

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/future aspects of where Anabaptists fit in, and global aspects of Anabaptism. This is a class for everyone and covers a wide range with interesting and knowledgeable speakers

Today: Global Anabaptism

Facilitator: Pam Dintaman

Presenter: John Lapp

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.

Today: Sharing Gwen Peachey

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

Monday, April 16—JAS, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18—Mennonite Women

Sunday, April 22—Spring Gathering at Darlis Myer home

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

April 15, 2007

Easter 2: The Unfolding Story

Prelude

Octet

Call to Worship and Prayer

Singing

Lift your glad voices

Hymnal #275

Joys are flowing like a river

Hymnal #301

Children's Time

Emily Smucker Beidler

Children age 4 and under may go to childcare.

Activity sheets are available for others through grade five.

Offering/Offertory

Octet

Scripture

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Singing *How firm a foundation* Hymnal #567

Sermon "Set Us Free, O God"

First Service Pam Dintaman, Linda Berger, Phoebe Baum,
 Carmalena Stoltzfus

Second Service Pam Dintaman, Lois Blough, Phoebe Baum, Jack Shope

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God sent Jesus to proclaim love for all people. Yet many of Christ's followers— even us—turned our backs on that message.

People: When we shut ourselves away from the world and from you,

All: Set us free, O God.

Leader: Jesus offered new ways of understanding one another and creating community. Too often we find those things unrealistic.

People: When we shut ourselves away from the world and from you,

All: Set us free, O God.

Leader: Jesus called the disciples to speak out against injustice. They locked themselves in a room, out of fear of what others might do.

People: When we shut ourselves away from the world and from you,

All: Set us free, O God.

Adapted from Seasons of the Spirit worship materials

Singing *New earth, heavens new* Hymnal #299

Reflection 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

Sending Hymn *The Lord lift you up* Songbook #20

Benediction

Worship Leader—Mary Jane Fox

Song Leader—Verna Miller

Octet: Lynn Sommer, Rachel Sommer, Liz Rosenfeld, Rachel Rosenfeld, Julia Schrock Rosenfeld, Mary Lou Weaver Houser, Luke Good, Hans Weaver, Jacob Mack-Boll and Jay Martin

Sound Technician—Ken Kulp

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Ruth M. Martin family/Fern Clemmer, Dennis Clemmer

2nd Service Greeter/Ushers—Laurel Martin/Ruth Martin, Phil Kreider

Childcare

1st Service—Maya deVitry, Marian Good

Christian Ed—Monte Garber, Juji Woodring

2nd Service—Herb Landis, Corey Franz Eby, Louise Ranck

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 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