

Community Mennonite Church

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January 1, 2012

Epiphany Sunday:

Arise, Shine! God's Light has Come!

~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-Thur 9-4, off Fri
Steve Schumm, Associate Pastor
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Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry
youthpastor@ntelos.net Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Linda Gnagey, 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
Jeremy Nafziger, Worship Chair

CHURCH OFFICE

Anita Quezada-Fonseca, Church Administrator
Office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4

Attendance last Sunday: 163

Offering: \$4,760

YTD Budget Comparison: not available

Gathering

OPENING WORDS: Cloth for the cradle by John Bell
Sue Swartz

PIANO & CANDLE LIGHTING
Sheri Hartzler

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP
Jason Gerlach

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Leader: Arise, shine; for God's light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Nations will come to this light, and kings to the brightness of this dawn.

All: Let us rejoice; the splendid eternal light shines on all who live in darkness, and Christ has come to witness to that light.

HYMN

Jay Hartzler

Arise, your light is come!

Purple #30

WELCOME

Sue Swartz

HYMN

Jay Hartzler

Brightest and Best

Purple #29

The virgin Mary had a baby boy

Blue #202

Hail the bless'd morn

Blue #221

Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME
Steve Schumm

Matthew 2:1-12

READING

Mandi Stoll

Ephesians 3:1-12

SERMON

Jennifer Davis Sensenig

"Gift Exchange"

Responding

SONG

Jay Hartzler

CONFESSION

Sue Swartz

Redeeming God, you are waiting with us, for we are slow to make room in our hearts for the Christ child. Your stars are shining, and the angels' songs are praising. Yet we are in no hurry to hear the message of peace and goodwill, to sing "Glory" with the angels, to leave our sheep on the hillside and come with haste to find the incarnation. Redeeming God, forgive our unbelief, forgive our lack of wonder, forgive our denying the birth in our midst. Open us to your miracle; let us hear again the message of love that Jesus is born. Let us respond with joyous hearts, glorifying and praising God for all that we have heard and seen. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Sheri Hartzler

LORD'S SUPPER

*Congregational Response: **Arise, Shine!**
God's Light has Come!*

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

Jason Gerlach

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita Quezada-Fonseca

BENEDICTION: *The Work of Christmas*, Howard Thurman

SENDING SONG

Oh, beautiful star of Bethlehem

Jay Hartzler

Purple #32

Christmas Breads!

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

Worship at 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Sue Swartz

Nursery: Greta & Jonathan Leinbach Kreider

Sound: Delbert Wenger

Greeters: Jean Fisher, Millard Osbourne

Head Usher: Mark Metzler Sawin

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 9:00 AM

Preacher: CMCers

Worship Leader:

Nursery:

Sound: Tom Sawin

Greeters: Sharon Miller, Tina Glanzer

Head Usher: Mike Brislen

10:30 AM Sunday School

IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Wed 6-8 pm Patchwork Pantry, FH, K, 109, Sanct

UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- 1/4 - 6/12 HARTS suppers/breakfast/overnights at Catholic Campus Ministries as the partner church.
- 1/6 - 1/7 12-year-old Retreat
- 1/8 and 1/15 Covenant Renewal Sundays
- 1/21 Senior Breakfast
- 1/22 Bible Quizzing