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**MENNONITE WOMEN EVENTS**— Mennonite Women's group is planning a year of monthly activities for 2022-2023. We would like to hold some of the activities in someone's home rather than using the church facility. On December 7 we would like to gather to discuss "Books We Love". *Is there anyone who would host this event?* Refreshments will be brought by participants. Contact Carolyn Dries at 610-310-0460 via call or text if you are interested.

**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*

**PARENTS OF BABIES IN THE NURSERY THROUGH GRADE 8**— AHHHH--It's that time of year for forms, registrations, general paperwork. Well, it's happening at CMCL, as well. According to the safety policy adopted in 2017 (it's up for revision soon) children must be registered for CMCL programs every year. Please fill out the registration form and turn it in to Marilou Adams.

## Registration Form

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### **Adult Christian Education is back starting September 11!**

##### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Before COVID, we were meeting in peer groups with the goal of focusing on connecting and exploring our spiritual journeys through this life. Two groups, ages 20 something to 40, and ages 41–55, have requested a continuation. We will meet September 11, 18, and October 2, pause for the Sankofa Christian Ed series, and resume November 20th. Age ranges are suggestions. You're welcome to join where you'd like.

Age 20 something to 40: Location to be announced

Age 41–55: Location to be announced

#### **TED TALK AND DISCUSSION SERIES**

Join us as we watch selected Ted Talks. Each Sunday a different panel of respondents will share their reactions following the talk, then open the conversation for further discussion.

##### **September 11—How Trees Talk to Each Other**

"A forest is much more than what you see," says ecologist Suzanne Simard. Her 30 years of research in Canadian forests have led to an astounding discovery—trees talk, often and over vast distances. Learn more about the harmonious yet complicated social lives of trees and prepare to see the natural world with new eyes.

Facilitator: Rod Houser

Respondents: Maren Morgan, Monte Garber/Marcy Hostettler, Ken Kulp

##### **September 18—On Being with Krista Tippett, John O'Donohue—The Inner Landscape of Beauty**

Beauty isn't all about just nice loveliness. Beauty is about more rounded, substantial becoming. So I think beauty in that sense is about an emerging fullness, a greater

sense of grace and elegance, a deeper sense of depth, and a kind of homecoming for the enriched memory of your unfolding life.

Facilitator: Marcia Towers

**October 2—I Grew Up in the Westboro Baptist Church. Here's Why I Left: Megan Phelps-Roper**

"What's it like to grow up within a group of people who exult in demonizing ... everyone else?" Megan Phelps-Roper shares details of life inside America's most controversial church and describes how conversations on Twitter were key to her decision to leave it. In this extraordinary talk, she shares her personal experience of extreme polarization, along with some sharp ways we can learn to successfully engage across ideological lines.

Facilitator: Sarah Fritz

**SANKOFA SABBATICAL SERIES**

**October 9–November 13**

As part of our fall of Sankofa reflection, Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart will be preaching on Sunday, October 9, and leading a series of education sessions on "The End of White Christian America," based on a course she has taught through The Alternative Seminary. A troubling reality in America is that white supremacy is grounded in Christian history, texts, ideas, and institutions. Is Christian faith possible apart from anti-Blackness? We will explore this question and more as we contemplate the end of White Christian America and what that would mean to the liberation of all.

Rev. Naomi Washington-Leapheart is a Black-queer church girl, preacher, teacher, and activist. She develops spaces of spiritual candor, disruption, reflection, transformation, and action. Rev. Naomi is an adjunct professor of theology and religious studies at Villanova University and is the founder of Salt | Yeast | Light.

**DRC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**Solidarity: You must do what you can't *not* do.**

From **The Land is Not Empty** by Sarah Augustine (pages 169-170)

Alan Paton, a white South African who devoted his life to dismantling apartheid in his own country, describes the process of changing position in his book *Cry the Beloved*

**Country.**

*I shall no longer ask myself if this or that is expedient, but only if it is right. I shall do this, not because I am noble or unselfish, but because life slips away, and because I need for the rest of my journey a star that will not play false to me, a compass that will not lie. I shall do this not because I am a hater of my own, but because I cannot find it in me to do anything else. I am lost when I balance this against that, I am lost when I ask if this is safe, I am lost when I ask if men will approve. Therefore, I shall try to do what is right, and to speak what is true.*

*I do this not because I am courageous or honest, but because it is the only way to end the conflict of my deepest soul. I do it because I am no longer able to aspire to the highest with one part of myself, and to deny it with another. I do not wish to live like that, I would rather die than live like that.*

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Put **October 29, 2022**, on your calendar. This is the day we will take a bus to DC to visit the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Stay tuned for more details!

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<https://www.witf.org/2022/08/23/lancaster-city-10-year-old-and-his-mom-host-an-art-show-for-good-cause/>

Please come and support this important event and cause. If you are unable to attend the event but would like to make a donation, click on the link below. You may also make a donation in honor of a participating artist and they will receive a certificate and Stroopie from the Lancaster Sweet Shoppe. <https://gofund.me/44fe9d09> Any questions, please contact Lauren Sophia Kreider at 610-416-9391 or [kreiderlauren@gmail.com](mailto:kreiderlauren@gmail.com)



### LABOR DAY AUCTION TO BENEFIT HOSPICE & COMMUNITY CARE— Sept. 3 & 5

Solanco Fairgrounds. Eat. Bid. Repeat. Free Parking & Admission. Treat yourself to a fun-filled weekend with vintage finds, a 2022 Ford Mustang raffle, delicious treats and thousands of auction items. Discover why Hospice & Community Care's Labor Day Auction is the place be! Proceeds support hospice and palliative care and bereavement services for patients and families in our care. **For more information, visit <https://www.labordayauction.org>.**

**ONE WORK FESTIVAL LANCASTER**—Celebrating the heritage and flavors of our culturally diverse county--  
<http://oneworldfestivallancaster.org>. Date: Sunday, September 11. Time: 11:30am - 6:30pm. Venue: Franklin & Marshall College, Alumni Sports & Fitness Center, [929 Harrisburg Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17604](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-world-festival-tickets-350601968927). Cost: Free admission, though registration is requested at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/one-world-festival-tickets-350601968927>

**BRIDGE OF HOPE IS FLOURISHING IN LANCASTER COUNTY!**—In September 2019, Bridge of Hope Lancaster restructured and relaunched. Now, in response to the rapidly increasing calls from families facing homelessness in our community, we recently hired additional staff. We outgrew our previous office space and have found a new home at Liberty Place. Please join us to celebrate God's abundance and hear more about our plans going forward. We can't imagine this celebration without you!

Please join us!

Wednesday, Sept. 14, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. (drop in) with 4:00 prayer of dedication.

Liberty Place: [313 W. Liberty Street, Suite 114](#)

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Parking is available in the lot, directly across the street from the front entrance (no permit required)

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To register, to learn more about our sponsorship opportunities or donate please visit:

<https://birdease.com/themixlegacygolfouting>

Sincerely,

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