

Adult Christian Education—10 a.m.

The Parrot Café: Newspapers, Conversation and Coffee—Meets in basement Fellowship Room

Join us for an informal space to gather. There are tables where you can read or talk, and enjoy coffee available in the Christian Ed lobby.

Facilitators: Leon Kraybill and Marlene Reiff

Desert Island Discs—Meets in sanctuary

Join us in the sanctuary during the Christian Ed hour for the annual CMCL version of Desert Island Discs. Folks from our congregation will be sharing songs that they wouldn't want to be without if stranded on a deserted island. Each participant will also have an opportunity to discuss why the songs are particularly meaningful to them.

This week at CMCL

Today, January 7—Annual Pork and Sauerkraut meal following second service in Fellowship Room. Visitors are particularly welcomed.

Wednesday, January 10—Venture Club

Wednesday, January 10—Mom's Group at Beky Weidner's home, 1622 Sycamore Ave, Lancaster.

Church Information

Contact the pastor or the church office staff at: 392-7567, cmcl@mennonite.net

Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; Christian Ed—10 a.m.

Information for bulletin due in church office by 4 p.m., Wednesday

Pastor: Pam Dintaman (day off—Thursday)

Elders: Laura Boll, Dennis Clemmer, Phil Kauffman-Jantzi, Marilyn Kennel

Office Staff: Donna Stoltzfus (Monday and Thursday) and Rod Houser (Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday).

Small groups: For information contact Gerald Ressler (church office or at 627-1830.)

Website: cmcl.pa.us.mennonite.net

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

January 7, 2007

Epiphany

*Made from earth I am
and in love with the ground,
but this urging persists,
an aching where you etched
onto tendon muscle bone nerve
a longing for leaping,
a yearning to soar.*

Jan L. Richardson, *In Wisdom's Path*

Call to worship

Singing

*As with gladness men of old
Morning Star, O cheering sight!*

Hymnal #218
Hymnal #214

Children's time

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

Offering

Scripture Reading

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ²For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. ⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord. ⁷All the flocks

of Kedar shall be gathered to you, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister to you; they shall be acceptable on my altar, and I will glorify my glorious house.

⁸Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like doves to their windows?

⁹For the coastlands shall wait for me, the ships of Tarshish first, to bring your children from far away, their silver and gold with them, for the name of the Lord your God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he has glorified you.

Isaiah 60: 1-9

Singing

Let there be light, Lord God

Hymnal #371

Scripture Reading

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "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." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.

⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ⁶"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.'" ⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then 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 may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When 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. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On 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. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Matthew 2: 1-12

Sermon

"We Come Bearing Gifts"

Pam Dintaman

Reflection & Prayer

This is a time to respond to the scripture, music and message of the morning as well as a space for sharing joys and concerns for prayer. How has God been present in your life? Where do you sense God moving among us? What is it that you grieve or rejoice with in the local and global community?

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Leader—Marilyn Kennel

Song Leader—Wayne Lehman

Environment—Kristina Roth Martin, Cheryl Weber, Beky Weidner

Sound Technician—Don Kulp

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Cal Esh/Wayne Lehman, Jean Sensenig

2nd Service Greeter/Ushers—Mary Gattis-Schell/Gladys Horst, Linda High

Childcare

1st Service—Lorin Beidler, Emma Kate Martin

Christian Ed—Ethan Deane, Jean Sensenig

2nd Service—Eric Ebert, Melody Keim, Deb Kraybill

As a faith community, we want our language to reflect the inclusive nature of our faith. At our best, we aspire to include all peoples in the language we use. In our daily reality, we acknowledge that there are times we fall short of that goal. The limits of our language should not be viewed as the limits or boundaries of our hearts, minds and beliefs. Please be patient with us as we travel together the inclusive journey of faith.

We extend a warm welcome to our visitors.

- Join us for coffee at 9:40 a.m. in Christian Ed foyer.
- Assisted Listening Devices are available. Usher will assist you.
- Sign visitor card in back pocket of hymnal.
- Pick up info booklet in foyer to learn more about our faith community.
- Contact church office to receive announcements and/or sermons by email.
- Sunday parking is available at Groff Funeral Home, 1 block east.
- Recordings of past services are available in the church library.
- Restrooms on lower level near kitchen