

Community Mennonite Church

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1. Announcements

Last Sunday Attendance: 259 **Offering:** \$13,143.57 **Performance to Budget:** +\$5,531.67
Performance to Budget YTD: -\$4,896.87

The Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee has as its primary task to care for the relationship between the pastors and the congregation at CMC. Committee members are available to meet with individuals or small groups--to listen to all voices. Please call on any of the following persons if you have questions or comments: Linda Gnagey (co-chair), Doug Graber Neufeld, Kathleen Roth, and Hugh Stoll (co-chair).

Volunteers are still needed for the March 10 Lenten luncheon from 10-2. Any part of the 4 hours could be shared according to schedules. Contact Vi Miller if you can help.

Shirley Roth, from Nazareth Village, left a number of key chains and some cards for you to take as a reminder to pray for the ministry of the Nazareth Village. These will be on a small table in the Fellowship Hall. Please choose something to be a Prayer Reminder.

CMCers at EMU--Faculty and Staff Coffee Break with Pastor Jennifer Please join us for a coffee break Wed, March 17, 4 PM in the West Dining Room at EMU. This is a chance for Pastor Jennifer to meet you in your setting and hear from you how your faith affects your work. **Please RSVP** to the church office so that we have a sense for our numbers. Thanks! (CMCers working and teaching at JMU met with Jennifer this past fall.)

Interested in knitting with others from CMC? (Or crocheting, spinning, or other needlework?). Come for an informal time with others to chat, play with yarn and learn from each other. The best time in the church schedule is Tuesday evening. Our first meeting will be this coming Tue, Mar 9, from 7- 9 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We can talk then about how often we want to meet and the times that work best. If you have questions, or are interested but can't come on Tuesday, please contact Jan Jenner.

Strangers no more The Pastoral Staff enjoyed getting to know Duane and Sharon Wyse Miller, Ken and Martha June Graber, Amy Hstand, Giles Eanes, and Fern Miller Monday evening at a new attender's meal at Pastor Jason's home. Their photos are in the CMC Welcomes You bulletin board in the fellowship hall. We hope you'll greet and try to get to know them as well. Please also welcome Mike and Cindy Brislen and their daughter, Alia, who weren't able to make it to the dinner. We hope all of these newcomers will find a place of welcome and belonging here at CMC.

CMC Parents: You may have noticed the worship pages and crayon packs for children available at the back of the sanctuary. These pages were initiated by Nurture Committee and compliment themes from our worship services. They are prepared for K-2nd grade and 3rd-5th grade. Our aim is to provide a page as often as possible and we're interested in hearing from you whether you have found them, found them helpful, or have further suggestions. As a congregation we value all ages who gather for worship. We recognize that not every child and not every family will "connect" with this resource, but it is one way we are trying to equip our younger worshipers for participation in the life of the community. If you have comments you want to share with Nurture Committee regarding this resource, please contact Jennifer North Bauman. Thanks!

THINK SPRING! Community Preschool will again offer the Hanging Spring Flower baskets. Petunias, Ivy Geraniums, Regal Begonias and Boston Ferns. See the display in the Fellowship Hall. Many different colors are offered. Each basket is \$14.00. Orders need to be to Joyce Osborne by March 21 or get the orders with payment to her by March 25. Delivery will be Thursday, April 22 after 10 AM in the Annex.

Please look at the small table with some Lost and Found items. Please claim your items!

Mark Metzler Sawin has agreed to serve as Church Council Vice-Chair. Check your mailboxes for his bio.

Singles of the Savior: Doretha Melson is exploring the possibilities of a singles Sunday School class. If you're interested, please join her in Room 23 of the Dean House during the Sunday School hour.

2. This Week (Sun., Mar 7 to Sun., Mar 14)

March 7th's All-church potluck is a MYF spaghetti meal fundraiser. Please plan to support our youth as they raise money for their summer mission trip to New York.

You are cordially invited to the installation service of Ervin Stutzman as Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. The installation service begins at 4:30 PM Sun, March 7, at Park View Mennonite. Along with other Mennonite Church USA congregations, Community Mennonite has written a prayer for Ervin Stutzman to be included in the service. A copy of this prayer is on display near the mailboxes in the fellowship. A special thanks to Matthew Carlson for his work with design and layout.

LIT with Tim Jost, Tue Mar 9, 7 PM at Hostetter home

MYF "Stump the Chump" Wed Mar 10 7 PM, location TBA

Outreach Commission Wed Mar 10, 7 PM Rm 201

Youth Commission Thur Mar 11, 7 PM, Rm 201

Venture Club Fri Mar 12 International Night, 5 PM at CMC

Community Life Commission invites everyone to a special event! **Common Threads: Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope** Sat, Mar 13 - 4 PM at CMC. Free-will offering to cover expenses. Light refreshments served afterward. Tony Brown and John Sharp explore the common threads of suffering and hope in Anabaptist and African American histories. Both groups suffered at the hands of legitimate governments, and both found hope in the midst of pain and humiliation. The persecutors used biblical texts to justify their suppression, but the persecuted also found in them inspiration, hope, and empowerment--especially, in the teachings of Jesus and in the themes of escape and the Promised Land. Brown and Sharp will give voice to African American slaves and Anabaptist martyrs by singing their hymns (Brown) and telling their stories (Sharp). Tony Brown, a professional baritone, is Artist in Residence and teaches sociology at Hesston College. John Sharp, a storyteller and an author, teaches history at Hesston College. Common Threads is a project of Hesston College and the Peacing it Together Foundation.

MYF Bible Quizzing Sun Mar 14 2 PM

3. Future Events (Mon., Mar 15 and beyond...)

Venture Club (grades 3-5)

Sat Apr 10 Blacks Run Cleanup, 8:30 AM

JrMYF (grades 6-8)

Sat Mar 20 Progressive Meal

MYF (grades 9-12)

Wed Mar 17 Buttermilk Creek Rd cleanup and/or volunteer at OCP

Wed Mar 24 Progressive Meal

Church-wide

Church Council Thur Mar 18, 7 PM

4. Important Dates to Remember

April 5-12 HARTS at CMC

July 11-16 MYF Service Trip to New York

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