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CMCL — CORRECTED Announcements for Sunday, July 17, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

SUMMER WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

We return to our one-service schedule for June, July and August:
10:00 a.m. in-person and Zoom.

Masks are **required** for worship in the sanctuary,
but **optional** in the Parrot Gallery during fellowship time.

This Week -

CHURCH BUDGET UPDATE - THIS YEAR + LOOKING AHEAD— Thank you to all those who have supported the inward/outward life of this community so far this budget year.

Year-to-date, we do need to let you know that total offerings to the general fund are down when compared to previous years. (See summary and chart below.) There are likely a number of reasons for this—from the pandemic to other fundraising at the same time. We understand that there are many worthy causes to support, and we also truly appreciate your giving in support of CMCL's core ministries.

The good news is that our expenses are also slightly lower this year so that we currently have a small year-to-date surplus. In July, however, there are several large payments coming due—including insurances, real estate taxes and our planned giving to church-wide agencies. We are asking for your help in two ways:

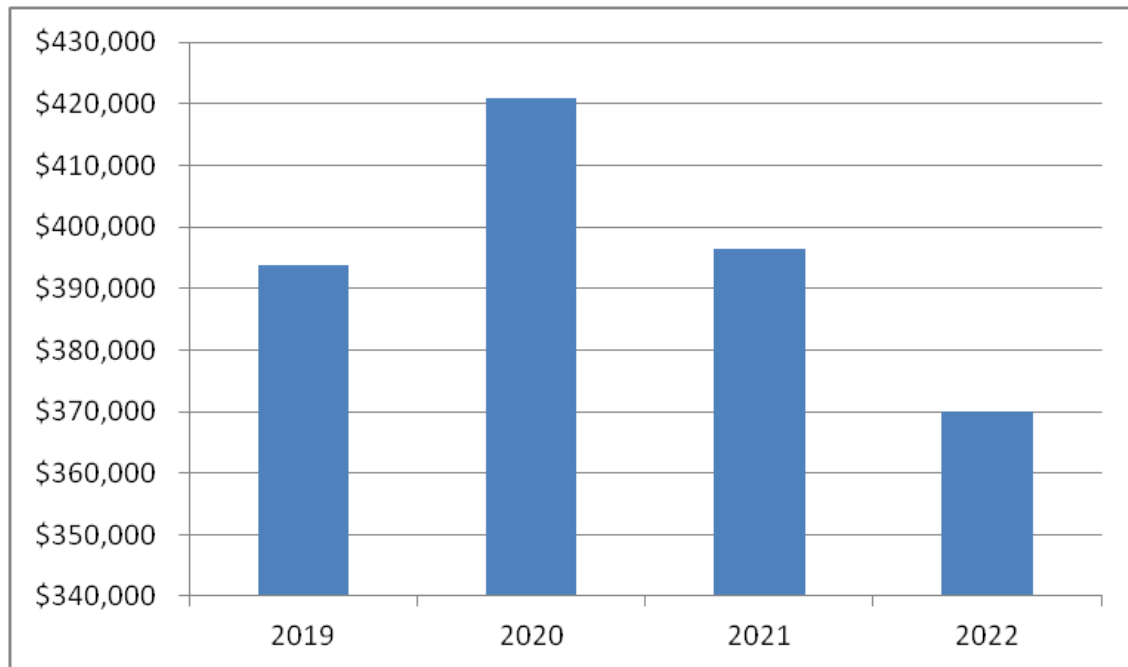
- To finish this year at a breakeven point, we estimate needing an additional \$100,000 in offerings by [August 31](#). Please consider this as you continue to support the life and outreach efforts of CMCL.
- As you can imagine, it is difficult to plan for our 2022-2023 budget with a decline in offerings. If you have not done so yet, please send your projected giving for next year to giving@communitymennonite.org. Thank you!

With gratitude,

Finance Committee - Larry Groff (Treasurer), Zack Stoltzfus (Assistant Treasurer), Leon Miller, Leslie Homer-Cattell (Administrative Pastor)

The past four year's offering totals as of June 30th:

2019	2020	2021	2022
\$393,832	\$420,884	\$396,417	\$370,110



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU— THANK YOU to all the friends and families of LMS students who supported the CMCL/LMS Church Partnership Fund. This fund enables 12 CMCL students to qualify for \$1000 of financial support to attend LMS in the coming year. The gift deadline for 2022-23 is July 15, so if you still want to contribute, make your gift to CMCL and put *CMCL/LMS Church Partnership* in the memo line. Any dollars beyond this year's goal will be applied to next year's need. *Diane Umble, Coordinator*

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTIAN ED THIS SUMMER— Bring your kids for a limited series of classes on Worship for all school age children (k-12). These classes will be held on the middle Sundays in **July (10, 17, 24) right after our morning worship services**. They will be interactive and about 45 minutes long, meeting in the sanctuary. These classes are multiage, and older children are encouraged to come. Contact marilou@communitymennonite.org with questions.

