

## 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

[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

**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: 265

Offering: \$12,664

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$12,716

## Community Mennonite Church

December 4, 2011

### *God's Surprising Power Changing the Landscape*

*Repentance raises valleys, lowers hills, and challenges the ways we're accustomed to living. Are we ready for things to be different; to let God's coming alter the landscape of our lives?*

#### PRELUDE

*Greg and Kristina Yoder*

#### *Gathering*

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*Shenk-Buckwalter Family*

**Bulletin insert**

GATHERING HYMN

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**Oh how shall I receive thee**

*Blue #182*

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Steve Schumm*

**Bulletin insert**

HYMNS

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**Prepare ye the way**

*Purple #14*

**Rejoice, rejoice**

*Purple #4*

OFFERING

*Steve Schumm*

OFFERTORY

*Greg and Kristina Yoder*

#### *Hearing God's Word*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Loving God, we gather in your presence painfully aware that we are sinful and you are holy. Yet we are bold to ask for mercy because we know you have a long history of forgiving the iniquities of your people and pardoning their sins. Reveal your glory in our lives and lifestyles, so that nothing will get in the way of your coming. We pray that faithfulness will spring up and righteousness rain down, and all in the name of Jesus Christ, who saves us. Amen.*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Steve Schumm*

**Isaiah 40:1-2**

SCRIPTURE

**Isaiah 40:3-11**

HYMN

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**Comfort, comfort O my people**

*Blue #176*

CHILDREN'S TIME

*Anna Bishop*

SCRIPTURE

**Mark 1:1-8**

HYMN

*Jeremy Nafziger*

**May the words of my mouth**

*Hymnal insert*

SERMON  
*Jason Gerlach*

**“What do people do all day?”**

***Responding***

HYMN OF RESPONSE  
*Jeremy Nafziger*

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER  
*Jason Gerlach*

***Sending***

ANNOUNCEMENTS  
*Anita Fonseca*

HADLEY JENNER - HARTS

SENDING

CLOSING HYMN  
*Jeremy Nafziger*

***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: "Presence: Giving and Receiving God" by  
Alexander and Villegas as a starting point for discussion.* 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, December 4**

Worship at 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Steve Schumm  
Announcements: Anita Quezada-Fonseca  
Nursery: Stenson Family  
Sound: Delbert Wenger  
Greeters: Gloria Rutt, Millard Osborne  
Head Usher: Bill Kauffman

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Worship at 9:00 AM

Preacher: Jennifer Davis Sensenig  
Worship Leader: Sue Swartz  
Nursery: Reta Finger, Lynette Nussbaum  
Sound:  
Greeters: Steve Witmer, Millard Osborne  
Head Usher:  
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
Tue Dec 6	Venture Club Caroling
Wed Dec 7	Outreach Commission meeting
Wed Dec 7	Parents/Preschoolers Christmas
Sun Dec 11	MYF Fundraiser
Tue Dec 13	Senior Event
12-19 Dec	CMC HARTS