

Sound Technician—Jim Baldwin  
Environment—Melanie Yoder-Salim and Mary Lou Weaver Houser  
1st Service Greeter—Anne Miller; Ushers—Wayne Lehman, Sheryl Lehman  
2nd Service Greeter—Stephanie Knudsen; Ushers—Phil Kreider, Stephanie Knudsen  
Summer Hospitality (between services)—Hospitality Committee

### Childcare

1st Service—Fern Pellman, Bryan Martin  
2nd Service—Doug Burkholder, Elizabeth Heidebrecht, Jeff Martin

#### *We extend a warm welcome to our visitors.*

- Assisted Listening Devices are located at the rear of the sanctuary.
- Pick up info booklet in foyer to learn more about our faith community.
- Sunday parking is available at Groff Funeral Home, 1 block east.
- Restrooms on lower level near kitchen

### Summer Community Hour—10 a.m.

- **Parrot Café**—coffee/refreshments, newspapers, conversation Fellowship Room  
Childcare area available, not formally staffed
- **Name Tag Art**—Fellowship Room
- **Sacred Space**—silent reflection  
Last room in first floor Christian Ed wing

### This week at CMCL

**Wednesday, Aug 8—Summer Activity, Kids and Moms, 9-11 a.m.**

**Wednesday, Aug 8—Drop In Reflection Hour, 7 p.m. Chad Martin hosting**

### Church Information

**Contact** the church office staff at 392-7567, [cmcl@communitymennonite.org](mailto: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](mailto:dintaman@communitymennonite.org)

**Associate Pastor:** Chad Martin—[chad@communitymennonite.org](mailto:chad@communitymennonite.org)

**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), Gloria Hoelzel (Mon and Thu)

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

**Website:** [www.communitymennonite.org](http://www.communitymennonite.org)

## COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER

328 West Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17603

### *Seeing the Holy in the Ordinary*

August 5, 2007

#### Call to worship

A Reprise of the Ordinary

#### Singing

*We sing to you, O God  
In the rifted rock I'm resting*

STJ #1

Hymnal #526

#### Scripture reading:

Psalm 107: 1-9, 43

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his love endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let the redeemed of the LORD say this—  
those he redeemed from the hand of the foe,

<sup>3</sup>those he gathered from the lands,  
from east and west, from north and south.

<sup>4</sup>Some wandered in desert wastelands,  
finding no way to a city where they could settle.

<sup>5</sup>They were hungry and thirsty,  
and their lives ebbed away.

<sup>6</sup>Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

<sup>7</sup>He led them by a straight way  
to a city where they could settle.

<sup>8</sup>Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love  
and his wonderful deeds for men,

<sup>9</sup>for he satisfies the thirsty  
and fills the hungry with good things.

<sup>43</sup>Whoever is wise, let him heed these things  
and consider the great love of the LORD.

#### Introduction of Theme

#### Offering

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

**Scripture***God's Love for Israel*

Hosea 11: 1-11

- <sup>1</sup>When Israel was a child, I loved her,  
and out of Egypt I called my sons and daughters.
- <sup>2</sup>But the more I called Israel,  
the further they went from me. <sup>1</sup>  
They sacrificed to the Baals  
and they burned incense to images.
- <sup>3</sup>It was I who taught Ephraim to walk,  
taking them by the arms;  
but they did not realize  
it was I who healed them.
- <sup>4</sup>I led them with cords of human kindness,  
with ties of love;  
I lifted the yoke from their neck  
and bent down to feed them.
- <sup>5</sup>"Will they not return to Egypt  
and will not Assyria rule over them  
because they refuse to repent?"
- <sup>6</sup>Swords will flash in their cities,  
will destroy the bars of their gates  
and put an end to their plans.
- <sup>7</sup>My people are determined to turn from me.  
Even if they call to the Most High,  
he will by no means exalt them.
- <sup>8</sup>"How can I give you up, Ephraim?  
How can I hand you over, Israel?  
How can I treat you like Admah?  
How can I make you like Zeboiim?  
My heart is changed within me;  
all my compassion is aroused.
- <sup>9</sup>I will not carry out my fierce anger,  
nor will I turn and devastate Ephraim.  
For I am God, and not man—  
the Holy One among you.  
I will not come in wrath.
- <sup>10</sup>They will follow the LORD;  
he will roar like a lion.  
When he roars,  
his children will come trembling from the west.
- <sup>11</sup>They will come trembling  
like birds from Egypt,  
like doves from Assyria.  
I will settle them in their homes,"  
declares the LORD.

**Sermon**

"Form Us Into A Community"

Pam Dintaman and Emily Smucker Beidler

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

*Hosea 11:3-4***Recent youth/parent conversation summary**

1. A Safe place—where everyone is heard and everyone is brought into the discussion
  - to process what is happening in our daily lives
  - where everyone is invited to contribute and everyone is equal
2. A Place to build community—build positive, grounded, good relationships
  - friendships beyond social, creating a faith-based community
  - place to be known and understood
3. A Place for Faith exploration—safe place to push boundaries in thinking
  - examine a variety of faith experiences and formulate questions
  - place of intellectual challenge, spiritual quest
4. A Place for Connection—with other adults and building intergenerational relationship
  - feeling a part of the larger church, attending church conferences

**Singing***What mercy and divine compassion (verses 1,4)* Hymnal #524**Communion**

The Celebration of the Ordinary

Singing

*Jesus, you have called us*

STJ #70

*Put peace into each other's hands*

STJ #87

**Sharing and Introductions** The Sharing of the Ordinary and the Extraordinary

*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.*

**Announcements****Benediction Song***Jesus, you have called us*

STJ #70

Worship Leader—Leon Kraybill

Song Leader—Louise Ranck