

**March 13, 2011**

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

Worship Leader—Deb Napolitan  
 Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
 Song Leader—Louise Ranck  
 Prelude and Offertory—Arranged by Jason Mundok  
 Sound Technicians—1<sup>st</sup> Service—Daryl Snider; 2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Chris Bowers  
 1<sup>st</sup> Service Greeter—Beth Crosby; Ushers—Jim Spicher, Gerald Ressler  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Greeters—Ken Beam, Steve Walter  
 Ushers—Dave Lutz, Marichelle Lutz

**CHILDCARE**

1<sup>st</sup> Service—Andrea Martin  
 Christian Ed—Gwen Eberly, Katy Heinzl  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Juji Woodring, Jacob Landis, Herb Landis  
 Helper: Isaac Martin

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

March	9	Ash Wednesday Service
	12	Junior Youth—MCC Material Resource
	13	Senior Youth—Potato Bar fundraiser Venture Club Art Project
	18–20	Mennonite Women Retreat
	20	Integral Spirituality, 3 p.m.
	21	Program Commission
	23	Congregational Council

**Church Report:**  
 February 27, 2011  
 Attendance:  
     1<sup>st</sup> Service—78  
     2<sup>nd</sup> Service—114  
 General Fund Offering: \$11,955

<b>Budget Report—Feb 28, 2011</b>		<b>Sep 2010–Aug 2011 Budget: \$446,420</b>
<b>Income to Date</b>	<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>Expenditures to Date</b>
<b>\$197,964</b>	<b>\$223,210</b>	<b>\$211,452</b>
<b>We are \$25,246 behind budget and have spent \$13,488 more than we have taken in.</b>		



**ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 6, 2011**  
 FOR MARCH 6, TO MARCH 12, 2011

**CMCL**

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

***A Lenten Journey: Embracing Our Humanity***

How do we acknowledge all that we are, including those parts of ourselves that are closed in pain and heavy with grief, fragmentation and loss? How do we hold these very imperfect parts of ourselves open so that we can receive the love of others? So that we can give love to others? How do we open our seemingly unworthy and imperfect selves to God? Where does this journey take us?

Next week, March 13, begins our Lenten series. Our environment during this Lenten season will be symbolic of the journey and discovery we each take as we become willing to bare all parts of ourselves, shedding the burdens that prevent us from opening up space in ourselves for God to work. Along with visuals of a blossoming Lenten Rose, seating will represent a fluidity in how we perceive what is around us and how that can change and grow. Cairns will represent the journey toward self-understanding and growth.

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** will be held at CMCL on Wednesday, March 9, 7 p.m. Joe Gascho will be worship leader and Rod Houser will lead singing. Ash Wednesday is a contemplative service, calling us to our common humanity and introspection, settling us into the journey of Lent. Please join us.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**—Today is the fourth and final Sunday in the Evolutionary Christianity series. Jason Mundok will share audio clips from an interview with Michael Dowd and Ian Lawton.

**ALL CMCL SINGERS ARE INVITED** to sing in a choir directed by Roger Lentz during worship on Easter Sunday. The choir will rehearse 7:30 a.m. each Sunday beginning March 20. Please direct your questions to Louise Ranck.

**UPCOMING ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**—Prison Justice in Lancaster: Six Views. This Adult CE series begins March 13 and runs six weeks, ending April 17. Mary Steffy, CMCL participant and advocate for prisoner rights in Lancaster County, will facilitate. Each week guests will present a different view or experience informing our understanding of life in and beyond prison and the impact of our justice system.

March 13: Overview with special guest, Craig Stedman, District Attorney

**EXPLORING CMCL MEMBERSHIP**—Anyone interested in learning more about membership at CMCL is invited to a dinner with Pastoral Team on March 17. The dinner will be from 6–8:30 p.m. It is an opportunity to share stories about your life journey with Pastoral Team and to learn more about congregational life and the meaning of membership at CMCL. For more information, contact Susan or Chad in the church office.

