

# Community Mennonite Church

Dec. 14, 2008

## Advent III: The Restoring Face of God

*“Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”*

*Psalm 80:3, 7, 19*

### *We Gather*

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN AND CANDLELIGHTING

*Jennifer Ulrich & Karen Leonard*

*Jay Hartzler*

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

*HWB 178*

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*John Leonard*

LEADER: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

PEOPLE: **Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then it was said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”**

LEADER: The Lord has done great things for us,  
and we rejoiced.

PEOPLE: **Restore our fortunes, O Lord.  
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.**

LEADER: Those who go out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
carrying their sheaves.

SONGS

**Hark! The glad sound!**

*HWB 184*

**O savior, rend the heavens**

*HWB 175*

### *We Hear God's Word*

CHILDREN'S STORY

*Eliot Swartz*

OFFERING OUR FIRSTFRUITS

SONG

**Let the heavens be glad**

*HWB 187*

SCRIPTURE

*J. C. & Alisha Huber*

**Isaiah 61:1-11**

SERMON

*Jennifer Davis Sensenig*

**Advent Rescue!**

### *We Respond to God's Word*

SONG

TESTIMONY

*John Leonard*

SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

*Meg Wightman*

PRAYERS OF CONCERN

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*SJ 101*

PRAYERS OF PRAISE

### *We Are Sent*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

### *Welcome to all visitors!*

- The Church Newsletter is on top of the hymnal racks.
- The ushers have welcome brochures with blue information slips for you to fill out. Please place blue slips in the offering basket.
- Nursery care for age 2 and younger is off the main hallway.
- Join us for Sunday School at 10:30. Children's class offerings are posted on the bulletin board near the women's restroom. Adult Sunday School Offerings:

**Word/Bible Study: The Book of Exodus** (Dean House, Rm 2)

**Young Adult Class** (Dean House, Rm 1)

**Open Window** (Dean House, Rm 4)

**Sunday Bunch** (Room 109)

**Worship/Listening Prayer** (Prayer Room)

**College Student Class** (sanctuary)

**Coffee & Conversation** (Fellowship Hall)

**Dunkin' Donut Men's Group**

**Quilting & Conversation** (coat rack area near Rm 109)

**Walk/Discipleship: Tending the Earth** (Dean House, Rm 3)

TODAY, Dec. 14

Worship at 9:00 AM  
Announcements: John Leonard  
Nursery: Joyce Osborne, Rosemary Good & girls  
Sound: Delbert Wenger  
Welcomers: Sara Hartzler & Wilma Gingerich  
Head Usher: Shelby Hertzler  
Sunday School at 10:30 AM

### CMC ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Tue 6:30 PM Relief Sale Quilting, Rm 109 annex  
Wed 7:00 PM Finance Committee, Dean House  
Thur 7:00 PM Church Council, Rm 109  
Sun 10:30 AM Worship  
Speaker: Meg Wightman  
Worship Leader: John Leonard  
Nursery: Greta & Jonathan Kreider, Alcinda Brubaker  
Sound: Wayne Gehman  
Welcomers: Nicholas & Erika Stoddard  
Head Usher: Bess Moser  
NO Sunday School

### IN OUR BUILDING THIS WEEK

Mon 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rms 109, 202, 204  
Intermediate English, Rm 203  
Wed 6:30 PM Beginning English, Rms 109, 201, 202,  
204  
Intermediate English, Rm 203  
7:00 PM Patchwork Pantry, Kitchen & FH

### WEEKLY LECTIONARY READINGS

Dec 14 Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126;  
I Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

### UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

June 30-July 5, '09 MCUSA Assembly in Columbus, OH  
July 13-19, '09 Mennonite World Conference Assembly in  
Paraguay  
July 23-27, '09 Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly  
Aug. 28-30, '09 Church Retreat at Camp Overlook

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### OUR MISSION

*We the people of Community Mennonite Church  
offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ.  
We strive actively to follow the God of peace  
through our worship, fellowship, and service to  
both the local community and the wider world.*

### Leadership

#### PASTORAL TEAM

Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Lead Pastor  
[cmc\\_jennifer@ntelos.net](mailto:cmc_jennifer@ntelos.net) Tues-Fri 9-4, off Mon  
Meg Wightman, Pastor of Community Life  
[cmc\\_meg@ntelos.net](mailto:cmc_meg@ntelos.net) Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon, Fri 1-3 PM  
Jason Gerlach, Pastor of Youth Ministry  
[youthpastor@ntelos.net](mailto:youthpastor@ntelos.net) Mon, Wed, Thur 9-noon

Tina Beachy, Pastoral Elder  
Paul Longacre, Pastoral Elder

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

Dave Cockley, Council Chair  
Andrea Schrock Wenger, Vice-Chair  
Terry Burkhalter, Administrative Chair  
Brian Martin Burkholder, Community Life Chair  
Jennifer Murch, Youth Chair  
Heidi Winters Vogel, Outreach Chair  
Hedy Reese, Worship Chair

#### CHURCH OFFICE

Sandy McCafferty, Office Coordinator  
*office hrs: Mon-Fri, 9-4:30*

Attendance last Sunday: 316

Offering: \$10,114.85

YTD Budget Comparison: -\$15,134.93