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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, July 24, 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 -

PLEASE JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JULY 24 FOR WONDERFUL OUTSIDE WORSHIP— in the Lancaster County park, pavilion # 11, the Williamson area (with masks optional.). Bring chairs or blankets; otherwise some seats available in the pavilion. Playground and public restrooms just up the hill (or nearby porta-potty.) Cold drinks and popsicles will be provided, and families or small groups are encouraged to picnic together afterward in the pavilion.

JULY 24 SUNDAY SCHOOL— There will be no Sunday School this coming Sunday, July 24 .



NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS— Please save those nickels at home for the Nickels for Neighbors collection benefitting New Holland Mennonite Church's child care center. And just a note: our congregation is connecting with New Holland in another way. Venture Club will be helping harvest potatoes in New Holland's extensive garden which, like the child care center, serves their immediate community.

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:

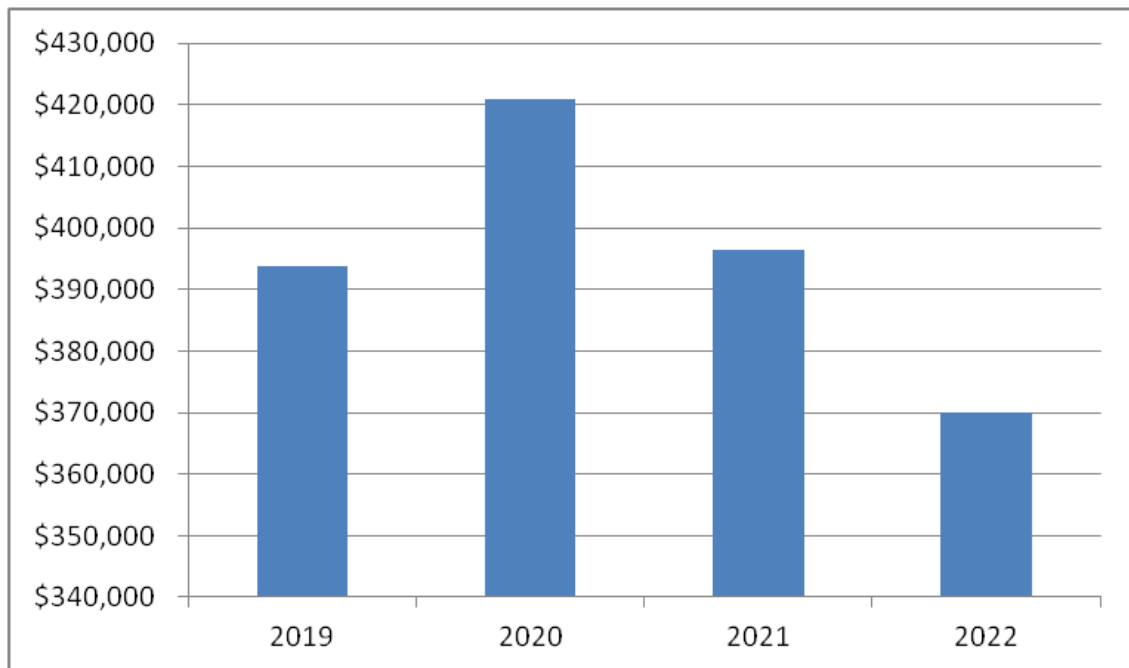
- To finish this year at a breakeven point, we estimate needing an additional \$100,000 in offerings by August 31. Please consider this as you continue to support the life and outreach efforts of CMCL.
- As you can imagine, it is difficult to plan for our 2022-2023 budget with a decline in offerings. 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



WEEK OF GIVING BACK— On Day 2 of the "Week of Giving Back" the Senior Youth spent time harvesting veggies and hoeing rows at Wittel Farm in Elizabethtown.



