

Worship Leader—Verna Miller
 Song Leader—Matt Krebs
 Prelude/Offertory—Cynthia Stayrook
 Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke
 Sound Technician—Ken Kulp
 Greeter—Jean Sensenig
 Ushers—Rod Houser, Leon Miller, Luke Good, Margaret Krumm
Child Care
 Christine Kaufman, Rhea Miller
 Helper—Amani Kaufman

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER
 328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
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JANUARY ENVIRONMENT- The backdrop and peace dove in the front are joined by framed quotes on the side and back walls in observation of our annual Anabaptist history month.

- **Menno Simons prints and quotes:** These designs are from a limited edition set printed in 1986 marking the 450th anniversary of the date the Dutch priest Menno Simons formally left the Catholic Church and joined the Anabaptist movement. The collection of prints contains artistic interpretations of four of Menno Simons' sayings. Artists Jan Gleysteen, Ann Graber, Paula Johnson, and Gwen Stamm combine words and images to reflect their own unique vision of Menno's thoughts. An additional Menno Simons commemorative fraktur print is designed by fraktur artist Roma Ruth.
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. -** The framed quote by MLK is in observation of January 15th and in recognition of MLK as another radical Christian leader.
- **Martyrs Mirror etching "The Witness of Dirk Willems"** is found on the back wall. The *Martyrs Mirror* was published in 1660 by the Dutch Mennonite Thielerman J. van Braght. It is a book composed of the stories of Christian martyrs from the beginning to 1660. This particular story depicted in this etching exemplifies the central Anabaptist virtue of peacemaking based on Christ's word to "love thine enemies." Dirk Willems, apprehended in Holland, made it across the ice. But when he saw his "thief-catcher" fall through the ice, he returned to assist him. Consequently, Dirk was later burnt at the stake for his beliefs.
 - *Most of the frames and or prints are for sale. See Lynn Sommer if you are interested in purchasing.*

CHURCH INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.
Worship service: 9:30 a.m. **Christian Ed:** 11 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday
Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday
Lead Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke—(susan@communitymennonite.org), 717-224-6863, (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Wednesdays off)
Associate Pastor of Youth:
 Amanda Stoltzfus (Amanda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—10-4
Associate Pastor of Children and Families:
 Malinda Clatterbuck (Malinda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—8:15-5
Pastoral Team: Carol Spicher, Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Luke Good and Naomi Paine
Office staff: Rod Houser (Tues, Thurs), Rachel Kraybill Stahl (Mon, Wed, Fri)
Small groups: Church office.
Childcare Coordinators: Kandace Helmuth (Kandace@ptd.net), Michelle Meck (meckmp@aol.com)

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The Witness of Dirk Willems, from *The Martyrs Mirror*
 Etching by Jan Luyken

**ANABAPTISM: BEGINNINGS, RELEVANCE
 AND CHALLENGES**

Prelude

Cynthia Stayrook

Welcome/Call to Worship

We sing of God's steadfast love,

And proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations:

The faithfulness that grows a seed into a great shrub;

the faithfulness that welcomes birds of the air.

The faithfulness that provides sturdy branches for the nests that are built.

God's faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

God's steadfast love is established forever.

Righteousness and justice are our foundation

And God's eternal love and faithfulness abides with us.

by Joanna Harader, *spaciousfaith.com*

Gathering Hymns

What is this place HWB #1
Our Father God, thy name we praise HWB #32

Children's Time

Come and see HWB #20
Lynn Sommer
We value children's participation in worship.
This is a sacred time for children and adults alike.
Let us listen and see with the eyes and ears of a child.

Offering Prayer

HWB #750

Gracious God,

we thank you for gifts that belong not to us alone,
but to all our sisters and brothers,
since they, too, are created in your image.
Let their need become our need;
let their hunger become our hunger;
and grant to us also a portion of their pain,
so that in sharing ourselves
we discover the Christ who walks
with our brothers and sisters. Amen

Offering/Offertory

Cynthia Stayrook

Reading

Excerpt from *The Anabaptist Radiance* by Dallas Wiebe
from *Tongue Screws and Testimonies: Poems, Stories and*
Essays Inspired by the Martyrs Mirror

Hymn

Praise, I will praise you, Lord HWB #76

Scripture Reading

Romans 12

Kim Brown, Keith Brown, Readers

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon

How Anabaptist Are We? Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sharing Time

Where do you sense God moving among us? This is a time to respond to the scripture, music and message of the morning, and to share joys and concerns from your lives and the greater world.

Announcements/Introduction of Visitors

Closing Hymn

Move in our midst HWB #418

Benediction

God of the ancestors who have lived our history,
God of those who will follow after us:
grant us faithfulness in discerning each "yes" and each "no"
we must answer in this coming week.
Help us to conform first and only to your Love.