

Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website:
www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/

CMCL Vision Prayer

Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human need with justice and compassion. May your Spirit draw us together into your new creation.

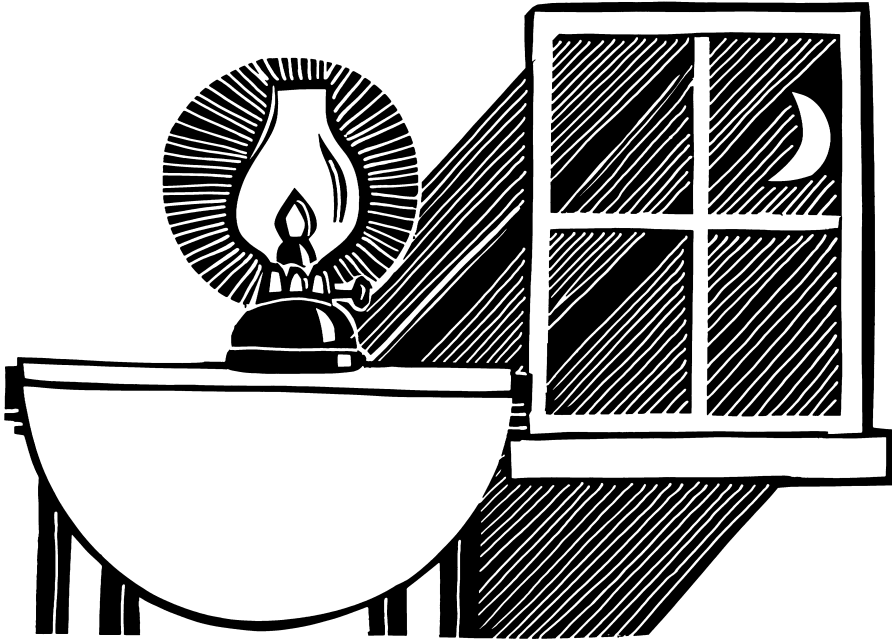
Environment

The creation of the backdrop and peace dove was a collective effort. Mentor/mentee pairs that worked on the backdrop: Kendra Campbell and Greta Shumaker along with mentor mentee pair Kandace Helmuth and Maia Kaufman. Gwen Eberly guided the process. Rod Shumaker did the installation and lighting. Tissue paper collage with wool roving was used to create the backdrop and sewn fabric and handmade paper collage was used for the dove. The Advent Wreath at the front of the sanctuary was made by Andrea Peifer Martin. Thanks to the team!

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

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH
OF LANCASTER**

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact the church office staff at (717) 392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org.
Worship service: 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m., Christian Ed: 10:00 a.m.
Bulletin Announcements: bulletin@communitymennonite.org by 4 p.m., Wednesday
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Administrative Pastor: Leslie Homer-Cattell, (leslie@communitymennonite.org), Mon–Thu
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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.
If you'd like a mailbox or to be added to our email list, email sallie@communitymennonite.org
To join our closed Facebook Page search for Parrot Nation and request to join.

ADVENT

Worship Leader:	Prelude	<i>Christmastime is Here</i> by Lee Mendelson and Vince Guaraldi
Leslie Homer-Cattell		
Sermon:	Call to Worship	
Jonathan Sauder		
Song Leader:	Gathering Songs	<i>Hark! the glad sound</i> HWB #184 <i>T'was in the moon of wintertime</i> HWB #190
Ron Umble		
Prelude/Offertory:	Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope	
Dean Clemmer		
Larry Penner		
Sound Technician:	Song	<i>Longing for light</i> STJ #54
Michael & Aaron		
Eby-Good		
Greeter:	Children's Time	Malinda Clatterbuck
Mary Lou Weaver		
Houser (1st),		
Rebecca Boyer (2nd)	<i>Come and see</i> HWB #20	
	<i>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.</i>	
Ushers:	Offertory/Offering	<i>A Child is Born</i> by Alex Wilder and Thad Jones
Jim Spicher		
John Kanagy (1 st),	Scripture	Luke 2:15
Esther Becker		When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, ‘Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.’
Laurel Martin (2 nd)		
Child Care:		Matthew 2:1-16
Addie Bird		In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: “And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’
Adam Miller		Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I
Child Care Helper:		
Greta Shumaker		

may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.' Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men.

Special Music *Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow* Chynaah
Maryoung-Cooke

Sermon Jonathan Sauder

Time of Sharing & Prayer

*Where do you sense God moving among us?
This is our time to prayerfully respond to the scriptures and the
message of the morning as well as bring joys and concerns from
our lives and greater world.*

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Sending song *Come thou long-expected Jesus* HWB #178

Benediction

**All are welcome for
hot drinks and
fellowship in the
Parrot Gallery
downstairs following
the first worship
service, before and
during Christian Ed.**

Christian Education
for all ages begins
at 10am.

**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.