

“THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS” a new documentary film that examines the role of forgiveness in alleviating anger and grief, and the physical, mental, and spiritual benefits that accompany forgiveness, will be shown March 19, 7:00 p.m., in Elizabethtown College's Leffler Auditorium. A free-will offering (suggested donation of \$10) will be taken to cover expenses. For more information, call 361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr.

Sunday—March 11

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon—Pam

Worship Leader—Katy Heinzel

Song Leader—Marcy Hostetler

Prelude and Offertory—

Sound Technician—Chris Bowers

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Paul Leatherman/Sheryl Lehman, Dean Brubaker

2nd Service Greeter/Ushers—Audrey Patterson/Dave Lutz, Doug Burkholder

CHILDCARE

1st Service—Luke Good, Susanne Mundok

Christian Ed—Christy Heatwole, Marlene Reiff

2nd Service—Barbara Egan, Linda High, Mary Lou Weaver Houser

Church Calendar

- Mar 6 Worship Committee, 7 p.m.
- 6 Centering Prayer, 3:30 p.m.
- 7 Mennonite Men, 7 p.m.
- 7 Shawl Ministry, 7 p.m.
- 8 Venture Club, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Junior Youth Lock In, 7:30 p.m.
- 18 Congregational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 19 Program Commission, 7 p.m.
- 20 Facility Committee, 7 p.m.
- 23–25 Mennonite Women Retreat
- 26 JAS
- 28 Church Council, 6 p.m.

Church Report

February 25

Attendance: 1st Service, 145; 2nd Service, 160

Offering: General Fund, \$5725

Expanded Spaces Summary—February 25, 2007

Goal: \$190,000

Pledged to date: \$194,038

Received to date: \$153,482

Balance: \$40,557



ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 4, 2007

For week of March 4–March 10, 2007

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—How is God's Spirit moving among us? This is a Sunday to listen to each other and sift through what we've been hearing in our January and February CE hours. After six weeks of looking at healthcare issues and a Sunday calling us to be a Jubilee church, our sermon today is being offered by David Radcliff of the New Community Project on "Following Christ toward a new community of justice, peace and respect for God's earth." Let's take a step back from all of this input and consider: What do we hear God calling us to? How do we find the one thing we are called to do rather than being paralyzed by "too much?" Pam will facilitate the session which will meet in the sanctuary.

SMALL GROUP INTEREST DISCUSSION—The Small Group Committee will be hosting a brief gathering for anyone interested in finding out more about small groups during Christian Education hour this morning. There is no commitment involved. Just come and hear about small groups and consider whether this is the right time for you for this type of involvement. Meet in the Fellowship Room near the kitchen.

SUNDAY LUNCH—creation care, environment and more. Anyone who would like to talk further with David Radcliff, our guest speaker, is invited to meet downstairs by the kitchen after second service. We'll either partake of Saturday night's chili or go out to a restaurant together.

MENNONITE MEN will meet on Wednesday, March 7, 7 p.m., in the church basement. The theme for the evening is "Stories of our Lives." Jay Martin will share his story, and welcomes your attendance and questions. All men of CMCL are welcome.

EASTER CHOIR—Singers young and older are warmly invited to sing in an Easter choir that will practice Sunday mornings before first service. Call time is 7:22 a.m.

KNITTING INTO THE MYSTERY will meet March 7, 7 p.m., at Gladys Horst's home, 827 State Street, Lancaster.

VENTURE CLUB—Thursday, March 8, at the MCC Material Resources Center in Ephrata from 6:30–8 p.m. This promises to be another fun evening of checking school kits and learning about the work of MCC. Contact Andrea Martin, 581-1735, for more information.

JUNIOR YOUTH LOCK-IN—Meet at the church at Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m. The evening will begin with group activities before heading out for glow-in-the-dark bowling, followed by snacks and a movie back at the church. Breakfast at 7:45 a.m. Saturday and parent pickup at 8:30 a.m. Parent Release forms must be completed prior to the event. Forms will be distributed in household mailboxes.

