

Worship Leader— Jonathan Sauder
Sermon— Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader— Marcy Hostetler
Prelude/Offertory— Dean Clemmer
Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good/Daryl Snider
Greeter—Jean Sensenig
Ushers— Carolyn Weaver, Jim Spicher, Margaret Krumm
Child Care—Laura Boll, Sherry Groff; Helper— Greta Shumaker

Environment: January & February

Front of the Sanctuary- During the month of January we will be exploring Mennonite/Anabaptist history, thus the fraktur design. Fraktur is the name for the PA German folk art and German “broken/fractured” script, representative of the early German birth, marriage and baptismal certificates. This banner was made by Gwen Eberly, Dale Martin and Lynn Sommer with Olivia Shumaker as our accomplice. The base layer is old hymnal pages from Mennonite hymnals 100 years old, signifying the rich history music brings to our tradition. Some of the hymns in our hymnal go back as early as the 1600’s when Mennonites were meeting in caves. This banner will remain up until March 3rd. We then will switch to our environment for Lent.

Back of the Sanctuary- *Martyrs Mirror* etching “The Witness of Dirk Willems”. The *Martyrs Mirror* was published in 1660 by a Dutch Mennonite. 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 work to “love thine enemies”. Dirk Willems, apprehended in Holland, made it across the ice. But when he saw his “thief-catcher” fell through the ice, he returned to assist him. Consequently, Dirk was later burnt at the stake for his beliefs.

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

CHURCH INFORMATION

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

Worship service: 9:30 a.m. Christian Ed: 11:00 a.m.

Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Wednesday

Midweek Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Tuesday

Administrative Pastor:

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Associate Pastor of Children and Families:

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Pastoral Team:

Deb Napolitan, Monte Garber, Darrell Yoder, Lisa Roth-Walter and Naomi Paine

Office staff: Sallie McCann Tupper (Sallie@communitymennonite.org), Mon- Fri

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Childcare Coordinators: Julie Bushong (jul.and.tyler@gmail.com), Lindsey Deininger (lindsey.garber@gmail.com)

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.

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Susan Gascho-Cooke baptizing Nick Walter at CMCL's fall Retreat at Black Rock, 2015

ANABAPTIST/MENNONITE HERITAGE MONTH: BAPTISM

Prelude Rain Down Dean Clemmer

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

This is what our Creator says, the One who made and shaped us,
**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, and you are mine.**
When you pass through the waters,
I will be with you;
And when you ford the rivers,
They shall not overwhelm you;
When you walk through the fire,
You shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am your God, the Holy One, your Redeemer.

Gathering Hymns I know that my redeemer lives HWB #277
(In honor of Mary Bomberger) When peace like a river HWB #336

Children's Time Susan Gascho-Cooke
Come and see HWB #20

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/Offering What Wondrous Love Is This Dean Clemmer

Scripture Luke 3:15-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’

Sermon Susan Gascho-Cooke

Hymn Here I am, Lord HWB #395

Time of Sharing & Prayer

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.

Hymn Lord, listen to your children praying HWB #353

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Benediction

ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the worship service.
Visitors and new attenders, we invite you to fill out the visitor forms in the back of the blue hymnal. Feel free to drop them in the offering basket, or hand them to an usher as you leave the service this morning.