THE SMALL GROUP COMMITTEE— is looking for folks who are willing to facilitate affinity groups this fall. Groups typically meet once a month and are a great way to bring folks together who have common interests. If you have an idea for a group and would like to facilitate it, please complete this form: [Affinity Group Facilitators Fall 2022](#). If you already facilitate a group and would like to continue, let us know on this form too! Please direct any questions to Lori Bergey at loribergey@comcast.net.

SENIOR YOUTH "WEEK OF GIVING BACK" SERVICE WEEK— is just around the corner, on July 17-22. During our week we will be serving with many local organizations in an effort to give back to our church, our community and our world. Small Groups are invited to consider providing dinner to the

youth group, an opportunity for you to have fellowship as a group while also getting to know our amazing teens! Follow [THIS LINK](#) to a Sign-Up Genius. *Not a cook but still want to help out?* Follow [THIS LINK](#) for a sign-up for general supplies/snacks needed for the week. All items can be dropped off at the church office or in the bin outside of Amanda's office. THANK YOU for always supporting your incredible Senior Youth!

ANOTHER INVITATION FROM SENIOR YOUTH— During our *Week of Giving Back* we are planning a community "Free Yard Sale" but need items to make it happen! This is your chance to declutter your home while also providing a loving act of service to our CMCL neighbors. Small items can be dropped off at any time in the Gathering Place (in/around the Senior Youth sofas). Larger items can be dropped off on Friday, July 22 between 12-3pm. Contact Pastor Amanda with any questions, amanda@communitymennonite.org.

NOTICE RE: NEW 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*

DRC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

Last Chance to Sign Up! One of the results from many of our discussion groups was an interest in another book study. CMCL has begun a collaboration with Landisville, Blossom Hill and East Chestnut Street Mennonite Churches as we work on dismantling racism. The four congregations will join in the book studies.

We are offering three books. (If you have another one you want to lead, let us know!) A brief summary of the books follows. Choose the book you want to read and contact the person leading the book study. Each group of readers will choose when and where they meet, etc. When we have completed our three books we will have a Book Report Day and come together to talk a bit about the books and, of course, have some food! There is no pressure of when we need to be finished. That is up to the groups.

The books we are reading are:

Healing Haunted Histories by Elaine Enns and Ched Myers led by Susan Gascho-Cooke susan@communitymennonite.org

From Google Books: "Healing Haunted Histories" tackles the oldest and deepest injustices on the North American continent. Violations which inhabit every intersection of settler and Indigenous worlds, past and present. Wounds inextricably woven into the fabric of our personal and political lives. And it argues we can heal those wounds through the inward and outward journey of decolonization.

The Land is Not Empty by Sarah Augustine led by Adam Miller amiller1214@gmail.com

From Google Books: White settlers saw land for the taking. They failed to consider the perspective of the people already here. "The Land Is Not Empty" unpacks the harm of the Doctrine of Discovery—a set of laws rooted in the fifteenth century that gave Christian governments the moral and legal right to seize lands they "discovered" despite those lands already being populated by indigenous peoples. Legitimized by the church and justified by a misreading of Scripture, the Doctrine of Discovery says a land can be considered "empty" and therefore free for the taking if inhabited by "heathens, pagans, and infidels."

In this prophetic book, Augustine, a Pueblo woman, reframes the colonization of North America as she investigates ways that the Doctrine of Discovery continues to devastate indigenous cultures, and even the planet itself, as it justifies exploitation of both natural resources and people. This is a powerful call to reckon with the root causes of a legacy that continues to have devastating effects on indigenous peoples around the globe and a call to recognize how all of our lives and our choices are interwoven.

What was done in the name of Christ must be undone in the name of Christ, the author claims. The good news of Jesus means there is still hope for the righting of wrongs. Right relationship with God, others, and the earth requires no less.

Three Mothers: How the Mothers of Martin Luther King, Jr., Malcolm X and James Baldwin Shaped a Nation by Anna Melaka Tubbs led by Elizabeth Nissley and Marty Kelley egnissley@gmail.com, martykelley4plus@gmail.com

The mothers of these three notable leaders passed their knowledge to their children with the hope of helping them to survive in a society that would deny their humanity from the very beginning--from Louise

teaching her children about their activist roots, to Berdis encouraging James to express himself through writing, to Alberta basing all of her lessons in faith and social justice. These women used their strength and motherhood to push their children toward greatness, all with a conviction that every human being deserves dignity and respect despite the rampant discrimination they faced.

