

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

Parrot Café—Meets in Fellowship Room

Coffee, newspapers and conversation

Relationships & Communications—Meets in Sanctuary

Ron Vogt, who brings wisdom and experience gained from his own life as well as his work with couples over the years as a marriage and family therapist will lead the discussion today.

This Week at CMCL

- Today Integral Exploration Community, 1 p.m.
 Daryl Snider's CD Release Party, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 21 Solstice Service, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Services, 7 & 9 p.m.
- Dec. 25 Worship Service, 10 a.m.

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), off Monday
Associate Pastor: Chad Martin (chad@communitymennonite.org), off Monday
Children & Youth Programs: Contact Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@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

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

December 18, 2011

Advent IV: Love



Painting by Chris Fraser

Prelude

“He Will Be the Love”

Christmas Choir
led by Roger Lentz
song by Ruth Elaine Schram

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Advent IV: Love

8:30 service: Andrea Lommen, Steve, Rose and Xyla Carlson
11 a.m. service: Lucy Ann Boll-Borrero, Jose, Sergio and Alonso Borrero

Prayer

ALL: O God of love, from a stable in a tiny town
You taught us the meaning of love.
Help us to rejoice with Mary at how your love changes everything.
Amen.

1. We light the can - dle of *hope, we light the can - dle of hope! This can - dle - light,
 burn - ing bright, re - minds us that Christ_ brings hope. We light the can - dle of hope, we
 light the can - dle of hope! He's com - ing soon, Em - man - u - el; Je - sus will bring us hope.

*In verses 2 - 4 change the word "hope" to: peace, joy, and love.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Singing	<i>Come, Light of the world</i>	STS #3
	<i>The Friendly Beasts</i>	Bulletin Insert
	<i>Sing a different song</i>	STS #27
	<i>Good Christian friends, rejoice</i>	HWB # 210

Scripture Luke 1: 26–38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.' Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Offering/Offertory	"The Icy December"	Christmas Choir Catalonian traditional Arranged by Mark Hayes
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Scripture

Luke 1: 46b–55

My soul magnifies the Lord,
 And my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
 for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
 Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
 for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
 and holy is his name.
 His mercy is for those who fear him
 from generation to generation.
 He has shown strength with his arm;
 he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
 He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
 and lifted up the lowly;
 he has filled the hungry with good things,
 and sent the rich away empty.
 He has helped his servant Israel,
 in remembrance of his mercy,
 according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
 to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

Singing

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.

Choral Response	"Carol of the Birds"	Christmas Choir music by Roger Lentz Anonymous poem from Bas-Querquy
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Announcements and Introduction of Visitors

Closing Song	<i>Hark! The herald angels sing</i>	HWB #201
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Benediction

Worship Leader—Chad Martin
 Musicians—Maddy Garber, pianist; Eric Mansilla, flautist
 Song Leader—Louise Ranck
 Sound Technician—Ken Kulp
 Environment—Chris Fraser
 1st Service Greeter—Mary Alice Ressler; Ushers—Gerald Ressler, Gladys Horst
 2nd Service Greeter—Katy Heinzl; Ushers—Jack Shope, Stephanie Hanna

CHILDCARE

1st Service—Charlotte Kulp, Wayne Martin
 Christian Ed.—Gwen Eberly, Becci Leatherman
 2nd Service—Omer Brubaker, Carol Eby-Good, Tim Shenk