

Adult Christian Education—10 a.m.

Jubilee Congregation—Meets in sanctuary

JAS Committee presents its vision for CMCL to become a Jubilee Congregation, supporting the international efforts of the Jubilee network to press for the full cancellation of unpayable and crippling debt in fifty of the world's poorest countries. Expect a lively and informative hour! Adults and youth will meet together in the sanctuary.

Facilitator: Louise Ranck with members of JAS Committee and youth delegates to Nicaragua

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.

Facilitator: Leon Kraybill

This week at CMCL

Tuesday, February 27—Centering Prayer, 3:30 p.m., Sattler Room

Tuesday, February 27—Pastoral Team, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 28—Church Council, 7 p.m.

Saturday, March 3—Chili Dinner, 5 p.m. and Youth Auction, 7 p.m.

Church Information

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

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); dintaman@communitymennonite.org

Associate Pastor: Chad Martin (beginning June, 2007)
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Director of Children & Youth: Emily Smucker Beidler
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Elders: Laura Boll, Dennis Clemmer, Phil Kauffman-Jantzi, Marilyn Kennel

Office Staff: Rod Houser (Tue, Wed and Fri), Temp Staff (Mon and Thu)

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

Website: www.communitymennonite.org

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

February 25, 2007

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Lent 1

Prelude *Hunger for Beauty* by Jim Croegart Jazz Musicians

Call to worship

Leader: O God, you are our God. We seek you.

People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Leader: We trust in the Lord, who is our refuge,
who commands his angels to guard us.
God delivers and protects us when we are in trouble.

**All: O God, you satisfy our souls as with a rich feast.
In the shadow of your wings,
we sing for joy,
and you uphold us.**

Hymn *Jesus, stand among us* Hymnal #25

Children's Time 1st service, Becci Leatherman

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

EMPTINESS

Introducing the Lenten Season

There is a desert I long to be walking, a wide emptiness, peace beyond any understanding of it.

Rumi, 13th century poet

Music Jazz Musicians

Scripture

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished.³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread."⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live

by bread alone."⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,¹⁰ for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'¹¹ and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13

Music *Blue in Green* by Bill Evans Jazz Musicians

"Tossed between the sky and sea, we'll sail until we reach the harbor lights.
All life is but a dream of blue in green.
Although it seems the end draws nearer with each passing day,
we'll always sail this way until we find our home."

Meditation "Choosing Emptiness" Pam Dintaman

BEING FILLED

Scripture

You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,² will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."³ For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler and from the deadly pestilence;⁴ he will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.⁵ You will not fear the terror of the night, or the arrow that flies by day,⁶ or the pestilence that stalks in darkness, or the destruction that wastes at noonday.⁷ A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.⁸ You will only look with your eyes and see the punishment of the wicked.⁹ Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place,¹⁰ no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.¹² On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.¹³ You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.¹⁴ Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.¹⁵ When they call to me, I will answer them; I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.

Psalm 91

Hymn *And I will raise you up* Hymnal #596

Meditation "Receiving Abundance" Pam Dintaman

Confession

Congregational response to confession:

Leader: Seeking God's grace and forgiveness, we call upon the Lord.

All: It is You who makes the desert bloom. It is You, O God, who turns stone to bread. You lead us from emptiness and wilderness to the holy feast of abundance. May we be stewards of your blessing, so that all the world may share in the abundance You pour out among us.

Song *Glory, glory, hallelujah*

Offering/Offertory *Kumbayah* Jazz Musicians

Congregational Sharing and 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?

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Leaders/Planners—Ryan Kauffman, Christy Heatwole, Pam Dintaman
Musicians—Dean Clemmer (bass), Grant Huddle (drums), Latisha Huddle (trombone),
Raj Iyengar (trombone), Ryan Kauffman (saxophone), Jeremy Keim-Shenk (saxophone),
Larry Penner (piano), Daryl Snider (saxophone), Anachie Stayrook (trombone)

Environment—Darlene Walker, Ethan Deane, Marian Good

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Ressler family/Gerald Ressler, Sheela Huddle

2nd Service Greeter/Ushers—Steve Walter/Cheryl Young, Dave Lutz

Childcare

1st Service—Sheela Huddle, Nick Martin

Christian Ed—Tim Shenk, Bonnie Weaver

2nd Service—Tara Culp-Ressler, Rod Houser, Meghan O'Donnell McLane

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 located in the at the rear of the sanctuary.
- 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