

**Community Mennonite Church**  
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# Community Mennonite Church



## **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.*

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## **CHURCH OFFICE**

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*Office hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 - 4:30*

Attendance last Sunday: 243  
YTD budget = \$423,075  
Difference = (\$111)

Offering last Sunday = \$17,510  
YTD giving = \$422,964

*December 25, 2016*  
*Welcoming Emmanuel – God with us*

## **GATHERING**

Hymn **Morning Star, O cheering sight!**  
*(Blue #214)*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymns **O come, all ye faithful**  
*(Blue #212)*  
**Holy child within the manger**  
*(Purple #28)*

Children's Time

Candle Lighting

Hymn **Angels we have heard on high**  
*(Blue #197)*

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading **Isaiah 52:7-10**

Hymn **Good Christian friends, rejoice**  
*(Blue #210)*

Scripture Reading **Matthew 1:18-25**

Hymn **O little town of Bethlehem**  
*(Blue #191)*

Sermon The Meaning of Christmas

## **RESPONDING IN FAITH**

Hymn **Love came down at Christmas**  
(Blue #208)

Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn **Gloria**  
(Blue #204)

Offertory **'Twas the moon of wintertime**  
(Blue #190)

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

**SENDING**

Benediction

Sending Hymn **Let all together praise our God**  
(Blue #213)

**Service participants:** Jennifer Davis Sensenig, preacher; Matt Carlson, worship leader; Jeremy Nafziger, song leader; Pastor Dayna Olson-Getty, pastoral prayer; Dirk Miller, head usher; Alex Clemens, sound; Hadley and Jan Jenner, greeters; Alisha and J.C. Huber, nursery; Sharon Wyse Miller, prayer companion; and Joan Kauffman, hospitality

#### **ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERINGS**

*For more details, see Sunday School bulletin board in Fellowship Hall*

**The Synoptic Gospels: One Story of Jesus, Three Plots** – Reta Finger (Room #109)

**Faith and Science Narratives and Conversations** – Classes will be held Dec. 4, Dec. 11, Dec. 18, Jan. 8, and Jan. 15. (Room #203 – upstairs in the main church building)

**Exploring Yoga as a Spiritual Practice** – Lisen Reichenbach. Classes will be held on Jan. 15, 22, 29, Feb. 5 and 12 (Icehouse Studio Space)

**MEN'S OFF-CAMPUS FELLOWSHIP** – Hugh Stoll, Nathan Zook Barge, Jim Miller and Ben Wyse (VMRC and other off-campus sites)

**QUILTING AND CONVERSATION** – Martha June Graber (Coat rack area off of the Fellowship Hall)

**(SUNDAY) SCHOOL OF ROCK** – Ben Bailey and Danny King. (834 Grant Street: "Red Front" neighborhood)

#### **Welcome to all guests!**

Please let us know you are here by filling out the blue slip in the Welcome to Worship brochure and placing it in the offering basket.

- ❖ **Worship time:** 9 am (nursery available ages 0-3)
- ❖ **Sunday School** for all ages begins at 10:30 am after worship. See information in the fellowship hall bulletin board or ask an usher
- ❖ **Nursery (ages 0-3):** In the north hallway
- ❖ **Restrooms:** Can be accessed in the north hallway
- ❖ **Activity Bags** (Ages 3 to 6). Hanging at the back of the sanctuary.
- ❖ **Hearing Assistance.** Ask an usher for a device that amplifies our sound system.
- ❖ **In the Fellowship Hall kiosk** you will find visitor information, our newsweekly and welcome brochures.
- ❖ **Mid-week activities for children** include Venture Club (grades 3-5), Jr. Mennonite Youth Fellowship/MYF (grades 6-8) and MYF (grades 9-12) are open to all. Contact the church office at 540-433-2148 or at [cmc\\_office@cmcva.org](mailto:cmc_office@cmcva.org).

#### **Upcoming Events**

- ❖ New Year's Day Worship Service at 10:00am (no Sunday School or Adult Ed.)
- ❖ New Year's Breads to follow Worship Service

#### **Fellowship Time**

- ❖ Prayer companions are available for one-on-one prayer each Sunday following worship in the prayer alcove (at the front left corner of the sanctuary). You may also use the grey insert in your bulletin to record a prayer request and leave it in the prayer box at the back of the sanctuary. Prayer companions and the CMC pastoral team pray for these requests each week.

*CMC follows Safe Church practices.*