

Community Mennonite Church

July 24, 2011

Bridges to the Cross

MYF Reflections on Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention

Gathering

PRELUDE
Garrett & Grant Serrels

OPENING SONG **Here in this place**
Matt Lind & Karina Simensen *Blue 6*

WELCOME
Pastor Jason Gerlach

Praising

SONGS **For the beauty of the earth**
Blue 89
We are people of God's peace
Blue 407
Will you let me be your servant
Blue 307

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING **II Corinthians 5:16-20**
Lydia Stoll

SONG **May the words of my mouth**
Blue hymnal insert

STORIES FROM PITTSBURGH
Matt Lind & Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard
Mandi Stoll
Eli Wenger
Karina Simensen
Paul Hairston
Carly Kraybill (read by sponsor)
Hanna Heishman
Grant Serrels
Lydia Stoll

Responding

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS
OFFERTORY

GREETINGS FROM JAMACIAN MENNONITE DELEGATES
Lloyd & Janet Moore
Lonnie Yoder

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING AND PRAYER
Pastor Steve Schumm

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Pastor Jason Gerlach
Retreat Committee Announcement

Sending

BENEDICTION

SONG OF SENDING

Longing for Light
Green 54

Fellowship Time

PRICELESS TREASURE; CURRENCY FOR TODAY

What do we truly value? Jesus' kingdom parables of the hidden treasure and the princely pearl invite us to consider what we most cherish. From another vantage point these parables remind us that God treasures a relationship with us and has gone to great (incarnational) lengths to be with us in Christ Jesus. In late July we have two Sunday worship events we will treasure. Our youth group will plan and lead worship July 24th sharing their experiences from the MC USA Convention in Pittsburgh. Then CMC will worship with the rest of Virginia Mennonite Conference on July 31st (EMU Yoder Arena at 10 am). Both of these Sundays represent clear values of our congregation—our youth and our conference.

In the month of August our worship life as CMC will be guided by four questions, which emerged after a "Money Matters" worship service earlier this year. As Pastoral Team we listened to your responses to this theme and then began collaborating with Finance Committee Chair, Dave Smucker, and the Worship Commission. Thank you, CMC, for being engaged and honest about how your faith and finances intersect. We trust that these two parables and our four questions will begin to percolate in your spirit in the next weeks as we consider scriptures as "currency for today" in a variety of money matters.

What is enough?
What do we value?
How do we become generous?
What are we afraid of?

PASTORAL TEAM

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.



TODAY, July 24

Worship at 9:30 AM
Announcements: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Nursery: Alisha & JC Huber
Sound: Wayne Gehman
Greeters: Meribeth Kraybill & Wilma Gingerich
Head Usher: Mike Brislen

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CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tue 7:00 PM needle crafters group, FH
July 29-31 VMC Assembly in Harrisonburg
Next Sun 10 AM Worship at EMU Yoder Arena
Speaker: VA Mennonite Conference

~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.*

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, FH, K

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 9-11 CMC Retreat at Camp Overlook
Sept 30-Oct 1 VA Mennonite Relief Sale at fairgrounds

PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor
cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Steve Schumm, Associate Pastor
cmc_steve@ntelos.net Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder
Lonnie Yoder, Pastoral Elder
Anna Maria Johnson, 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: not recorded

Offering: \$5,778

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$10,632