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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, September 18, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

FALL WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

Two services will be held beginning September 11.

8:30 am in-person

11:00 am in-person and zoom

10:00 am Christian Ed

Masks are **required** for worship in first service,
but **optional** for Christian Ed and second service.

This Week -

INVITING YOUR WISDOM ABOUT MASKING— Throughout the pandemic, CMCL's leaders' ongoing desire has been to plan as best as we can for the needs and preferences of our community as a whole by taking into account the needs of all (including those most at risk), monitoring new developments over the course of the pandemic, and balancing physical health/safety with other important factors. Your wisdom is being invited at this point in the pandemic. If you haven't already done so, please take a moment to answer [two questions here](#). Thank you!

CAMP HEBRON CHURCH RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 23-25—

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS: We're planning a coffeehouse on Saturday night at retreat (Sept 24). Since this theme of the weekend is "Sankofa" ("go back and get it"), we are inviting musicians to "go back and get" musical pieces to perform that are or have been meaningful to you recently or over the years. Please let Daryl Snider know if you have a piece/s to share. 717-341-7755.

TALENT SHOW: The annual CMCL talent show will be held at church retreat on Saturday evening. Attendees of all ages are encouraged to share their "talents." So what's your talent? Yodeling? Juggling? Solving complex math problems in your head? Doing jumping jacks? Telling funny stories? Playing the violin? Dancing? Blowing bubble-gum bubbles? Making funny sounds? The more acts, the better. You can sign up for your act at Church Retreat. -Tim Shenk

Friday: Welcome & Fun

- 6pm check-In, 7:30 ice cream social, 8:30 folk dancing, bonfire, glow-stick ultimate frisbee

Saturday: Activity & Connection

- breakfast, hymn sing, Pastor Susan leads *Sankofa* ("go back and get it") connecting time for adults and senior youth, activities for children K-5th grade with Marilou, junior youth gathering with Pastor Amanda, childcare provided for children 2 to 4 y/o
- lunch, free afternoon time (horseback riding, boating, climbing wall, hiking, bike ride, senior youth high ropes course with Pastor Amanda)
- dinner, talent show, coffee house, stargazing

Sunday: Worship & Looking to the Future

- breakfast, hymn sing, intergenerational *Sankofa* ("go back and get it") worship
- lunch

CHILD SAFETY TRAINING— A training session will be held on Sunday, September 18 for one hour immediately after second service. All teachers and childcare folk and anyone who wants to work with our children must have this training. Teachers who missed the earlier offered training can make it up at this time. Anyone who may be interested in working with kids at CMCL later this year—this would be a good time to sign up so you'll be ready to go! Please let Marilou Adams know so she'll have enough materials. marilou@communitymennonite.org

ACC YOUTH RETREAT— This past weekend was the annual ACC Youth Retreat at Refreshing Mountain. 16 of our Senior Youth were able to participate in a weekend of outdoor fun and connection as a group.





AFFINITY GROUPS— CMCL is continuing our Affinity groups (short term small groups) this year. The Affinity groups will consist of monthly gatherings of CMCLers on topics of mutual interest for fellowship, spiritual development, and support. We encourage everyone to consider joining one of the small groups listed below. There is no long-term commitment! It's only for this year; groups will reshuffle next August. The leaders will convene and help schedule, but the substance and goals of each discussion will be determined by the group. If you have questions, please contact the Small Group Committee Chair, Brenda Sauder at brendaroses@gmail.com. For group descriptions, and to register, [click here](#).

CMCL MEN'S GROUP— The CMCL men's group would like to invite the men of the church to a food and wine pairing at 6 pm, Saturday, September 17 at the home of Kelvin Mack. The number of participants will need to be limited to 25. You can reply to this email to kenkulp@verizon.net or call or text me at 717-538-9747 to register. We are suggesting a donation of \$10 to help cover the costs. We plan to meet outdoors if the weather cooperates. The theme for this event will be "a few of our favorite things".

CMCL MENNONITE WOMEN— On Sept 21 The women of CMCL will be meeting at 6:30 pm at the home of Lynn Sommer, 814 Wallace Road, New Holland. Our topic is *Share About a Spunky Woman*. Please plan to share a brief story about a special gal in your life or even someone famous you admire. Lynn will host us in her beautiful garden and will also share her studio with the group. There will be some chairs but it would be helpful if some people brought some chairs too. Plan to carpool with friends in your area to add to the fun. See you there!

