

WHO WE ARE

Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website: www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/

CMCL VISION PRAYER

Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human need with justice and compassion. May your Spirit draw us together into your new creation.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from a legacy of exploitation and genocide. We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.

DISMANTLING RACISM STATEMENT

The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. We see this lifelong process of learning and action to be transformational yet acknowledge this is only a step.



Sylvester and the MAGIC PEBBLE

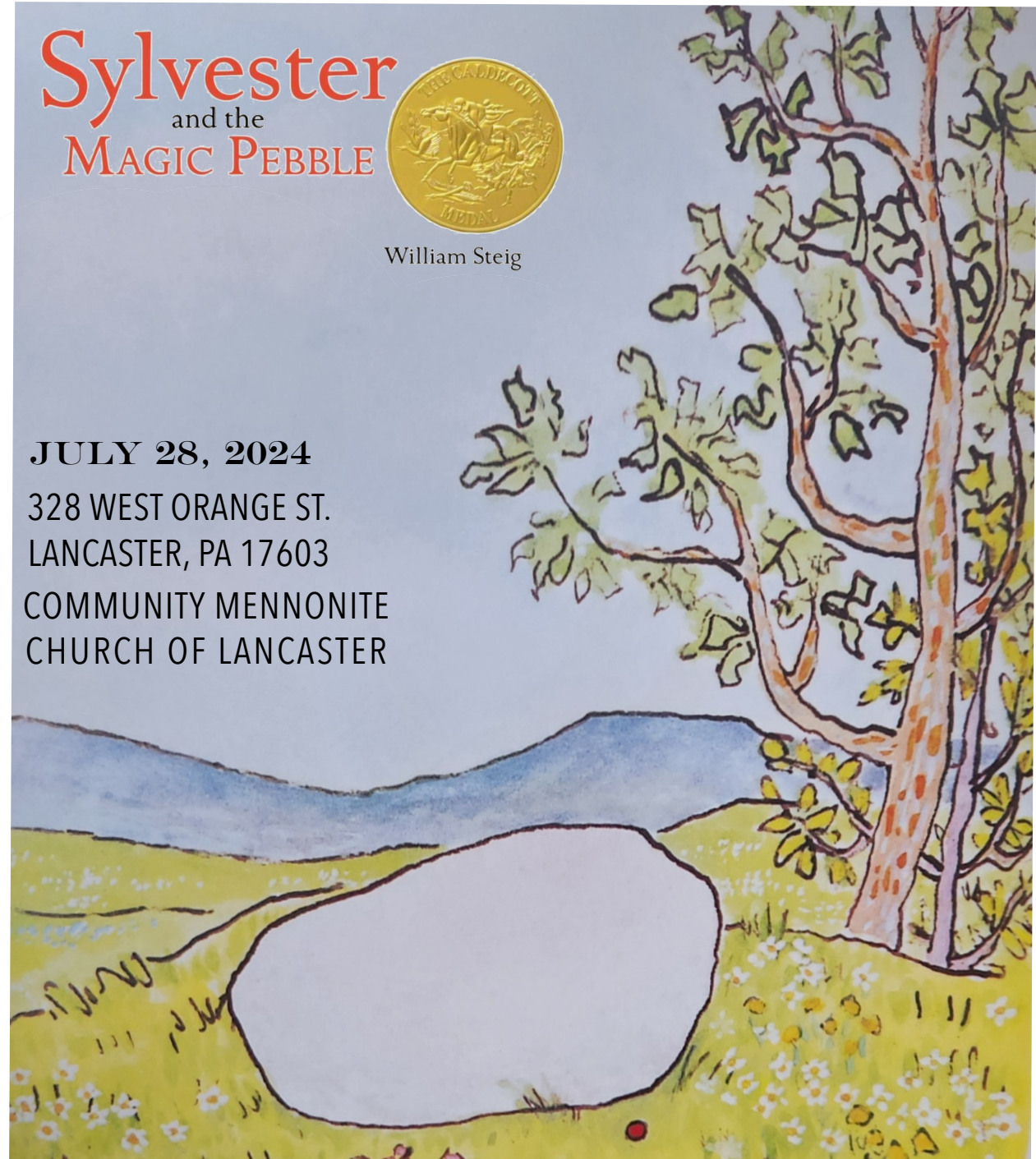


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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER



STORIES THAT FORM US

Worship Leader: **Prelude**
Leslie Homer-Cattell
Joysong

by Mark Hayes

Sermon: **Lighting of the Peace Candle**
Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude & Offertory: **Welcome & Call to Worship**
Roger Lentz

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide us.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow us.

Children's Time: Christ under us; Christ over us;
Crescentia Volz
Christ beside us on our left and on our right.
This hour be within and without us,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.

Sound: **Be in the heart of each to whom we speak;**
Scott Volz
in the mouth of each who speaks to us.

Zoom Technician: Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;
Drew Brubaker
Christ beside us on our left and on our right.

Greeters: **Gathering Songs**
Carolyn Dries
Ken Beam

God of Our Strength VT 47
Come On, Children, to the Gospel Feast VT 511

Ushers: **Children's Time** *Come and See* VT 282
Scott Weaver
Pauline Zimmerman

Fishbowl Volunteers: **Offering Prayer**
André Chubb
Brenda Sauder

Offertory
For Dad, Bernie by Larry Minsky

Environment Design: **Scripture — 2 Timothy 1: 1-7 CEB**
Renee King
Zita Angelo
Crescentia Volz
Pauline Zimmerman
Brenda Sauder
Gwen Reed Blankenship
From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by God's will, to promote the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus.
To Timothy, my dear child.
Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
I'm grateful to God, whom I serve with a good conscience as my ancestors did. I constantly remember you in my prayers day and night. When I remember your tears, I long to see you so that I can be filled with happiness. I'm reminded of your authentic faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice. I'm sure that this faith is also inside you. Because of this, I'm reminding you to revive God's gift that is in you through the laying on of my hands. God didn't give us a spirit that is timid but one that is powerful, loving, and self-controlled.

Reflection: Stories That Form Us
Sylvester and The Magic Pebble

Song of Response
Healer of Our Every Ill VT 644

Sharing Time & Prayer
Loving God...hear our prayers

Announcements & Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song
Guide My Feet VT 816

Benediction
May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever he may send you.
**May Christ guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.**
May Christ bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders he has shown you.
**May Christ bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.**

Prayers: adapted from *Celtic Daily Prayer*.

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