**THE EVERENCE SHARING FUNDS** provided \$1,830 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Carol Spicher serves as CMCL’s Everence Advocate. Our congregation is eligible to access \$3,000 in matching grants in 2011. Contact Carol or a member of pastoral team for information.

**JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY** takes place Saturday, March 12, at MCC Material Resource Center. The youth will be packing school kits, many of which will go to Afghanistan. Please meet at CMCL 9 a.m. on Saturday to travel to the Resource Center in Ephrata. Youth will return to CMCL 12 noon. Let Herb Landis know if you are attending by calling 723-7129 or e-mail karenherb4@verizon.net. Three more adults are needed to chaperone.

**LOOKING AHEAD: JUNIOR YOUTH RAFTING TRIP**—Mark your calendar. May 14 the Junior Youth will be rafting down the Lehigh River with one of their favorite adults. Every youth is expected to bring an adult along for the fun! Cost is approximately \$30/participant. Please rsvp to Faith Cowell at reistcowell@comcast.net by March 15.

**VENTURE CLUB, MARCH 13**—Meet for an art activity from 4–5:30 p.m. in The Gathering Place with Susanne and Jason Mundok and Andrea and Bryan Martin. Questions? Call Susanne at 725-9590.

**WELCOMING DIALOGUE GROUP** is meeting March 14, 7 p.m., at CMCL in the Parrot Gallery. We meet for support and greater understanding of LGBT issues. For more information, please call Ken Beam at 203-5565.

**MENNONITE MEN: SAVE THE DATE**—Annual men's retreat at Charter Hall will be April 1–3 this year. CMCL men of all ages are welcome and encouraged to attend. This is a great way to get to know each other (maybe more than you want to!!). More information will be coming soon. Or contact Jason Mundok for preliminary info: jmundok@gmail.com or 215-767-3636.

**POTATO BAR**—March 13 after second service, the youth will be serving baked potatoes and toppings to raise funds for their trip to the youth convention in Pittsburgh. Join us for lunch to help connect our youth to the larger church.

**LIPW SPRING FORUM**—Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness Spring Forum features Dr. Charles Marsh, who will speak on “The Meaning of Dietrich Bonhoeffer for Contemporary American Christianity.” The forum is being held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Fondersmith Auditorium, 21 S. Duke St., March 20, 3 p.m.

## *Community/General Mennonite*

**MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)** international workers evacuated from Egypt during the recent turmoil have started returning to their work placements in Egypt. MCC asks that you pray for the safety and well being of all people in Egypt and in other countries in the Middle East and North Africa where there is civil unrest.

**ME, A TEACHER IN THE HIMALAYANS?** There are seven children of missionaries in Tansen, Nepal, between the ages of 5 and 11, from four different countries, who learn in English and desperately need a teacher. You can go to the website of Tansen Mission Hospital, United Mission to Nepal, and learn more about this hospital and its needs. And if you think you could help, for any length of time, contact Elisabeth Fast Beels at eabeels@gmail.com

### **Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is seeking a part-time employee to share the work of office administration.**

**Duties include:** Creating documents using Microsoft Word and Excel; sharing coordination of print and email communications, answering phones and greeting visitors, maintaining files, data entry and retrieval from CMCL database, use of financial software to write checks and create financial reports, availability to pastors and church staff for personal assistance.

**Qualifications:** 1. General office experience. 2. Computer proficiency, including Microsoft Word, Excel and internet search engines. 3. Experience with, or ability to learn, maintenance of website content. 4. Friendly and welcoming demeanor in person, written and phone communication.

**Routine Office Hours:** 6 hours/day, 2–3 days a week currently 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.; some flexibility required, and hours can be worked out in conjunction with the person sharing the position. Please provide resume and availability to susan@communitymennonite.org or Attn: Job Opening, Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, 328 W. Orange St, Lancaster PA 17603.