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**CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, January 8, 2023**

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## Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

### WINTER WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

Masks are optional for worship services and Christian Education.

FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 2 Y/O - 10:00 a.m.

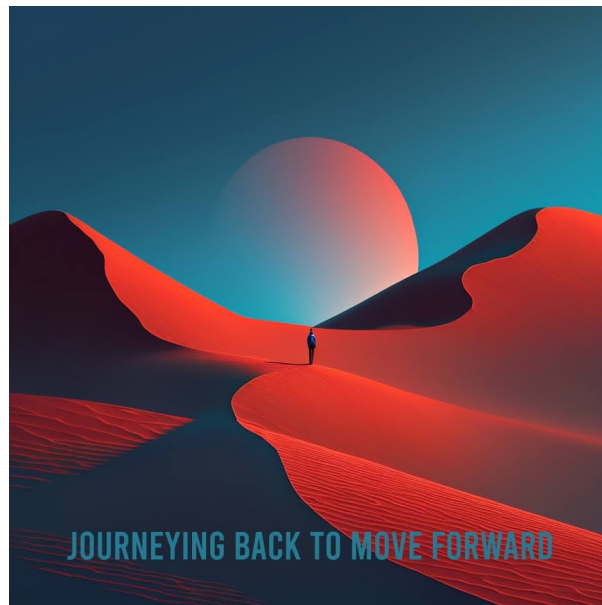
SECOND SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.

## This Week -

### **LAST CALL – SUBMISSIONS NEEDED BY 1/11/23!! SHARE YOUR REFLECTIONS ON SANKOFA—**

You are invited to reflect on what you have learned and what you will take with you going forward. Consider the books, discussions, Church Retreat, Rev. Naomi's Christian Ed series, the trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture, personal experiences and/or sermons.

Please post images, quotes, doodles, videos, a picture of a scrapbook page, and other materials that capture what you have gained on your Sankofa journey. Click on this link to upload your content: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QVKkG2vScWNFWAMA7>. CLICK "Add photo" to add a photo or pre-recorded video. These will be used as a part of the congregational response during worship on January 15 when we welcome Susan and her family back from sabbatical.



**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BE INVOLVED WITH WORSHIP IN THE NEW YEAR?—** If you've thought, "I could do that!" Or, "I wish I could do that." Then we're looking for you!! There are many ways that you can contribute ... and we need people to help make each service happen – many hands make light work! We will help you get started.

1. **Worship Leading** – if you would like to know how a service is created, this is a sure way to find out! If you are interested, or just want more information, contact Diane Umble at [diane.umble@gmail.com](mailto:diane.umble@gmail.com).
2. **Song Leading** – if you like to sing (and can carry a tune and keep a beat), contact Faith Cowell at [reistcowell@comcast.net](mailto:reistcowell@comcast.net) to learn what is involved.
3. **Children's Time** – if you like to tell stories and/or are a child at heart, maybe telling or reading a story for children's time during second service is where your heart leads. Contact Dan Laubach at [dan.laubach711@gmail.com](mailto:dan.laubach711@gmail.com) for more information.
4. **Ushers & Greeters** – if you are someone who enjoys greeting and learning about the people who come into our sanctuary, maybe being an usher or greeter is for you. Contact Carolyn Weaver at [carolynweaver60@comcast.net](mailto:carolynweaver60@comcast.net) or Ken Beam at [kebe46@comcast.net](mailto:kebe46@comcast.net)
5. **Sound and Zoom Technicians** – if you enjoy technology, then your talents are welcome. Contact Daryl Snider at [Daryl.snider@gmail.com](mailto:Daryl.snider@gmail.com) or Drew Brubaker at [drewbrubaker@gmail.com](mailto:drewbrubaker@gmail.com).
6. **Communion Volunteers** – if you would enjoy organizing communion elements once a month, contact Diane Umble, [diane.umble@gmail.com](mailto:diane.umble@gmail.com).