ACC STORYTELLER NIGHT AT CMCL— Join us for an evening of live storytelling on October 8, 2022. Storytellers will present a 5-minute true story related to the theme of the evening: My [church] family. They don't use props, notes, or music—just the storyteller at the mic for a five-minute true story. We will be seeking storytellers from ACC congregations so please help us by encouraging your congregation's storyteller to share with us in October. Interested in sharing your story? Email brookm@atlanticcoastconference.net with your story title.

Theme: my [church] family

Location: Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster, [328 West Orange Street, Lancaster](#)

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Stories should:

- be TOLD, not read
- be TRUE
- be ON THEME
- have a great FIRST and LAST LINE

THE EMBRACE GALA: A CELEBRATION OF INCLUSIVE FAITH— This will be a celebration of the work of Lancaster County Communities of Faith and clergy in moving towards open, affirming, and inclusive practices of faith with regards to the LGBTQ+ community and the work of Embrace in supporting them. October 11, 7-9 pm, First Reformed Church, [40 E. Orange St.](#) There will be light refreshments.

CHRISTMAS CHOIR— Christmas Choir. All singers of all ages are welcome to choir rehearsal for Christmas singing on either December 18 or 25 (still to be determined.) If you can't make all the rehearsals but would enjoy singing, please plan to come when you can! Thanks a lot. -Marty Kelley

Rehearsals:

7:30 a.m. November 6

7:30 a.m. November 13

10:00 a.m. November 20

10:00 a.m. November 27

10:00 a.m. December 4

10:00 a.m. December 11

10:00 a.m. December 18 (if singing on the 25th)

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

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We will meet September 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: Room 202

Age 41–55: Room 104

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

On behalf of the Dismantling Racism Committee, we are inviting the CMCL community to consider joining a community book club to read, engage and meet over zoom with others who are interested in raising awareness regarding Health Equity.

Dr Cherise Hamblin, an OB/GYN physician a champion of Racial and Diversity Equity in Health care has organized an organization, PatientsRWaiting that hosts a National Health Equity Book Club, with a monthly discussion open to community participation.

The Health Book Club meets virtually on the last Wednesday of each month over zoom from 7 - 8 pm.

You are invited to participate in this community-wide book club at bit.ly/WTHbookclub.
More information is available at www.PatientsRWaiting.com

The following books to be discussed are listed for the rest of this year 2022:

September 28, The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo

October 28, When We Make It, by Elizabet Velasquez

November 30, 1619 Project Part 1 by Nikole Hannah-Jones

December 28, 1619 Project Part 2 by Nikole Hannah-Jones

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!

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE SEPTEMBER 17-18

Pastor Susan will be on call for Pastoral Care.

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email Pastor Susan with your prayer concerns.

Church Report

August 28—
General Fund: \$1,615.00

September 4—
General Fund: \$9,018.00
Grant Street: \$2,000.00

September 11—
General Fund: \$5,775.00
MOOS: \$100.00
Refugee Fund: \$5,000.00

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

LARGE USED BOOK SALE!—2022 Bookworm Frolic

- The season's largest used book fair. A popular tradition.
- Explore 30,000 titles under the big tent! What treasures will you find?

The Bookworm Frolic, a used book sale, returns September 16, 9 am to 7 pm, and September 17, 9 am to 4 pm at Mennonite Life (formerly Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society), [2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster](#). Explore popular categories such as history, biography, children's, fiction, religious, Christian fiction, and more. Hardback books will be \$3.00, and paperback books will be \$1.50. On Saturday, the books are half-priced, or customers can fill a box for \$12. Payment accepted via credit card, cash, or check.

