

All week HARTS at the Dean House
Mon 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203
Tue VA Conference Youth Pastors, Fellowship Hall
Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen, FH
Thur 10-7 Nyawalla family event, kitchen & FH

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

Dec 6 Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79;
Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 10-12, 2010 All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook

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 9-4
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
Jack Rutt, 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: 241

Offering: \$3,875.75

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$63,113.80