From the Worship Committee

**CMCL MENNO WOMEN— Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7-9PM**

Menno Women - Bring gently used items to a clothing swap next Wednesday, January 11, 7-9PM at the Parrot Gallery! The idea is to get rid of items from your closet that you no longer use (only items in good shape, please), and adopt items that are new to you! Anything "unadopted" will be donated to benefit others. Cash donations are also encouraged (suggested \$10 but any amount is welcome) and will go to Church World Service to help settle new immigrants. We could use about 6 people to help set up and organize things on Wednesday. If you can help, please let me know, and plan to arrive at 6:00 on Wednesday. Also, Renee and I are planning to be at CMCL this Friday afternoon, where we'll be working on figuring out logistics, so if you can come, please let me know. Thanks! Zita Angelo, [zita.angelo712@gmail.com](mailto:zita.angelo712@gmail.com), 717-951-5152

**LOOKING FOR A RIDE—** Lois Lehman is looking for a ride to Scottsdale to visit her 90-year-old sister and a brother in the next few weeks. If someone goes to a gathering at Laurelville, she would be very happy to get a ride. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION, JANUARY 14—** In conjunction with our neighbor,

Covenant United Methodist Church at [110 N. Mulberry Street](#), we are in need of volunteers to help in distribution of food boxes on the second Saturday of every month. **January 14** is our next time slot. Volunteers should arrive at 9:30 a.m. to assist with unloading the truck as well as loading boxes into individual cars starting at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Beth Crosby or Frank Carano to volunteer. Thank you. [Beth.Crosby74@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Crosby74@gmail.com) and [Fdcarano@gmail.com](mailto:Fdcarano@gmail.com), Peace & Justice Committee

**SURVEY ABOUT REPARATIONS ACTION FUND PROPOSAL**— Council invites your input and questions about this proposal. **Please complete [this congregational survey](#)**. Deadline extended through the weekend. Your thoughts and clarifying questions will help us plan and better focus our congregational conversation times in January and February. Thank you!

**KEY/FOB UPDATE**— A number of FOBs are currently in circulation that are not identified with an authorized user. These FOBs are being disabled. If you discover that a FOB you have been using does not work, contact the church office to have the FOB associated with your name re-enabled.

**CMCL ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY**— According to ChurchTrac, there will no longer be a separate online photo directory on the CMCL website. The photos are now included in the Online Directory. However, each person will have to log in to Church Connect and allow their photo to be displayed. When an individual is listed on the Online Directory, only their name, and the names of their immediate family members (with the exception of children), will be listed. Members must then individually opt into the Online Directory through Church Connect for any of their information to be visible, including their family photo. Members have the ability to choose what information they want to share on the Online Directory. <https://www.churchtrac.com/support/connect/online-directory-overview>

- Login to the online directory at <https://cmcl.churchtrac.com/directory>
- In the upper LH corner of your “My Profile” page which opens upon your successful login, click on the three horizontal lines to open the drop down menu
- From the drop down menu, click on “Online Directory”
- At the top of the “Online Directory” page, click on the link “Manage what information I share with others”
- From the menu which appears, one can turn off or on what information you want others to be able to see in the online directory. If you want to share the photo which used to appear in CMCL’s prior online photo directory, move the slider to the right

**NOTICE RE: OFFICE HOURS**— The church office will now regularly be open on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by appointment. Thank you for your patience while we are looking for a new office coordinator. - *Staff Relations Committee*

**OFFICE UPDATE**— Donna's last official day as Interim Office Coordinator is Friday, January 6.

**PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE IS ON SABBATICAL LEAVE FROM OCT 10 - JAN 10**— During her absence, Pam Brubaker, M.Div. will be supplementing pastoral care, alongside Pastoral staff and Pastoral Team. NOTE: Pam works at Lancaster General as a chaplain; her usual days with CMCL will be Thursdays and Fridays.

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**GRANT STREET BUILDING UPDATE**  
**Next workday is January 14!**

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**GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAY—** The ad hoc Grant Street Construction Committee will have another workday on Saturday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking for folks with the ability to lift 50+ pounds and know how to use a hammer or a broom. Gloves/dust masks/eye protection are recommended (depending on number of volunteers some supplies will be available at the site), a hammer and tool belt are optional but very helpful. We will continue to focus on framing interior walls, installing new windows and general cleanup (but subject to change). If interested or would like more information or have questions please reach out to any of us on the committee. – Steve Walter-Text/Call 717.823.7570 (on behalf of the rest of the committee), Don Stoltzfus, Kelvin Mack Boll, Lynn Bergey.