These three mothers taught resistance and a fundamental belief in the worth of Black people to their sons, even when these beliefs flew in the face of America's racist practices and led to ramifications for all three families' safety. The fight for equal justice and dignity came above all else for the three mothers.

These women, their similarities and differences, as individuals and as mothers, represent a piece of history left untold and a celebration of Black motherhood long overdue.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE JULY 16-17

Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke will be on call for Pastoral Care.

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email Pastor Susan with your prayer concerns. She will be sending out the Sharing Time email this coming week.

susan@communitymennonite.org

Church Report

June 26—

Attendance: Zoom only
General Fund: \$7,005.00
MOOS: \$2,040.00

July 3—

Attendance: 86
General Fund: \$15,200.00
MOOS: \$700.00

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

EVERENCE CLIENT APPRECIATION NIGHT AT THE LONG'S PARK SUMMER MUSIC SERIES, SUNDAY JULY 17—You and your immediate household members are invited to this evening of music, ice cream, fellowship and door prizes. Long's Park, [1441 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster](#). Questions? Email centralpenn@everence.com. Thank you for being an Everence client!

6 p.m. ice cream service begins

Long's Park Pavilion #2

We will also collect names for door prizes!

7:30 p.m. concert

A Night on Broadway with the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra

Please bring your own chairs or blankets to watch the concert in the park.

NATURE PRESERVE: AN INVITATION & INFORMATION—As a congregation partnering with Akron Mennonite Church and the nature preserve/cemetery, we want to extend an invitation to persons of your congregation to a nature preserve blessing event Sunday, July 31 3:00-3:30 PM. Plans are to begin the excavation August 1 and we welcome other churches and the community to this blessing ceremony. The Nature Preserve with trees, walking paths, flowering meadow, and rain garden in the 4-acre plot of grassland adjacent to the church will be created for you and the broader community to enjoy.

John Weber, Nature Preserve Committee

To learn more about the project go to <https://www.akronmench.org> and look for the Nature Preserve tab.



CALL FOR QUILTS, TAPESTRIES, WALL HANGINGS!— If you have a piece of large, vibrantly colored fabric artistry that you'd be willing to lend, I'm collecting pieces to be displayed in the large Dance Hall (the Old Main building at the York Expo Center) for use during the Susquehanna Folk Festival, on August 12–14. My objective is to create a more cozy visual atmosphere, as well as to enhance the sound quality in the room. If you have one or more items to lend, please be sure to securely attach an index card on the back of each piece with your name and phone number, so it will get back to you safely. I'll need to collect pieces by Wednesday, Aug 10. I'm excited to see what might be available for this project - thank you in advance! Zita Angelo zita.angelo712@gmail.com 717-951-5152

HELP FOOD INSECURE NEIGHBORS—We have received a request from the *Food Hub* for the items listed below. The mission of the Food Hub is "Neighbors feeding families and individuals throughout Lancaster County." To help with this cause, please place items in the bin labeled "Food Hub" under the mailboxes.

These are the items for which the *Food Hub* struggles to have enough:

- Peanut butter
- Juice (100% 64 oz)
- Shelf-stable ready to eat meals (Like spaghetti's, ravioli, etc.
- Pull top preferred but not required.)
- Canned vegetables (low or no salt preferred, but not required.)
- Brown rice
- Whole wheat pasta

Non food Items:

- Underwear
- Socks
- Men's clothing & shoes (all sizes)
- Women's clothing & shoes
- Boys and girls juniors
- We always need laundry detergent (the 30-40 oz containers)

BOOK FROLIC—The annual book sale, held at *Mennonite Life* (formerly Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society) will be held on September 15-17. They are looking for volunteers to help with set up or teardown. Much of the set up work will be done on September 14. Food and refreshments will be provided to all volunteers. If interested, please contact Kevin Bradford at 717-393-9745.

MENNO SNAPSHOTS—At the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Gwen Gustafson-Zook walked into a yarn shop and came to the realization that knitting would be the key to getting her through this difficult season. See how she uses knitting as a spiritual practice in her Menno Snapshots blog, “Stitch by stitch: Knitting as a spiritual practice.” mennoniteusa.org/knitting-spiritual-practice

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER MINDFULNESS & SELF-COMPASSION CLASSES—A Fall Workshop will teach practices that can reduce anxiety, depression, and help to maintain beneficial lifestyle habits. This online training meets 6-8:30 p.m. from September 15 to November 5 with a retreat day on October 22 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. See scclanc.org/events for more details.

CLASSIFIEDS

THIS HANGING SHELF UNIT currently is in the annex basement and is free to anyone who wants it.



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