

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 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

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: 278

Offering: \$19,992

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$831

Community Mennonite Church

December 11, 2011

God's Surprising Power

Transforming our sorrows

We have been promised a day when tears of sorrow will be transformed to shouts of joy. But we live in a "meantime" still marked by oppression, broken hearts and loss of freedom. We are invited to hold fast to what is good, even while we wait for God's intervention.

PRELUDE

Robin & Corin Vogel

Gathering

PSALM 126

WELCOME

Sue Swartz

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matt Lind, Olivia Smucker, Sue Swartz, Sam Yoder

OPENING PRAYER

Sing the Story #142

SONG

Jay Hartzler

Rejoice, Rejoice

Purple #4

CANDLE LIGHTING

North Bauman family

Lighters: We are awake and watching...

(light the Advent candles)

We see a flicker of light and want to share it!

All: Thanks be to God for giving us light!

And thank you, witnesses to the light!

You did not quench the Spirit.

Lighters: We waited. We watched.

We thought we knew why... (light the Christ candles)

Yet we are surprised by God's trust;

Who else would risk sending Jesus into this uncertain world

Not as a military commander or a king,

But as a newborn?

Thanks, thanks be to God!

All: And we are surprised by God's tenderness:

Who else would welcome open-armed

All children, whether by birth or adoption,

To join in the same body?

Thanks, thanks be to God!

Song

Jay Hartzler & Matt Lind

Prepare the way of the Lord

Hearing God's Word

CHILDREN'S TIME

Anna Bishop

MONOLOGUE

Ted Swartz

John 1:6-8, 19-28

SONG **On Jordan's bank the baptist's cry**
Jay Hartzler *Blue #183*

HYMN **May the words of my mouth**
Jay Hartzler *Hymnal insert*

SERMON **"Moving through Sorrow; Finding Joy"**
Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Responding

SONG OF RESPONSE
Jay Hartzler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Giver of life, bearer of pain, maker of love, our hope is often shallow,
and our trust is often thin. We have taken joy in our own strength
instead of finding strength in your true joy.*

(silence)

*In your presence there is fullness beyond all measure. You are the
strength of our heart and our portion forever. May the yearnings of
our bodies be fulfilled in sacraments of love, and our earthly
embracings be a foretaste of the pleasure that will be in the glory of
the resurrection body of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Matt Carlson, Izzy Howard, David Stenson, Corin Vogel

CONGREGATIONAL SHARING & PRAYER

Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Sending

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Anita Fonseca – Hadley Jenner, HARTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

Jay Hartzler

Let the Heavens

Blue #187

Fellowship Time

Sunday School at 10:30 AM

Adult Sunday School Offerings

Biblical Study: Reenacting a First Century House Church. Reta Finger. (DH 2)

Enriching our prayer practices: Advent to epiphany. (Sanctuary)

The Nexus: Making faith intentional, Lora Steiner and Ray Gingerich (Rm 109)

Open Window: "Presence: Giving and Receiving God." Lynette Nussbaum. (DH 1)

Oval Time, Ages 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, December 11

Worship at 9:00 AM

Worship Leader: Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Announcements: Anita Quezada-Fonseca

Nursery: Reta Finger, Lynette Nussbaum

Sound: Jonathan Tieszen

Greeters: Steve Witmer, Millard Osborne

Head Usher: Brandon Roth

NEXT SUNDAY

Worship at 9:00 AM

Preacher: Steve Schumm

Worship Leader: Joyce Peachey Lind

Nursery: Shannon and Brandon Roth

Sound: Delbert Wenger

Greeters: David Graybill, Brenda Martin

Head Usher: Harold Shenk

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	6:00 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

Sun Dec 11	MYF Fundraiser
Tue Dec 13	Senior Event
Thu Dec 15	Council Meeting
12-19 Dec	CMC HARTS
1/4 - 6/12	HARTS suppers/breakfast/overnights at Catholic Campus Ministries as the partner church.