

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors

- Join us for coffee at 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room/Parrot Cafe. Christian Education hour resumes in September.
- Assisted listening devices are stored in the cart at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Pick up an information booklet in the foyer to learn more about our faith community.
- Sunday parking is available at Groff Funeral Home, 1 block east and in the lot behind the church across the alley.
- Restrooms are on the lower level near the kitchen

The Parrot Café is open all summer.

Coffee, newspapers and conversation

This Week at CMCL

Today Congregational Meeting following morning worship
June 28 Worship Committee, Parrot Café - 6:30pm

Church Information

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

Worship: 9:30 a.m., Fellowship Time: 10:45 a.m.

Christian Education: No Christian Education during summer months.

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

Sharing posts: sharing@communitymennonite.org

Email lists: Sermons, Mid-week announcements, Menno Men and Women, Sr. Youth.

Lead Pastor: Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@communitymennonite.org), off Monday

Associate Pastor: Chad Martin (on sabbatical June 1–Sept. 1)

Interim Pastor: Levina Huber (levina@communitymennonite.org), 940-9858, Tuesday & Thursday

Director of Children & Youth: Elizabeth Brubaker-Weida
(beth@communitymennonite.org)

Pastoral Team: Gwen Peachey, Jay Martin, Darrell Yoder, Michael Eby-Good, Sue Stoesz

Office staff: Rod Houser, Susanne Mundok (Monday–Friday)

Small groups: Doris Shenk (dorishshenk@fastmail.fm) or church office.

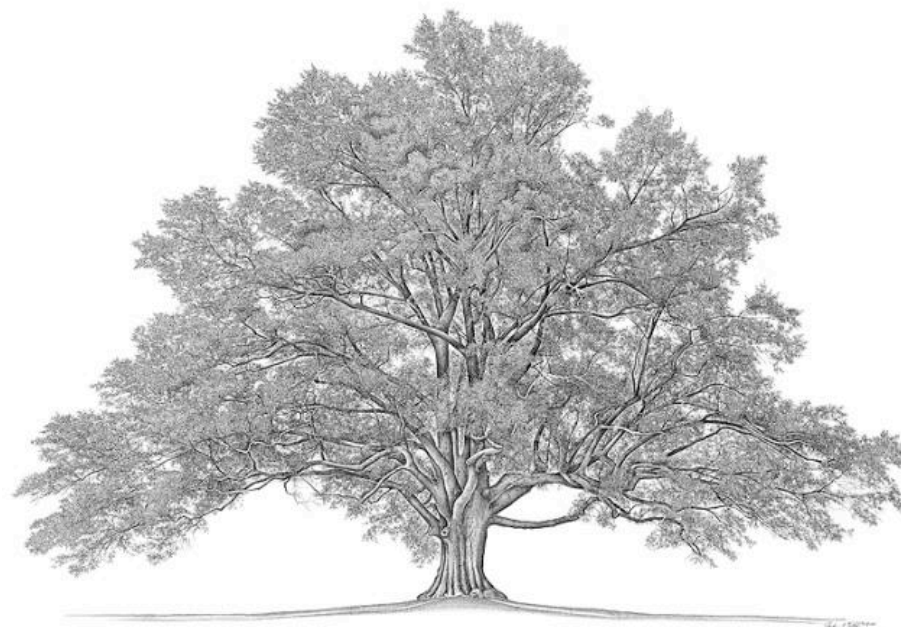
Childcare Coordinators: Denise Cope and Brenda Sauder

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

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Children of Abraham



This summer, we are going to be following some of the family drama of Abraham and his descendants—Ishmael, Isaac, Jacob, Esau, Joseph, Moses and others—by hearing stories in Genesis and early Exodus. It will be a time of thinking about family dynamics and legacies (both the functional and the dysfunctional), pondering heroes who aren't always so heroic, and exploring what we might learn from these very human ancestors of faith.

Prelude Ryan Kauffman

Welcome and Introduction to Worship

In the name of Christ, in the spirit of peace, welcome.

Singing *Holy Spirit come with power* HWB #26
Cast thy burden upon the Lord HWB #586

MOOS Update Amber Thomas

Children's Time Grant Rissler
Children age 4 and under may go to childcare.
Activity sheets are available for others through grade five.

Offering/Offertory Ryan Kauffman

Scripture Genesis 22: 1-18
This story told in Reader's Theater style

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The Lord will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.'

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, 'By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.'

Sermon Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sharing
Where do you sense God moving among us? This is a time to respond to the scripture, music and message of the morning.

Singing *They that wait upon the Lord* HWB #584

Introduction of Visitors and Announcements

Benediction HWB #770

Please join us every Sunday during summer, immediately following worship, in the Parrot Café downstairs for fellowship, coffee and refreshments.

We will be joined, throughout the summer, by the modern-day versions of the descendants of Abraham, in the form of the whimsical, almost life-size, artistic creations of Kay Reist. Keep an eye out for more members of this inspiring, infamous, dysfunctional family each Sunday! These figures are made from donated and recycled materials, and are adapted from images at clipart.com.

Worship Leader— Grant Rissler
Song Leader—Darlis Myer
Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook
Environment—Kay Reist
Greeters—Ruth M. Martin, Mary Jane Fox
Ushers—Wayne Martin, Eh Paw

CHILDCARE

Carol Eby-Good, Tim Seidel, Don Stoltzfus
Helper: Isaac Martin