

# Community Mennonite Church

## 12/14/08 Newsweekly

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## 1. Announcements

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 316    **Offering:** \$10,114.85    **Performance to Budget:** +\$3,358.07  
**Performance to Budget YTD:** -\$15,134.93

**New website unveiled!** Be sure to check out the updated CMC website ([www.cmcva.org/online](http://www.cmcva.org/online)) that went live last week. This is just the beginning of many new features for members/attenders, including a revitalized Lending List, in the near future– keep watching for more on that later.

**The Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee** exists to care for the relationship between the pastor(s) and the congregation at Community Mennonite Church (CMC). The PCRC is the primary liaison between pastors and congregation, and meets regularly with both individual pastors and the pastoral team. Any congregation member is encouraged at any time he/she has an affirmation or a concern regarding pastoral leadership to share it with any member of the committee. In addition, every quarter committee members will telephone randomly selected congregation participants over the age of 13, to ask for your feedback. Committee members are Linda Gnagey, Nancy Heisey, Tim Ruebke, and Hugh Stoll.

**Check out the photo collage** on the Nov. 1 "All Saints Day" service on the north wall of the fellowship hall.

**Get to know** those who are newly attending CMC! Check out the New Attenders bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

**Small Group Formation Gathering.** The Small Group Committee senses that at this time there is the potential for the creation of 2 –3 new small groups at CMC. We would like to gather those who might be interested in being part of a new small group (whether you are currently in a small group or not) to join us from 5–6 PM in Rm 109 Sun, Jan 25 to talk about what you would be looking for in a small group, and we'll see what forms from there. (note: this will not be a "meat market" sort of small group shopping experience). Light refreshments will be provided.

**Tending the Earth Sunday School class** will meet in the Dean House Room 3. The College Age class will meet in the back of the sanctuary.

**Today**, Dec 14, between Worship and Sunday School hours, the 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday School class will be selling cookies and breakfast breads to raise money for Mim Yoder's Medical Mission trip.

**I am happy to announce** that we have hired Ker Ferdinand to be our church custodian. Ker's first day is Dec 12. Ker told me that 'if anyone has any suggestions or concerns that they share this information with Sandy in the office or with me (Ker)...' Ker has agreed to work 20-24 hours a week that includes the Dean House. Majid had been with us nearly nine years and we have expressed our appreciation for the many hours and dedication he exemplified during this time. When you see Ker the next time, be sure to congratulate him for his new responsibility.  
~Terry R Burkhalter, Administration Commission

**New Wine, New Wineskins (NWS)** is a strategic visioning process designed to discern God's direction and (re)shape Mennonite Central Committee for the 21st century. Community Mennonite Church is invited to send representatives to contribute to this process. Are you willing to represent CMC in this important work? The NWS process will be held locally Jan 24, 9-4 PM at Eastern Mennonite Seminary's Martin Chapel. Please contact Pastor Jennifer if you are willing to serve in this way.

## **2. This Week (Sun., Dec 14 to Sun., Dec 21)**

**Jr MYF plan update:** Due to the death of Sue Klassen's mother, JrMYF will meet at the church this Sun instead of the Klassen/Zimmerman home. Gather at 5 PM at the church. We'll put together cookie plates with cards for distribution to Patchwork Pantry clients. Then we'll go caroling in the neighborhood and return to church for snacks and a game. Things to bring: 1) your mentor; 2) a plate of homemade cookies or box of purchased cookies. 3. Bring a box or two of powdered laundry soap to bag and donate to Patchwork Pantry. We'll wrap up at 7:30 PM. Questions, contact Andrea Wenger or Harold Shenk.

**Quilting** on CMC Relief Sale Quilt Tue 6:30 PM Rm 109 annex

**Finance Committee** 7 PM Wed, Dean House

**Church Council** 7 PM Thur

## **3. Future Events (Mon., Dec 22 and beyond...)**

### **Venture Club**

#### **JrMYF**

Swimming at VMRC Sun Jan 11, 2-4 PM

#### **MYF**

### **Church-wide**

Wed – Thur Dec 24 & 25 Church office closed

Sun Dec 21 worship at 10:30 AM, no Sunday School

Sun Dec 28 9:30 AM Christmas Breads, worship 10:30 AM, no Sunday School

Sun Jan 4 All-church potluck follows services

Sun, Jan 4 The Community Preschool is inviting you to "Come and See" between Worship and Sunday School. Coffee will be served for you. Did you know that 8 Community Mennonite children attend Community Preschool each week? There are a total of 45 children enrolled in the preschool each week. The three preschool teachers will be introduced during worship.

Tue Jan 13 - Learning Interesting Things (LIT) - Matt Gnagey reflects on serving with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Indonesia & China, respectively. Gather in the home of Louise and Alden Hostetter at 7 p.m. Refreshments provided. LIT gatherings are held generally on the second Tue of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. Brian Martin Burkholder serves as coordinator.

Sun, Jan 18 installation service for Jennifer Davis Sensenig. This is the first date that schedules for everyone involved suits.

## **4. Important Dates to Remember**

Feb 6-8, 2009 VA Conference Assembly at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

June 29-July 4, 2009 MCUSA Assembly at Columbus, OH - See [www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention) <<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention>> for details.

July 14-19, 2009 Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Paraguay - Registration is now open, see [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org) <<http://www.mwc-cmm.org/>>

July 23-27, 2009 Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly – there will NOT be a joint Sunday morning worship service.

Aug 28-30, 2009 All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook