

Community Mennonite Church

May 16, 2010

Easter Faith ... can be lonely

Gathering

PRELUDE
Brad Lehman

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Green 190*
Shannon Roth

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces
of those we know and love

**People: neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers –
a community of kindred hearts**

Leader: People of God, look about and see the faces
of those we hardly know –

**People: strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends,
the ones who need an outstretched hand**

Leader: People of God, look about you and see
all the images of God assembled here

**People: In me, in you, in each of us,
God's Spirit shines for all to see**

Leader: People of God, come
ALL: Let us worship together.

Praising

HYMNS **Sing praise to God who reigns**
Matt Carlson *Blue 59*
This is the a story full of love
Blue 315

SCRIPTURE READING **Colossians 3:12-17**
Teresa Boshart Yoder

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES RECOGNITION
Jason Gerlach

HYMN **O God, your constant care**
Blue 481

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING **Acts 1:1-14**

**May the words of my mouth
and the meditations of my heart
Be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my Rock and my Redeemer.
"Ascension from Mt. Olivet"**

SERMON
Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Responding in Faith

HYMN OF RESPONSE **My soul cries out**
Purple 124

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS

OFFERTORY
Brad Lehman

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING
Jason Gerlach

PASTORAL PRAYER

Sending
ANNOUNCEMENTS
Jason Gerlach

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN

Go, my children
Blue, 433

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School begins at 10:30

DISCERNING THE SPIRIT

In the New Testament book of Acts the Holy Spirit works dramatically, equipping once fearful disciples for leadership and ministry. Although we usually associate the Spirit with the wind and fire of Pentecost, the primary way in which the Spirit works throughout the early church history in Acts is within prayerful, discerning groups of Christians who are making decisions, asking: *What now? What next?*

As we celebrate Pastor Meg's legacy of ministry with CMC (don't miss the celebration May 23rd at 5:30!) we also begin asking *What now? What next?* Rather than quickly trying to fill the gaps that we'll all experience in the week ahead, we are blessed to have Pastor Shirley in her interim role equipping us in May and June to listen to one another and to the Holy Spirit as we consider what is needed for a new CMC Pastoral Team in the future. At a recent Harrisonburg District pastors gathering we heard the aphorism: as goes the leadership, so go the churches. Our call to a pastor in the next months will shape who we become as Community Mennonite Church and how we behave in response to the Holy Spirit.

Pastor Shirley will be meeting with the Young Adult and Open Window Sunday School class May 16th and with the Worship Response Sunday School class on May 23rd. There will be additional opportunities in the coming weeks for other groups and individuals to share their perspectives with Pastor Shirley.

PASTORAL TEAM

Welcome to all visitors!

- Coat racks are in the rear of the fellowship hall
- Restrooms and Nursery Care (ages 2 and under) are off the main hallway (north side of building)
- The Church Newsletter is on top of the hymnal racks
- "quiet activity bags" for young children are available in back left side of sanctuary
- Visitor Information can be found on the small bookcase on the north wall of the fellowship hall.
- Please let us know you were here by filling out a blue slip in the Welcome to Worship brochure and placing it in the offering plate.
- Sunday school offerings for adults and children are listed on the Information Kiosk.

TODAY, May 16

Worship at 9 AM
Announcements: Jason Gerlach
Nursery: Gloria Rutt & Rachel Hershberger
Sound: Jonathan Tieszen
Greeters: Carissa Sweigart & Millard Osborne
Head Usher: Jim Bishop
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
JrMYF hike at 10:30 AM
Senior Tea from 3-5 PM

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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 Youth Commission at Ulrich home
Wed 1:30 PM Pastoral Team
Sun 9:00 AM Worship
Speaker: Meg Wightman
Worship Leader: Brian Martin Burkholder
Song Leader: Jeremy Nafziger
Nursery: Nelly & Sara Moreno Shenk
Sound: Terry Burkhalter
Greeters: David Graybill & Brenda Martin
Head Usher: Brandon Roth
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
Pastor Meg's Farewell at 5:30 PM

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
Shirley Yoder Brubaker, Interim Pastor
kkbrubaker@juno.com

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder

Lonnies Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
~In process~, 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

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203
7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry Board, Rm 202
Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen, FH
Thur 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rm 109, FH
Intermediate English, Rm 203

WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

May 16 Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97;
Revelation 22:12-21; John 17:20-26

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

July 11-16 MYF service trip to New York
Sept 10-12 All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook

Attendance last Sunday: 205

Offering: \$6,292

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$13,492