MT JOY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOK PRESENTATION, SEPTEMBER 19, 7 PM—Donna Stoltzfus will discuss her book, *Captive*, a coming-of-age novel about a 13-year-old boy who works alongside German prisoners of war on a Mennonite farm in Lancaster County in the summer of 1944. Her presentation will include photographs and video clips of a German prisoner of war who worked in the county during the war. To learn more: <https://www.donnastoltzfus.com/learn-more>

BIOLITZ & NATURE FEST—Please join us on the Akron campus for MCC's BioBlitz & Nature Fest 2022, on Saturday, September 17, 9 - Noon EDT at [21 South 12th Street, Akron, PA](#). Come and enjoy Pawpaw tasting, monarch tagging, music, and receive a free native plant. Children are welcome! Hope you can join us: [Click here](#) to register.

MORAVIAN SOUNDSCAPES—Hearing New Histories of Early America

What: Presentation by Dr. Sarah Eyerly

When: Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 7pm; free and open to the public

Where: Bucher Meetinghouse, Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College. Use GPS: [450 Campus Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022](#). This will bring you directly to the parking lot just outside the doors of the fully accessible Young Center.

Dr. Sarah Eyerly will speak on the musical practices of eighteenth-century Moravian communities in eastern Pennsylvania. The sonic histories of these religious communities provide new insights into the ways that music and sound functioned as a site of cultural encounter between German missionaries and Indigenous communities in early America, demonstrating the rich and multifaceted meanings that eighteenth-century music and religious history hold for contemporary Americans. Sarah Eyerly is the Curtis Mayes Orpheus Professor of Musicology at Florida State University and director of the early music program at FSU. Her book, *Moravian Soundscapes: A Sonic History of the Moravian Missions in Early America*, was recently published by Indiana University Press. See this and more info at the Young Center website: <https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx>

THE LIVING GHOSTS OF ANTI-BLACKNESS LECTURE—Please reserve Monday, October 3 at 7 pm for the 2022 Elizabethtown College Peace Fellow Lecture. This year's Peace Fellow is Dr. Christena Cleveland. The title of her lecture will be The Living Ghosts of Anti-Blackness. Drawing from historical and social science research, Dr. Christena Cleveland will briefly present the surprising origins of modern-day anti-Blackness, discussing how the origins shed light on the ways that white supremacy continues to shape the thoughts, emotions, and behaviors of all people today. Dr. Cleveland will illuminate how understanding the roots of anti-Blackness can help people of all races to identify their unique pathways to liberation.

For those attending in person, the Lecture will be held at Etown College in Gible Auditorium with audience overflow in Hoover 110. Dr. Cleveland's latest book, *God Is A Black Woman*, published by HarperCollins, is available.

SUPPORT THE MIX YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER—We're excited to announce The Mix's 2nd Annual Legacy Golf Outing!! The event is to be held on Friday, October 7th, 2022, at the beautiful Crossgates Golf Club in Millersville, PA.

The Mix is a faith-based, nonprofit Youth Development Center located in Southeast Lancaster City. Our mission is to inspire youth and empower families. We are dedicated to meeting the spiritual, social/emotional, academic, and physical needs of Lancaster's youth. Please consider supporting The Mix at our 2nd Annual Legacy Golf Outing. We're looking forward to an exciting day of golf, raffles, food, and most importantly, bringing our community together.

To register, to learn more about our sponsorship opportunities or donate please visit: <https://birdease.com/themixlegacygolfouting>

Sincerely, Derrick Burch, Event Coordinator

717-682-9692

dburch@themixlanaster.org**CLASSIFIEDS**

YAMAHA BABY GRAND PIANO— I am looking to give away my late husband's Yamaha baby grand piano to a passionate instrument lover, so please let me know if you know of someone who will take it and care for it. -Keren (Please contact donna@communitymennonite.org if interested.)

IN SEARCH OF BEGINNER PIANO BOOKS— In search of beginner piano books (any of the first few levels) in need of a new home, as well as a lonely accompaniment hymnal or two. If I can help declutter your home in this way, I'm happy to come for these. - Margaret Krumm (412-736-2281, mkrumm@gmail.com)

CHAPLAIN LOOKING FOR HOUSING— There is a new chaplain who was recently hired at Lancaster General Hospital. She is scheduled to begin working at the end of September, but she hasn't been able to find housing in the Lancaster area. She is a Buddhist nun who describes herself as quiet and would be OK with something like an in-law suite until she finds something permanent. If you have something available or know of something, call/text Pam Brubaker at 717 917 8719 or email brubakerpam@gmail.com for further info. Thanks!

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