

Community Mennonite Church

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Weather conditions causing us to cancel worship? After 7 AM, check the home page of the CMC website at www.cmcva.org or the following stations: **FM 91.6** WEMC, **AM 550** WSVA, or **TV3 (Cable 11)** WHSV

1. Announcements

Last Sunday Attendance: 246 **Offering:** \$8,317.50 **Performance to Budget:** +\$705.60
Performance to Budget YTD: -\$4,191.27 **Caring & Sharing Offering** \$1,420.00 **Designated REACH Offering** \$170.00 **Designated Compassion Fund Offering** \$200.00

Next Sunday is the last chance to add anything to the Care Boxes. Also, if anyone knows of someone traveling to the Goshen area after March 21 and might be able to take along the Care Boxes, please let Betty Shenk know.

Pastoral Team was pleased to learn that Lorie Hershey, former intern at CMC, will be ordained on Sunday, March 14 at West Philadelphia Mennonite Church. We have sent a card with words of blessing on behalf of CMC. Please join us in prayer for her ministry years at West Philadelphia Mennonite.

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).

Knitting/crocheting/needlework fans -- join a group of CMCers on Tuesday evenings to chat, work on your latest project, learn new skills, and in enjoy a relaxing couple of hours. Tuesday evening, 7:00 - 9:00. Questions? Contact Jan Jenner.

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 cmchurch@ntelos.net **by Fri, Mar 12** so that we have a sense for our numbers. Thanks! (CMCers working and teaching at JMU met with Jennifer this past fall.)

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 worshippers 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!

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent me in memory of my surrogate father. We were deeply touched by your words of sympathy. We are very thankful to be a member of CMC. Thank you once again, Ker, Laura and Bessie

Mennonite Mission Network thanks CMC for contributing \$8,229.23 received from Feb 1, 2009 through Jan 31, 2010. Your gifts, prayers and participation in mission help to create ministries of healing and hope across the street and around the world. May you experience God's blessings as together we seek to *share all of Christ with all of creation*. ~Stanley W. Green, Exec. Director and Sandy Miller, Dir. For Church Relations

Gift & Thrift, Inc. announces its annual Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, to be held Thur, April 8, at 6:30 PM at EMHS. Each member of a sponsoring congregation is invited to attend. Guests who are not regular volunteers at Gift & Thrift are encouraged to give a donation to cover the expenses of the evening. Please contact Betty Simensen by March 24 to reserve a space.

See the fresh look of *The Mennonite*. Our group subscription plan to *The Mennonite* is renewing. If you are interested in joining our group plan – or to continue your subscription – please contact the church office by April 9, or simply fill out the sheet in your mailbox and place in the church office mailbox. You will begin receiving the 64-page monthly magazine with the 2010 May issue. Subscription costs this year are \$37; checks can be made out to *The Mennonite* and we will forward them with the group subscription information.

2. This Week (Sun., Mar 14 to Sun., Mar 21)

MYF Bible Quizzing Sun Mar 14 2 PM

Retreat Committee Mon Mar 15 11:30 AM, Rm 202

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

Pastoral Team Wed Mar 17, 1:30 PM

Church Council Thur Mar 18, 7 PM

JrMYF Progressive Meal Sat Mar 20

3. Future Events (Mon., Mar 22 and beyond...)

Venture Club (grades 3-5)

Sat Apr 10 Blacks Run Cleanup, 8:30 AM

JrMYF (grades 6-8)

Sat Apr 10 Blacks Run cleanup

MYF (grades 9-12)

Wed Mar 24 Progressive Meal

Church-wide

Palm Sunday Peace Parade--Jesus rode a Donkey, not a War-horse! Sunday, March 28th 1-2 pm. In the original Palm Sunday, Jesus walked from the margins of his world (Galilee) to the center of power (Jerusalem) and confronted the corruption of the Temple. Re-tracing his steps, we will walk from the margins of Harrisonburg (Northeast neighborhood) to the center of the city (Court Square) as a sign of being peacemakers in our own time in the way of Jesus. So bring your kids, palm branches, drums, prayers and signs for peace in Jesus' name. This event is not a protest, but a parade of peace. In Holy Week we journey to the cross with friends, we put away our swords and lay down our lives. We begin Holy Week by following in Jesus' way of humble truth, confident in God rather than relying on coercive force. (Gather for the parade at Immanuel Mennonite Church, 400 Kelley Street.)

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