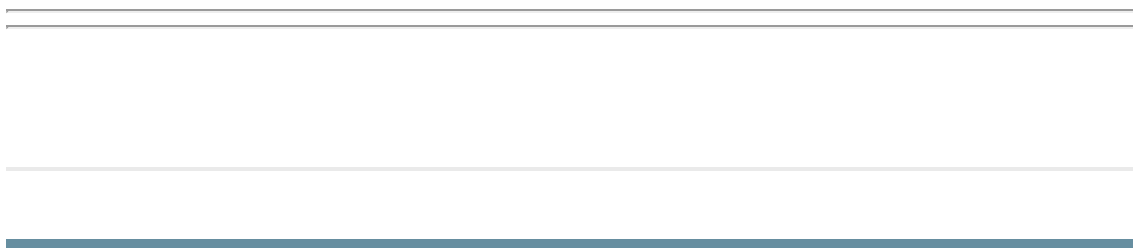
CHURCH RETREAT - SEPT 23-25— Save the date for this year's church retreat at Camp Hebron, the fourth weekend in September. Horseback riding will be back, as well as the ice cream social, ultimate frisbee, climbing wall, hymn sings, hiking, plenty of time to relax and reconnect, and much more! Stay tuned for more details.

CONSIDER BEING A ZOOM HOST— Would you be willing to perform a normally easy and important task

for church? Do you need more control and power in your life? You can control who is allowed into our service, who can talk, who can chat, what the Zoomers see, what goes on the TV and more. Oh, the power! Normally, we would require at least a Masters degree in Zoom hosting but for a short time only, we are opening it up to 2 volunteers with no experience or skills. We are in need of a couple more volunteers on a monthly basis and are currently looking for someone to host on Sunday 8/7/22. Please contact Drew Brubaker (drewbrubaker@gmail.com) for more information.

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.

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

Quotes by James [Baldwin](#)

“If one really wishes to know how justice is administered in a country, one does not question the policemen, the lawyers, the judges, or the protected members of the middle class. One goes to the unprotected – those, precisely, who need the law’s protection most! – and listens to their testimony.”

– No Name in the Street

“Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced.”

– No Name in the Street

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE JULY 23-24

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

July 10—

Attendance: 103

General Fund: \$7,318.00

MOOS: \$1,000.00

July 3—

Attendance: 86

General Fund: \$15,200.00

MOOS: \$700.00

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

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)

MENNO SNAPSHOTS—Gun violence continues to plague our country. Read how Mike Martin has taken steps to combat gun violence through RAWtools, Inc., a ministry partner of Mennonite Church USA, in his blog, "Guns to garden tools." mennoniteusa.org/guns-to-garden-tools

THE JULY EDITION OF *ON THE LEVEL* IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE—In our current issue: Executive Director Kevin King invites you to take a short quiz to see how much you know about MDS and you can read more about the latest work by volunteers in Paradise, California. Click on this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3oiFRqp>

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.



3-BR, 2.5-BTH HOME FOR RENT in Manheim Township School District, available as soon as August 3. Located just off Lititz Pike and Delp Road, just south of Neffsville, quiet family-friendly neighborhood.

Recently renovated throughout with beautiful original hardwood floors throughout main living areas. Eat-in kitchen, large living room, dining room, 3 BRs, bath and a half on single floor. 3-season room off DR. Full basement with another bath. 2-car garage, one bay has W/D hookups if tenant prefers laundry room on 1st floor. Central air, gas hot water heat (both new), water softener, water purifying filter. Mature trees, nice shade, nicely tended landscaping. Rent is \$1795/month. No smoking, no pets. Contact John Brubaker (cell) 740-877-8021, email jcbrubaker6@yahoo.com for more info and to view. (Paul Brubaker's dad)



REUZIT on State Street in Ephrata currently has four open paid positions.

Retail Floor Supervisor – 30 hours per week - Maintain the overall appearance of the retail floor including staging and updating displays; available to work some Friday evenings and Saturdays.

Variety Processor – 20 to 24 hours per week - Evaluate variety items for condition and quality, determine price point, assist with displaying items on retail floor.

Clothing Processor – up to 29 hours per week – Evaluate clothing items for condition and quality and style, determine price point, assist with displaying items on retail floor.

Clothing Sorter – up to 29 hours per week - Evaluate clothing items for condition and quality and style.

Minimum age 16. Join an energetic team that is making a difference in our local community and around the world through our support to Mennonite Central Committee. Please contact Peter Hookey, Human Resources Manager at hr@reuzit.org or call 717-733-4934.

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