

Adult Christian Education—10 a.m.

Anabaptist Theology/History—Meets in Sanctuary

What was it, what is it, and what could it be? Speakers will provide instruction on the historical, current and future aspects of where Anabaptists fit in, and global implications of Anabaptism. This class for everyone covers a wide range with interesting and knowledgeable speakers.

Today: Introduction to Anabaptism

Facilitator: Jason Mundok

Presenter: Beth Graybill

Finding Life in Music and Literature—Meets in Sattler Room

This is your time to listen to and share with others music or writings that have personal significance to you. We may hear music or readings of a particular culture, of our childhood, or that which gives us enjoyment. You are welcome to bring your own CD, tape or literature to class.

Facilitator: Monte Garber

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.

This week at CMCL

Tuesday, March 13—Centering Prayer, 3:30 p.m., Sattler Room

Tuesday, March 13—Pastoral Team, 7:30 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

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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

March 11, 2007

Blessed Hunger, Holy Feast

Lent 3

Prelude

Mark and Jordan Rast

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 have seen you in the sanctuary,
and know your power and glory.

People: We will praise you and bless you as long as we live.

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.

Singing

Scripture

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in

joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Isaiah 55: 1-13

Children's time

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

Singing

Offering/Offertory

Mark and Jordan Rast

Scripture

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

Luke 13:6-9

Sermon

Call to Confession

Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!
'Come,' my heart says, 'seek God's face!' your face, Lord, do I seek.
Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

slowly
(cantor)

Words: Jn 6.68

Lord, to whom shall we go?

(all)

Yours are the words of e-ter-nal life.

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Congregational Response:

Leader: In the morning and the evening, we will seek the face of God.

All: Sheltering God, we seek you, for you alone are our Light and Salvation.

When we sense the poverty of our souls, we listen to you.

When darkness moves into our lives, we seek your face.

When fears overcome us and paralyze us, we seek your face.

When our souls hunger for abundant life, we seek your face.

In the morning and the evening, we seek you O God.

Through your compassion, increase our compassion we pray.

My soul is at rest in God a-lone, my sal-va-tion comes from God.

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Congregational 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. We're glad to hear who the visitors are among us. There are cards in the back of the hymnal for visitors as well as any sharing for our e-mail listserve.

Announcements

Benediction

Worship Leader—Katy Heinzel

Song Leader—Marcy Hostetler

Environment—Darlene Walker, Ethan Deane, Marian Good

Sound Technician—Chris Bowers

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Herb Myers/Sheryl Lehman, Dean Brubaker

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

Childcare

1st Service—Luke Good, Susanne Mundok

Christian Ed—Elaine Lapp Esch, Marlene Reiff

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

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 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