

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors

- Join us for coffee at 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Room/Parrot Cafe. Christian Education hour begins at 10 a.m.
- 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.

Adult Christian Education—10 a.m.

Parrot Café—Meets in Fellowship Room

Coffee, newspapers and conversation

Interreligious and Intercultural Encounters—Meets in Sanctuary

David Shenk (father of Tim & Doris) will talk about his experiences in dialogue with Shi'ite Muslims as part of the MCC initiatives.

This Week at CMCL

Today Integral Spirituality—1 p.m.
28 Congregational Council
30-Oct. 2 Church Retreat

Church Information

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

Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Fellowship Time: 9:45 a.m.

Christian Education: 10 a.m. Adults meet in sanctuary, children and youth in education wing located south of sanctuary.

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), c: 224-6863, off Monday (beginning maternity leave September 20, 2011)

Associate Pastor: Chad Martin (chad@communitymennonite.org), off Monday

Interim Pastor: Levina Huber (levina@communitymennonite.org), 940-9858, off until mid-September

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

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

Office staff: Rod Houser (Tues.–Wed.), Susanne Mundok (Monday, Thurs. & Friday)

Small groups: Joanne Kreider (cap1tab@aol.com) or church office.

Childcare Coordinators: Denise Cope and Brenda Sauder

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Prelude

Daryl Snider & Ryan Kauffman

Welcome & Lighting of the Peace Lamp

God of peace, Christ of peace, Spirit of peace,

You are calling us to be peacemakers

in our homes, in our church,

in our community, in our world.

Today we light this lamp as a reminder of our calling.

Call to Worship

HWB #733

Singing

God of grace and God of glory

HWB #366

God of many names

HWB #77

Children's Time

Levina Huber

*Children age 4 and under may go to childcare.
Activity sheets are available for others through grade five.*

Offering/Offertory

Daryl Snider & Ryan Kauffman

Words of Confession

We are a people skilled at building walls.

We confess they are too often a comfort.

In time, these divisions crack and crumble.

Too often, we mend and rebuild, strengthening separations.

We keep the walls between us as we go.

To each the boulders that have fallen to each.

We wear our fingers rough with handling them.

Why do good fences make good neighbors?

Isn't it where there are cows?

But there are no cows.

—Based on Mending Wall by Robert Frost

Scripture Reading

Psalms 78:1–4, 12–16

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter obscure sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.

**We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds and might of God,
and the wonders that God has done.**

In the sight of their ancestors God worked marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.

**God divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap.**

In the daytime God led them with a cloud,
and all night long with a fiery light.

**God split rocks open in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep.**

God made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

Amen.

Singing

In Christ there is no East or West

HWB #306

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:11–22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called ‘the uncircumcision’ by those who are called ‘the circumcision’—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling—place for God.

Sermon

“Windows, walls and mending fences”

Chad Martin

Words of Affirmation

HWB #711

Sharing and Prayer

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

Announcements/Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song

You shall go out with joy

HWB #427

Benediction

Worship Leader—Levina Huber

Song Leader—Jay Martin

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus

Environment—Chris Hoover Seidel, Gwen Peachey

1st Service Greeter—Lois Martin; Ushers—Gerald Ressler, Darlis Myer

2nd Service Greeters—Esther Becker, Brenda Sauder; Ushers—Linda Berger, Jack Shope

CHILDCARE

1st Service—Brenda Sauder, Susanne Mundok

Christian Ed.—Gwen Eberly, Jeff Sims

2nd Service—Rod Houser, Deb Kraybill, Lisa Roth Walter

Helper—Issac Martin