

TODAY, Oct 3

Worship at 9:00 AM
Announcements: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Nursery: Dave & Sheri Smucker
Sound: Wayne Gehman
Greeters: Carissa Sweigart & Millard Osborne
Head Usher: Shelby Hertzler
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
All-church potluck at noon

Community Mennonite Church

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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 & Wed Pastor Jason on vacation
Next Sun 9:00 AM Worship
Speaker: Delo Blough
Worship Leader: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Nursery: Dave & Tina Glanzer
Sound: Terry Burkhalter
Greeters: Sara Hartzler & Sharon Miller
Head Usher: Delbert Wenger

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30-8:30 PM English class, Rm 109, Rm 203, FH
Wed 5:30-8:30 PM Patchwork Pantry, kitchen, FH, 109
Thur 6:30-8:30 PM English class, Rm 109, Rm 203, FH

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Oct 12 5+5 Bible Study, 7-8:30 PM, Dean House
Oct 14 5+5 Bible Study, 7-8:30 PM, Dean House
Oct 16 5+5 Bible Study, 9-10:30 AM, Dean House
Nov 12-13 Women's Prayer Retreat at Massanetta Springs
Nov 16 5+5 Bible Study, 7-8:30 PM, Dean House
Nov 17 5+5 Bible Study, 7-8:30 PM, Dean House
Nov 20 5+5 Bible Study, 9-10:30 AM, Dean House
Nov 21 Congregational Meeting after Sunday School
Dec 6-12 HARTS at CMC
Apr 4-10-11 HARTS at CMC

PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thu 9-4, off Fri
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thu 9-noon
Shirley Yoder Brubaker, Interim Pastor
cmc_shirley@ntelos.net Tue, Wed 9-noon
Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard, Intern
stoddard.nicholas@gmail.com Wed 1-5

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Andrea Wenger, Council Chair
David Detrow, 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: 206

Offering: \$6,798

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$21,515

A Covenant Litany

Adapted from the 10/3/82 Covenant of Community Mennonite Church

We, the people of Community Mennonite Church, believe in God the creator of the universe. We confess Jesus, the Christ, God's Son as Savior. We have opened our lives to the Holy Spirit, trusting the Spirit to enable us to understand God's will, as revealed in the Bible and through the Christian community, and to equip us to demonstrate the spirit of Jesus in all of our relationships.

We commit ourselves to a life of discipleship.

- We will follow the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, giving ourselves to learning, repentance, obedience, and active witness.
- We will practice a life of study, prayer, and meditation; confessing openly our spiritual struggles; giving and receiving counsel, support, and teaching.
- We will strive to live with integrity in a world of materialism, inequity, deception, and idolatry.

We commit ourselves to a life of worship.

- We will come together having prepared ourselves to meet God and each other, and will actively participate in worship.
- We will bring to God and God's people expressions of our faith through music, sharing, prayer, giving, and proclamation.

We commit ourselves to a life of ministry.

- We will join ourselves to Christ's purposes by seeking to reconcile persons to God and each other.
- We will support broader Mennonite Church programs through faithful giving, personal involvement, and prayer.
- We will recognize our interdependence with the larger body of Christ, maintaining our connections wherever possible.

We commit ourselves to a life of love.

- We will show our love for each other by sharing abilities, gifts, and material resources for the good of the whole.
- We will offer our time, possessions, and abilities to God for the building of the kingdom.
- We will practice hospitality through warmly accepting all persons in our church, small groups, and homes.

In loving response to God's saving acts in our lives, we do hereby bind ourselves to God in Christ and to our brothers and sisters in a covenant relationship. By this covenant we declare our commitment to live in obedience as a fellowship of believers under the lordship of Christ.

BELONGING TO GOD

Every person on our planet, not matter where we come from or where we are going, belongs to God. We are all God's children discovering the truth that we are created in the image of God. We consider it a privilege in the church that we are not only God's children, but also intentional **followers of Jesus Christ**, God's beloved Son. The relationship between God and Jesus is described in scripture both in terms of Father and Son and in terms of a faithful covenant. Likewise, at Community Mennonite Church, we sometimes refer to ourselves as a family, and we also share a faithful covenant with God and with one another.

We receive **new members** into our covenant community who have been baptized as a sign of publicly renouncing sin and following Jesus Christ. Baptism means yielding to the life we're given and living it in obedience to Jesus Christ as Lord, ready to confess our sin and lay down our lives in order to be raised up with Christ. It's foolishness to many, but the deepest wisdom to a few. Our new members on Oct 3rd have been baptized in other Christian congregations, and now find CMC's community and covenant (see reverse side) as an expression of belonging to God in Christ.

If you have not yet become a member of Community Mennonite Church, please consider talking with a member of pastoral team, enrolling in the next Exploring Church Membership class, or preparing for baptism. **But isn't formal church membership a bureaucratic vestige of the past?**

Well, we do have membership statistics, but the deeper function of membership is to clarify our **covenant with God and with one another**. Members at CMC are called to offer their gifts in some of our leadership positions such as Commission chairs, pastoral elders, and delegates to our conference and Mennonite Church USA. Members participate in decisions and hold one another accountable, especially as we annually (in January) renew this covenant in worship. "Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

PASTORAL TEAM