P.S. If there is interest to help during the week, please contact me as well. There is a smaller group (primarily Don and Lynn) working during the week and would welcome any help.

New door opening cut through brick at top of access ramp located off parking lot at rear of building.





## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Age 20 something to 40

Age 41–55

#### Wintering

#### ***Bringing in the New Year***

#### **January 8—*Sankofa and Other Words for the New Year***

Sankofa and Other Words for the New Year: an exploration of words to accompany us into 2023, through music and poetry.

Ellen Kanagy, presenter

**January 15—***Wintering, The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*

We will end our Christian Ed series looking at the practice of Wintering, drawing from Katherine May's book titled *Wintering, The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* and other resources. We will be invited to reflect on what this season of darkness and dormancy has to teach us, and what wisdom we might draw from this for our lives.  
Pam Brubaker, presenter

**Coming Soon**

January 22, 29, February 5, 12

**Getting to Know You**

One of CMCL's five-year goals is to provide a fun nurturing environment where diverse people can connect around a shared vision and deepen healthy, caring, and mutual intergenerational relationships.

Adult Christian Education Committee is crafting a four Sunday series with this goal in mind, focusing on learning more about each other in a fun and possibly unconventional way. Twelve people or couples (three each Sunday) will share something about themselves: interesting hobbies, reflections on career(s), learnings or experiences from travel or simply something about themselves that they would like to talk about. Expect surprises.

**PASTORAL INFORMATION:**

**PASTORAL CARE  
JANUARY 6**  
- Pam Brubaker

**JANUARY 7-8**  
- Pastor Leslie

**PRAYER CONCERNS—** Email  
Pastor Leslie with your prayer  
concerns  
[leslie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:leslie@communitymennonite.org)

**Church Report**

**December 25—**  
**Attendance:** 27  
**Zoom:** 14

**January 1—**  
**Attendance:** 73  
**Zoom:** 14

**COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE**

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD INSECURITY RESEARCH—**

Central PA Food Bank, the largest food bank in Pennsylvania, is undertaking a year-long research project to better understand food insecurity in Lancaster County. This research will help us see where resources are already and where additional resources are needed. By talking directly to food pantry clients, we will learn what is working well and what clients would like to see improved.

Volunteers will work alongside Central PA Food Bank employees to ask survey questions to willing participants at food pantries.

#### **Volunteers needed!**

Jan 11: 11am - 5:30pm (New Holland)

Jan 11: 2 - 6pm (Lancaster City)

Jan 13: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)

Jan 19: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)

Jan 19: 10am - 12pm (New Holland)

Jan 20: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)

Jan 23: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)

Jan 25: 2 - 6pm (Lancaster City)

[Click here to offer to volunteer](#)



**BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG FESTIVAL, JANUARY 7**—If you're available and interested, come see the spectacular "Boar's Head and Yule Log Festival", a medieval epiphany pageant that I'm dancing in this Saturday! 1:00 (sold out), 4:00, and 7:00 shows will be held at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Lafayette Hill (about 15 minutes off of exit 333 on the PA Turnpike). It's quite an experience, bunch of bagpipers! Shows run about 1 hour. Here's more information: <https://www.stpeterslafayettehill.org/boars-head> Happy Epiphany!  
Zita Angelo [zita.angelo712@gmail.com](mailto:zita.angelo712@gmail.com) 717-951-5152

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL FREE PERFORMANCE AT LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ON JANUARY 7**—Get your [free tickets now](#) for BLACK NATIVITY: A Holiday Gospel Celebration at 3:00pm Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Lancaster Seminary's Santee Chapel. Seating is limited. Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/488007021137>.

