Environment: June through September

The book, *Sadako and the 1000 Paper Cranes* inspired the current environment in our sanctuary. Japanese legend tells us that one who creates a *thousand origami cranes* will be granted a wish. The paper cranes in the sanctuary were folded by CMCL attendees in anticipation of our annual summer Peace School. Many found the process of folding the paper cranes to be prayerful, and meditative. As our congregation lights our peace lamp each Sunday, our collective prayer is for world peace and harmony in relationships.

The Environment Committee: Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker, Nancy Baum and Lynn Sommer

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

Theme: Seasons of Creation

During this season, we experience God's nurturing presence and acknowledge Earth as our teacher, source, and guide; and take our place within Creation rather than over and above it. We recognize, also, the crisis that Creation faces through human exploitation. As we imagine a world where beauty is destroyed, we are encouraged to live in and toward restored and renewed heavens and Earth.

Each Sunday honors a different season of creation:

September 2: Earth Sunday—Genesis 1:1–25

September 9: Humanity Sunday—Genesis 1:26–28

September 16: Sky Sunday—Jeremiah 4:23–28; Psalm 19:1–6

September 23: Mountain Sunday—Isaiah 65:17–25

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.

Worship service: 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed: No Christian Ed during summer 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

Associate Pastor of Youth:

Amanda Stoltzfus (Amanda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

Malinda Clatterbuck (Malinda@communitymennonite.org), Mon and Thu—8:15 a.m.-5 p.m.

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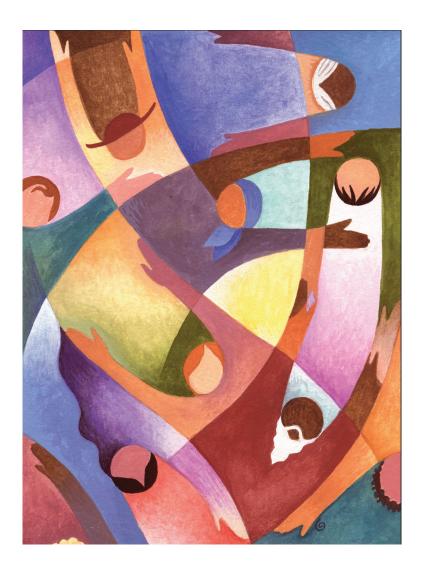
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CD recordings of past services available upon request to the church office. Audio and text files of sermons are found on CMCL website or through your favorite podcast app.

To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.

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EARTH SUNDAY

Prelude

"The Spacious Firmament on High" by F. J. Haydn

Quartette

Call to Worship

A mighty wind has blown,

and tongues of fire have danced!

The Spirit is with us,

Just as Jesus promised.

God's Spirit moves among us

And gathers us together.

God's Spirit gives us power And calls us to serve the world.

Worship God with Joy.

Lighting of Peace Lamp

Singing

Come, let us all unite to sing

HWB #12

Children's Time

Amanda Stoltzfus

Come and see

HWB #20

"Look, Look Again, Look Together." a reminder of Peace School Lessons

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.

Offertory

This is My Father's World (traditional English Melody)

Quartette

Singing

All creatures of our God and King

HWB #48

Scripture Reading

Genesis 1:1-25

Ecclesiastes 5:18–20

This is what I have seen to be good: it is fitting to eat and drink and find enjoyment in all the toil with which one toils under the sun the few days of the life God gives us: for this is our lot. Likewise all to whom God gives wealth and possessions and whom he enables to enjoy them, and to accept their lot and find enjoyment in their toil—this is the gift of God. For they will scarcely brood over the days of their lives, because God keeps them occupied with the joy of their hearts.

Sermon

"How are You?

Amanda Stoltzfus

Communion

Jesus taught us to speak of hope as the coming of God's kingdom.

We believe that god is at work in our world

Turning hopeless and evil situations into good.

We believe that goodness and justice and love

Will triumph in the end

And that tyranny and oppression cannot last forever.

One day all tears will be wiped away:

The lamb will lie down with the lion,

And justice will roll down like a might stream.

True peace and true reconciliation are not only desired,

They are assured and guaranteed in Christ.

This is our faith.

This is our hope.

Sharing

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/Introductions

Sending Song

Heart with loving heart united

HWB #420

Benediction

May all I say and all I think

be in harmony with thee.

God within me, God beyond me,

Maker of the trees.

We go in Peace to love and serve the Lord—Thanks be to God.

from the Chinook Psalter

Worship Leader—Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck

Sermon—Amanda Stoltzfus

Song Leader—Beth Graybill

Prelude/Offertory—Leon Miller, Ken Nissley, Dale Umble, Ron Umble

Sound Technician—Cody Litwiller

Greeter-Darlis Myer

Ushers—Leon Miller, Sandy Miller, Larry Groff, Beth Crosby

Child Care

Child Care—Lori Bergey, Omer Brubaker Helper—Hannah Clatterbuck