

# Community Mennonite Church

October 2, 2011

## God and Moses: Stories from Exodus

### The Plagues – God never gives up

#### Gathering

PASSING THE PEACE

PRELUDE

Joan Griffing, violin  
Diane Phoenix-Neal, viola  
Beth Vanderborgh, cello

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nicholas Detweiler-Stoddard

SINGING

Nancy Heisey

#### Hearing God's Word

MOLDY PITA

Jonathan Murch & Corin Vogel

SINGING

SCRIPTURE

Mark Howard & Johann Zimmerman

SINGING

SERMON

Pastor Jennifer Davis Sensenig

#### Responding

OFFERING GIFTS & MUSIC

Musica Harmonia trio

SONG OF RESPONSE

COMMISSIONING NEW MENTORS & MENTEES

Pastor Steve Schumm

Cora Sawin –Michael Ann Courtney  
Gussie Nafziger –Jennifer Davis Sensenig  
Nathan Gehman –Terry Burkhalter (in absentia)  
Andrew Stoltzfus –John Murch  
Theodore Yoder –Jason Gerlach  
Corin Vogel –Mark Howard  
Jonathan Murch –Johann Zimmerman

#### When the Spirit Sings

by Gwyneth Walker

#### Come, thou fount

Blue 521

#### God of the earth, the sky, the sea

Blue 53

#### Had God brought us out

Purple 96

#### Exodus 9:13-35

#### May the words of my mouth

Blue Hymnal Insert

#### “Trouble in River City”

#### Here I am Lord

Blue 395

CONGREGATION'S BLESSING

Pastor Steve Schumm and Anna Maria Johnson

We affirm your commitments to Jesus & to each other as mentees & mentors.

We rejoice in your intent to grow together & promise to support your relationships through the coming years.

We bless you to explore life together, being open to God's Spirit as you mature into who God created you to be.

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Jason Gerlach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve Schumm

#### Sending

BENEDICTION

Bulletin insert

SENDING SONG

Lead me, Lord

Blue 538

#### Fellowship Time

#### Sunday School at 10:30 AM

#### Adult Sunday School Offerings

Stories from Exodus, Jennifer Davis Sensenig and Jodi Nisly Hertzler, R 109

The Nexus: Sustainability and Faith, Lora Steiner and Ray Gingerich, DH 3

Richard Rohr's The Naked Now, Carolyn and Rick Yoder, DH 2  
Open Window discusses homosexuality, Lynette Nussbaum, DH 1  
Young Adults 18-22, Kaitlin Heatwole and Hannah Schrock, Alden & Louise Hostetter's home

For more details, see list on Sunday School bulletin board in Fellowship Hall, north wall

#### 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, October 2

Worship at 9:00 AM  
Announcements: Steve Schumm  
Nursery: David and Mary Ann Kreider  
Sound: Delbert Wenger  
Greeters: Sandy King & Steve Witmer  
Head Usher: Jim Bishop  
All-church potluck follows services

## 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

Wed 9:30 AM Worship Commission at Reese home  
Tue 6:00PM First Tuesday Gathering, FH  
6:15 PM Youth choir, Sanctuary  
7:00 PM needle crafters group, FH  
Next Sun 9:00 AM Worship  
Speaker: Jennifer Davis Sensenig  
Worship Leader: Steve Schumm  
Nursery: Moreno Shenk Family  
Sound: Tom Sawin  
Greeters: Rhoda and Kenton Derstine  
Head Usher: Shelby Hertzler  
10:30 AM Sunday School

#### PASTORAL TEAM

**Jennifer Davis Sensenig**, Lead Pastor  
[cmc\\_jennifer@ntelos.net](mailto:cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net) Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri  
**Steve Schumm**, Associate Pastor  
[cmc\\_steve@ntelos.net](mailto:cmc_steve@ntelos.net) Mon-Thur 9-4, off Fri  
**Jason Gerlach**, Pastor of Youth Ministry  
[youthpastor@ntelos.net](mailto:youthpastor@ntelos.net) Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

### IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM ESL classes, Rms 109, 203, FH  
Tue 6:30 PM ESL lab, Rm 109  
Wed 7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, FH, K  
Thur 5:00 PM Citizenship Class, Rm 201  
6:30 PM ESL classes, Rms 109, 203, FH  
Sat 3:00 PM OCP Grand Re-opening at FH

**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

**Anita Fonseca**, Church Administrator  
office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Sun Nov 20 Fall Congregational Meeting  
Dec 12-19 HARTS CMC hosts off-site location  
March 12-19 HARTS Overflow shelter, CMC hosts in our building

Attendance last Sunday: not recorded

Offering: \$4,011

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$21,430

## *Call to Worship*

Leader: Moses said, "Here I am."  
**Women & girls: When you speak, God, do we listen?**  
**Men & boys: When you call us, do we respond?**  
All: *When you have wonderful things  
to show us, do we see?*  
Leader: Today, help us to listen, respond and see.  
All: *Here we are. Amen*

## *Sending*

Leader: As we leave this place  
All: **we remember.**  
Leader: God, you saved your people.  
All: **We remember.**  
Leader: You spoke to Moses and sent him help.  
All: **We remember.**  
Leader: You love us that much, too.  
All: **We remember.**  
Leader: No matter where we go this week,  
All: **help us remember.**

## **GROWTH AT CMC**

### **Welcome to Worship**

CMC continues to welcome guests each Sunday. Pastoral staff have hosted additional New Attenders meals. Sometimes we've had to squeeze to find a place to sit during worship. It's a blessing that more people are finding the message and ministry of Community Mennonite Church feeding their spirits, connecting them with others who journey in Christ and challenging them to live God's mission throughout the week. God is blessing CMC with people and gifts. We want to be faithful in welcoming each person and being stewards of each gift.

### **We Remember**

CMC has faced this moment before when we've wondered whether we need to create more space for worship, education and fellowship. Ten years ago we tried a second worship service on Sunday mornings. Some of us remember that experiment, and it's time to envision new opportunities again. We believe that "face-to-face church" is essential and we want to know one another as a true community of disciples. That's part of the reason small groups are so important in our congregational life. (Pastor Steve can help you become part of a small group.) This fall the First Tuesday monthly gatherings are another opportunity for building relationships and spiritual growth. But when it comes to worship, we need to create more space, so that CMC is not "full" or "closed" to newcomers. What we learned from our past experience can also help us respond to our current situation.

### **Visioning with CMC**

In September Pastoral Team enjoyed participating in a brainstorming exercise including the possibility of an additional CMC worship service on Sunday evenings, 5-6 pm. We'd like to expand the brainstorming and the conversation across the congregation. If you'd like to envision together future worship opportunities, please email Pastor Steve.

**PASTORAL TEAM**