MOM'S GROUP—Mothers of young children are invited to attend the Mom's group on Wednesday, March 14, at Deb Kraybill's home, 1008 Skyline Dr., Lancaster. The coffee will be ready at 9 a.m. Contact Deb at debra_kraybill@yahoo.com or 290-1855 with questions.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MARCH 18—Council is asking members to affirm two proposals that will be brought to the congregation on March 18. 1. A change in the way council members are selected. 2. CMCL becoming a Jubilee Congregation. The full text of the proposals and background information are in your mailboxes this morning. There will be time for discussion on both proposals before a vote is taken at the congregational meeting. You can also find information about these proposals on the CMCL website. Information on the council selection process is under the Forum tab.

MENNONITE MEN RETREAT, APRIL 13–15—Register for men's retreat by sending an email to Leon Kraybill, leon@kraybill.net. New attenders are particularly invited.

NYC MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG responded to the letter signed by many CMCLers in January, calling for positive leadership in the wake of the November 2006 shootings that killed Sean Bell and left two other young men injured. Read the letter on the JAS bulletin board in the coffee lobby.

GRANT STREET BUILDING—Council is looking for several people who will look at ideas coming in for the Grant Street property and consider ways for the congregation to speak to the use of this building. Contact Donna Walton if you have interest. donnawalgb@verizon.net or 291-5458

JUBILEE CONGREGATION—On Easter Sunday morning during the coffee/bagel hour we will have the opportunity to write letters to our guys in Congress urging them to co-sponsor H. Res 888, which calls for immediate and condition-free cancellation of Haiti's debts. In addition, we will ask for a \$1 voluntary donation to support the work of Jubilee USA.

MENNONITE WOMEN—Still time to register online for spring retreat by going to www.communitymennonite.org and following link to Retreat Registration. Hard copies of registration form are on literature table.

ANTI-RACISM GROUP—CMCL's anti-racism interest group will next meet on Sunday, March 11, immediately following the second service, at the Taj Mahal restaurant. We will have time to socialize and to talk about opportunities for reducing racism in our lives, congregation and community. All are welcome. Contact Audrey Patterson, Prem Dick or Kim van Donk with any questions.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO EXPANDED SPACES are overdue. If you have not yet made your contribution, send your check to the church office.

Community/General Mennonite

THE MIRROR—Copies of "The Mirror," newsletter of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, are in your mailboxes. Beth Graybill is executive director of LMHS and Mary Lou Weaver Houser serves on the board.

BLUFFTON UNIVERSITY CHOIR—The traveling choir of Bluffton University will sing at Akron Mennonite Church on Monday, March 5, 7 p.m. The Camerata Singers of Bluffton University will present a worship service of sacred music entitled "Through Faith and Prayer."

LENTEN LUNCHEONS—The Northwest ecumenical ministers cluster presents Lenten luncheons each Friday noon. This Friday, March 9, Covenant United Methodist will host the lunch at 11:30 a.m. Service follows at 12:15 p.m.

CATCH IT WHILE YOU CAN—Just two weeks left to savor international entrees at the Nav Jiwan Tea Room at Ten Thousand Village Ephrata. The Tea Room will close after March 17 for renovation and restructuring, and will re-open later in the spring with a new format, offering fair trade coffees and teas and light fare. Remaining cuisines are Nepal and Ecuador.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY—Thursday, March 8. Celebrate the unquenchable spirit of women all over the world. Women customers who visit Ten Thousand Villages during the month of March will receive a free handmade angel pin crafted from recycled newspaper in Baguio City, the Philippines. Pins available as long as supplies last.

TWO ON FORGIVENESS—On Saturday, March 17, 6:30 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church will host a coffee-house style symposium called "Forgiveness: A Higher Calling." David Weaver-Zercher, Ken Sensenig and Michelle Armster will each speak briefly from their particular perspectives, and address questions from the audience.

TED AND LEE and Jeff Raught will be sharing the Musical Comedy Drama *Live at Jacob's Ladder* at Ridgeview Mennonite Church Friday, March 23 and Saturday March 24, 7 p.m. Contact the church office at 717-768-3143, ridgeviewchurch@frontiernet.net or www.ridgeviewmennonite.net for more details