

Community Mennonite Church

February 6, 2011

Come to me...

Gathering

PRELUDE
Monica Carlson

HYMNS
Joyce Lind

Come let us all unite to sing
Blue 12

You are the salt of the earth
Blue 226

WELCOME
Jan Jenner

SCRIPTURE READING
I Corinthians 13

Leader: If I speak in the tongues of humans or of angels,
but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong
or a clanging cymbal.

Women: If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all
mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that
can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Men: If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my
body to hardship that I may boast,
but do not have love, I gain nothing.
Love is patient, *love is kind*. It does not envy,
it does not boast, it is not proud.

It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, *it is not*
easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

It always protects, always trusts, *always hopes*,
always perseveres.

Leader: Love never fails.
All: And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.

Praising

HYMN
Rain down
Green 49

CHILDREN'S STORY

Hearing the Word

SCRIPTURE READING
Matthew 5:17-48
Mary Hope Brenneman, Nancy Showalter, Hadley Jenner

HYMN
May the words of my mouth
Blue hymnal insert

SERMON
"How Shall We Then Love"
Mike Brislen

HYMN OF RESPONSE
Jesus, help us live in peace
Green 52

Responding

OFFERING
OFFERTORY
Monica Carlson

PRAYER
Jan Jenner

EVERYDAY MINISTRY
Shannon Roth

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER
Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Sending

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

I bind my heart this tide
Blue 411

The white bouquet is in loving memory of Allen Gnagey, Keith's father. The family has gathered for a memorial service in Ohio this weekend.

Mike Brislen is a former missionary in Djibouti and Kenya. He is currently teaching part time at Eastern Mennonite University and is a member of Community Mennonite Church. Mike and Cindy have two young adult children, Jessica and Jordan, and their youngest daughter, Alia, is in 5th grade.

Coffee Fellowship

Sunday School at 10:30 AM

INVITATION FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT?

Jesus calls us to follow him into places we might not otherwise think to go. In the last several months Pastoral Team has received a couple of invitations. We are testing with the congregation whether the Spirit of Christ is calling any of us in these directions. We might not have taken either of these invitations as seriously had they not come in a pair. Like the double dreams of Joseph in the nativity story from Matthew and the double call of the disciples in Matthew 4, we have received two calls. What is the Spirit saying to our church?

First, we had an invitation from The Table, another Harrisonburg District congregation, to consider supporting their ministry by blessing CMCers who would value sharing Jesus' table in communion and meals, are open to worship that includes intergenerational dialogue and reflection on scriptures, willing to engage actively in a smaller congregation, and appreciate creative, flexible worship and rich music. Second, Immanuel Mennonite Church invited us to consider sending a few adults to help provide a Sunday School experience (beginning at 11 am) for the congregation's children, many of whom attend without their parents.

Perhaps like us, you have questions about these invitations. Carry those questions into your prayer life. Talk with a member of the Pastoral Team if you'd like to further discern this kind of invitation. As a resource rich congregation with a downtown Harrisonburg identity, we may be able to share ourselves with two strategically located smaller congregations in our city. The Table is the only Mennonite congregation meeting on the EMU campus and attracts students. Immanuel is in the Northeast community and envisions multi-ethnic Christian community from their local neighborhood.

PASTORAL TEAM

TODAY, Feb 6

Worship at 9:00 AM
Announcements: Mike Brislen
Nursery: Marj Nafziger & Reta Finger
Sound: Jim Miller
Greeters: Sara Hartzler & Carissa Sweigart
Head Usher: Alden Hostetter
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
MYF Potato Bar fundraiser follows services
Bible Quizzing at Staunton Mennonite at 2 PM

CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tue 7:00 PM LIT at Hostetter home
Wed 7:00 PM MYF volunteering at Gift & Thrift
Fri 7:00 PM Seniors Group meeting, FH & kitchen
Next Sun 9:00 AM Worship
Speaker: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Worship Leader: Joyce Lind
Nursery: Teresa Boshart Yoder & Nelly and
Sara Moreno Shenk
Sound: Ray Horst
Greeters: Steve Witmer & Sandy King
Head Usher: Alden Hostetter
Sunday School at 10:30 AM
Bible Quizzing at Crossroads Mennonite at 2 PM

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM ESL classes, Rm 109, 203, FH
Tue 7:00 PM VA Organizing Project meeting, FH
Thur 6:30 PM ESL classes, Rm 109, 203, FH

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Apr 4-10 HARTS at CMC – Dean House

Welcome to all guests!

- Restrooms and Nursery Care (ages 3 and under) are off the main hallway (north side of building)
- The Church Newsletter is in one of the kiosk pockets
- “Quiet activity bags” for ages 3 to 5 are available in the back of the sanctuary
- Visitor Information is in the kiosk in 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.
- If you are hearing impaired, please contact an usher who can help you with a device for use with our sound system during worship.



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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.

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, Thur 9-noon*
Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard, Intern
stoddard.nicholas@gmail.com *Wed 1-5*

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder

CHURCH COUNCIL

Terry Burkhalter, Council Chair
Elaine Dunaway, Vice-Chair
Marshall Yoder, 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: 247

Offering: \$7,645

YTD Budget Comparison: +\$1,927