

## 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.*

#### 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

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**Jason Gerlach**, Pastor of Youth Ministry

[youthpastor@ntelos.net](mailto: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

**Anita Fonseca**, Church Administrator

office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4

Attendance last Sunday: 302

Offering: \$6,601

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$17,255

## Community Mennonite Church

November 27, 2011

### *God's Surprising Power* *Learning to pay attention*

*We long for dramatic revelations of God, but God often enters our lives in unexpected ways that catch us unaware if we aren't alert and watching. Even small moments can be vessels of God's awesome deeds. God is near—so keep awake and pay attention!*

#### PRELUDE

*Brad Lehman*

#### *Gathering*

#### OPENING WORDS

*Steve Schumm*

**Isaiah 65:1-4**

#### GATHERING HYMN

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**Sleepers wake**

*Blue #188*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Steve Schumm*

**Bulletin insert**

#### HYMNS

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**O Savior rend**

*Blue #175*

**O how shall I receive thee**

*Blue #182*

#### OFFERING

*Steve Schumm*

#### OFFERTORY

*Bradley Lehman*

#### ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

**Bulletin insert**

#### *Hearing God's Word*

#### CHILDREN'S TIME

*Jennifer Davis Sensenig*

#### SCRIPTURE

*Alisha Huber*

**Mark 13:24-37**

#### HYMN

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**May the words of my mouth**

*Hymnal insert*

#### SERMON

*Jennifer Davis Sensenig*

**“Third Advent”**

#### *Responding to God's Word*

#### PRAYER OF CONFSSION

*Steve Schumm*

**Isaiah 65:5-9**

#### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**View the present**

*Purple #108*

#### CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

*Steve Schumm*

## *Sending*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita Fonseca

HADLEY JENNER - HARTS

SENDING

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CLOSING HYMN

**Jesus came – the Heavens adoring**

Jeremy Nafziger

Blue #297

## *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: Sustainable lifestyles*, Lora Steiner and Ray

Gingerich, DH 3

*Richard Rohr's The Naked Now*, Carolyn and Rick Yoder, DH 1

*Open Window discusses homosexuality*, Lynette Nussbaum, DH 2

*Oval Time*, 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, November 27

Worship at 9:00 AM

Announcements: Anita Quezada-Fonseca

Nursery: Carlson Family

Sound: Jim Miller

Greeters: Gloria Rutt, Jack Rutt

Head Usher:

## NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 9:00 AM

Preacher: Jason Gerlach

Worship Leader: Steve Schumm

Nursery: Stenson Family

Sound: Delbert Wenger

Greeters: Steve Witmer, Millard Osborne

Head Usher: Bill White

10:30 AM Sunday School

## IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon	6:30 PM	ESL classes, Rms 109, 203, FH
Tue	6:30 PM	ESL lab, Rm 109
Tue	6:30 PM	Youth Choir, Sanctuary
Tue	7:00 PM	Needle crafters group, FH
Wed	7:00 PM	Patchwork Pantry, FH, K
Thur	6:30 PM	ESL classes, Rms 109, 203, FH

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

Tue Dec 6	Monthly Gathering
Wed Dec 7	Outreach Commission Meeting
12-19 Dec	CMC HARTS

### **SIMPLY GIVING THANKS**

At CMC both our calendar for church roles, like serving on committees and commissions, as well as our fiscal year runs from January-December. At this time, many of us are completing terms of service in one role or another and making transitions. We are grateful to our Gifts Discernment Committee for carefully and prayerfully tending to these transitions, so that ministry can continue to flourish. This season is also an opportunity to give thanks for our opportunities to serve in Jesus' name and to thank others whose contributions to our life as a congregation have touched us.

Who remembered to ask you about a prayer request you made? Who offered a hug, or a word of encouragement when you needed it? Who led or organized that SS class that you or your child appreciated? Who tends a flower bed or plans music, adding beauty to this community from behind the scenes? Who maintains our buildings and equipment? That's someone you could thank. No gifts, no big effort, just an email, or a word in the fellowship hall, or a phone call or a note.

The scriptures are full of gratitude and suggest that every gift—even those offered by another person—are from God's own hand. "Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High." (Psalm 50:14) "I thank my God always for you, because of God's grace that was given to you in Christ Jesus." (I Cor.1:4). "One of them, when he saw that he had been healed, returned...He fell on his face at Jesus' feet and thanked him." (Luke 17:15-16). A biblical spirituality is rich with thanksgiving. Indeed, we're instructed: "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (I Thes. 5:18). If we will need to learn to give thanks in difficult circumstances, let's not miss the opportunity to give thanks when it's pretty simple.

**PASTORAL TEAM**