

Worship Leader— Jay Martin
Song Leader— Anne Sensenig
Prelude/Offertory— Amanda Stoltzfus & Susan Gascho-Cooke
Sound Technician— Steve Stayrook/Ismail Salim
Greeter— Esther Becker
Ushers— Marian Good, Jean Sensenig, Linford Good
Child Care—Carol Eby-Good, Christy Heatwole Kauffman; Helper—Dulce
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COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 W Orange St, Lancaster PA 17603
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Environment: January & February

Front of the Sanctuary- During the month of January we explored 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 through 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, including Anabaptist martyrs from 1525, when Anabaptism began, through 1614. The story depicted in this etching exemplifies the central Anabaptist virtue of peacemaking based on Christ’s call to love our 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 re-arrested and later burnt at the stake for his beliefs. This iconic historical image represents a central tenet of Anabaptism. More info @ <https://www.goshen.edu/mqr/dirk-willems/>

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.

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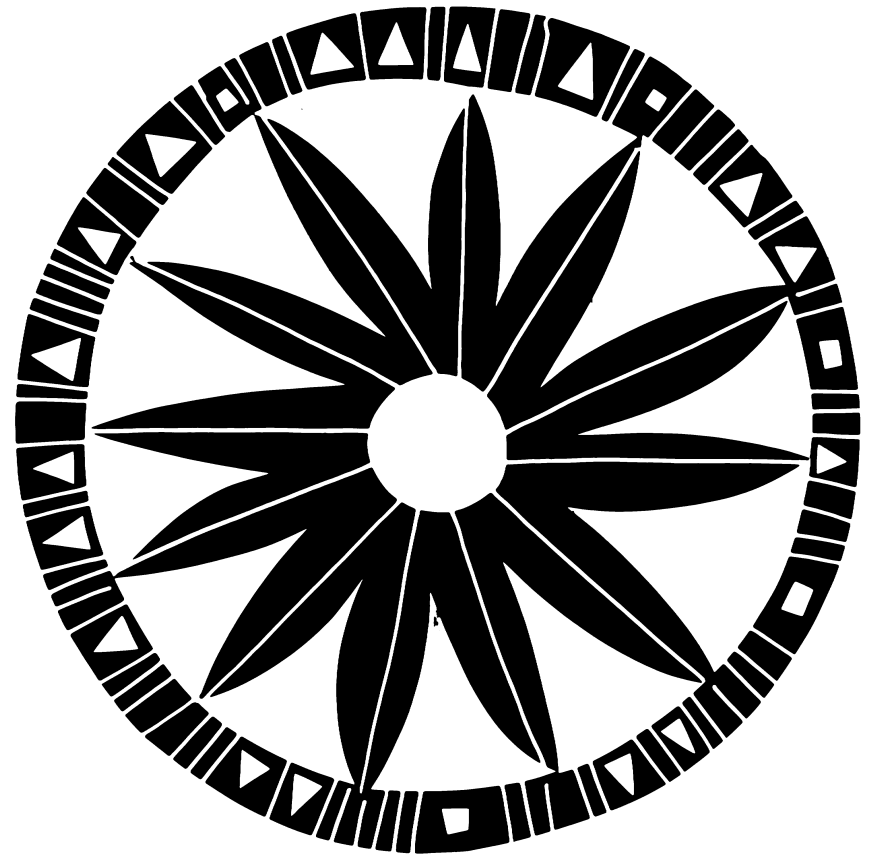
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CD recordings of past services available upon request to the church office. Audio and text files of sermons are found on CMCL website or through your favorite podcast app.

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



Prelude

Lighting of the Peace Lamp

Welcome & Call to Worship

Thank God for a right-side-up building, for heat and open doors!

And yet it is because we believe in the upside-down kingdom of Jesus that we have sought out a place to gather together this morning.

Thank God for the ways our lives are enriched by one another!

And yet we remember that a church is not a family you have to be born into, or a friendship group you have to be invited into.

Thank God Jesus does not call us to like one another!

And yet he does call us to love each other, and to be merciful, just as our Loving God is merciful.

Thank God for love, for mercy, and for the chance to gather with humble hearts and minds this morning.

Gathering Hymn *What is this place* HWB #1

Children's Time Malinda Clatterbuck

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

Hymn *Blest are they* STJ # 94

Scripture Luke 6:27-38

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

‘If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend,

expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your God is merciful.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

Sermon “Gather Round, Stand Up Together” Leslie Homer-Cattell

Hymn *We will take what you offer* insert

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.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Benedictory Hymn *What does the Lord require of you?* insert

ALL are welcome for hot drinks and fellowship in the Parrot Gallery downstairs following the worship service.

Christian Education for all ages begins at 11 am.

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.