The famous Christian nativity story turned into an inspirational musical by Langston Hughes features an all-



African-American cast. This professional production of the Erie Theater Company is co-produced by Lancaster Seminary graduates Dominique Denman and Kellie Turner. Don't miss this celebration of faith and resiliency! A free-will donation will go to the Seminary's Nathan Baxter Fund for African American Studies.

### LA LALUNA WOMEN'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE, JANUARY 8—



LaLaLuna women's vocal ensemble presents a free concert of holiday music for Epiphany on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church ([432 E Chestnut St, Lancaster 17602](https://www.mennonitecentral.org/locations/east-chestnut-street-mennonite-church)). Parking is available in the lot behind the church. NOTE: Please bring one or more items for hygiene kits:

- \* Toothbrush: individually packaged adult-size
- \* Bath soap bar: large, wrapped
- \* Nail clipper: high quality
- \* Hand towel : medium weight in dark or bright colors
- \* Comb: wide-toothed
- \* Cash donations also accepted
- \* You may stay after the concert to help assemble the kits, which are distributed by Mennonite Central \* Committee wherever there is need in the world.

### YWCA RACIAL EQUITY INSTITUTE TRAINING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 12-13—

You are invited to the YWCA Lancaster's next Racial Equity Institute on Thursday January 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday January 13<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 4pm each day. **A catered lunch is provided both days** and registration is just a **suggested donation of \$15-25!** An amazing team of folks who are advocates and leaders in our community will lead us in conversations around equity, liberation, and accountability. We ask that folks who are interested in attending are able to attend at least 75% of the training in total and that if they have to miss anything, that it only be a morning or afternoon of one of the training days. I hope you or someone you know can kick off the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend celebrations with this opportunity for education and community building. Visit the link below to register before Friday, January 6th! Please feel free to reach out with any questions. <https://ywcalancaaster.org/events/racial-equity-institute-2/> Thanks and have a happy new year! **Tess Feiler**, Equity Training Coordinator, Center for Racial & Gender Equity

**THINKING ABOUT SEMINARY?—**Join us for a **Seminary Preview Webinar** online on **Wednesday, Jan. 18, 8–8:45 p.m. EST**, and get a glimpse of what Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary has to offer — whether you want to study at a distance or on our campus in Elkhart, Indiana. Areas of study at AMBS include pastoral ministry, chaplaincy, Christian formation, peacebuilding, Anabaptist theology, environmental sustainability leadership and more. Register online (no cost): [amb.edu/preview](https://amb.edu/preview)

**MENNONITE ARTS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023—**Mennonite Arts Weekend will take place in Cincinnati Ohio. Pamphlets are on the shelves by the mailboxes and a poster is on the bulletin board. *Girl Named Tom* will be among the musicians this year. Go to <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/2023maw/> for the list of presenters and registration, location, and lodging information. Questions? See Renee King, Lynn Sommer or Mary Lou Weaver Houser.

*Come celebrate artists at Mennonite Arts Weekend on Feb. 3-5, 2023. There will be presentations, workshops,*

children's activities, and a concert by Girl Named Tom.

**EVERENCE STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY**—On **Saturday, March 18, 2023**, Everence Financial® Central Penn will host a new half-day Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Join us for a Stewardship University that's Rooted in faith. Reimagined for the future. Courses will explore subjects ranging from financial wellness (budgeting, women and finances, simple living, and legacy planning) to community impact (cultivating community resources and churches helping address the housing crisis) and more. Discounted rate through Feb. 9. For information or to register, visit [everence.com/StewU](https://everence.com/StewU). Questions? Contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto:lynette.morales@everence.com)

## CLASSIFIEDS

**COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER** invites applicants for a position of Office Coordinator (.625 FTE/25 hours weekly). This position requires someone who is self-directed, can work with minimal supervision, can work for and with multiple clergy and lay leaders, and can balance multiple time and deadline demands. Previous experience in a similar position desirable. Primary responsibilities include administrative support for communications, facilities management, technology, and general clerical support for pastoral staff. Health, retirement and other benefits included. For more information, including a full job description, or to express interest, please contact [src@communitymennonite.org](mailto:src@communitymennonite.org).

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