

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
 Song Leader—Anne Sensenig  
 Prelude/Offertory—Larry Penner, Dean Clemmer, Jerry Lehman  
 Sermon—Jonathan Sauder  
 Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus  
 Greeter—Esther Becker  
 Ushers—Larry Groff, John Kanagy, Laurel Martin, Phil Kreider  
**Child Care**  
 Adam Miller, Darcy Miller

## COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

January 28, 2018

**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](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org).

**Worship service:** 9:30 a.m. **Christian Ed:** 11 a.m.

**Bulletin Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Tuesday

**Midweek Announcements:** [bulletin@communitymennonite.org](mailto:bulletin@communitymennonite.org) by 4 p.m., Tuesday

**Lead Pastor:** Susan Gascho-Cooke—([susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto: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](mailto:Amanda@communitymennonite.org)), Mon and Thu—10-4

**Associate Pastor of Children and Families:**

Malinda Clatterbuck ([Malinda@communitymennonite.org](mailto: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](mailto:Kandace@ptd.net)), Michelle Meck ([meckmp@aol.com](mailto: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** *Travels* Larry Penner, Dean Clemmer  
by Pat Metheny and Jerry Lehman

**Call to Worship**

**Gathering Songs** *Alleluia!* STS #17  
*Gonna take a chance* See lyrics below

**Children's Time** *Come and see* HWB #20  
Susan Gascho-Cooke  
*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/Offertory** *James* Larry Penner, Dean Clemmer  
by Pat Metheny and Jerry Lehman

**Scripture Reading** Deuteronomy 18:15-20, I Corinthians 8

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' Then the LORD replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

**Singing** *Who now would follow Christ* HWB #535, v. 1 and 3  
*How can we be silent* STJ #61, v. 1, 4, 5

**Reading** Excerpt from *The Great Crisis*  
by James Russell Lowell

Backward look across the ages and the beacon-moments see,  
That, like peaks of some sunk continent, jut through Oblivion's sea;  
Not an ear in court or market for the low, foreboding cry  
Of those Crises, God's stern winnowers,  
from whose feet earth's chaff must fly;  
Never shows the choice momentous till the judgment hath passed by.

Careless seems the great Avenger; history's pages but record  
One death-grapple in the darkness 'twixt old systems and the Word;  
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—  
Yet that scaffold sways the future, and, behind the dim unknown,  
Standeth God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own.

By the light of burning heretics Christ's bleeding feet I track,  
Toiling up new Calvaries ever with the cross that turns not back,  
And these mounts of anguish number how each generation learned  
One new word of that grand Credo which in prophet-hearts hath burned  
Since the first man stood God-conquered with his face to heaven upturned.

For Humanity sweeps onward: where to-day the martyr stands,  
On the morrow crouches Judas with the silver in his hands;  
Far in front the cross stands ready and the crackling fagots burn,  
While the hooting mob of yesterday in silent awe return  
To glean up the scattered ashes into History's golden urn.

**Sermon** Jonathan Sauder

**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** *Bwana awabariki* HWB #422  
(May God grant you a blessing)

**Benediction**

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***GONNA TAKE A CHANCE***

"I am the bread of life," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and follow.  
"I am the light of the world," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and see.  
"I am the door and the gate," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and follow.  
"I am the good shepherd," you said, Gonna take a chance, gonna come and see.

**Bridge**

Clouds a-rise. Trouble still finds me. Called your name, Silence laughed at me.  
Where are you God? Why don't you answer me?

"I am the life that's raised," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and follow.  
"I am the way and truth," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and see.  
"I am the vine, like a trunk," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and follow.  
"I am the bread of life," you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and see.

When we cannot see where you've led. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and follow.  
You're with us on the road ahead. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and see.  
We are the body of Christ you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and follow.  
We'll tell the nations what you said. Gonna take a chance, gonna come and see.