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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, September 25, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

FALL WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

**No services will be held this Sunday, September 25 at CMCL!
 Worship will be held at Camp Hebron at 10 a.m.**

([957 Camp Hebron Rd, Halifax, PA 17032](#))

Even if you did not register for retreat, you are still welcome for worship. NOTE: We made a few extra reservations for the Sunday noon meal - please contact Pastor Leslie if you'd like to stay for the meal (leslie@communitymennonite.org or 610-209-3463.)

October 2 at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

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 -

WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25— There will be no worship services at CMCL this Sunday. Our worship service will be held at Camp Hebron at 10 a.m., [957 Camp Hebron Road, Halifax, PA](#). Even if you did not register for retreat, everyone is welcome!

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

SCHEDULE:

Friday evening: Welcome & Fun

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

Saturday: Activity & Connection

- Morning: 8am breakfast, 9:30am hymn sing, 10am Pastor Susan leads *Sankofa* ("go back and get it") connecting time for adults and senior youth, activities for children 4 yrs -5th grade with Marilou and Sherry Groff, junior youth gathering with Pastor Amanda
- Afternoon: Noon lunch, 1pm senior youth with Pastor Amanda on high ropes course; 1-2:45 pm horseback riding, 1-4pm lake open for boating, 3-5pm climbing wall, 3-5pm crafts under the tent
- Evening: 5:30pm dinner, 7pm variety show followed by snacks, 8:30pm coffee house, 9pm stargazing

Sunday: Worship & Looking to the Future

- 8am breakfast, 10am hymn sing and intergenerational *Sankofa* ("go back and get it") worship
- Noon lunch

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT— Kelvin Mack and Laura Boll are pleased to announce a new family member. Ada Julia Mack-Boll born 9/13/22 to Ada Smith and Jacob Mack-Boll of Whitesburg, Kentucky. We are grateful that all are doing well and that Julia is adapting to her new home.

PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE WILL BE ON SABBATICAL LEAVE FROM OCT 10 - JAN 10—

During her absence, Pam Brubaker will be supplementing pastoral care, alongside Pastoral staff and Pastoral Team.

COMMUNION SET UP— We are looking for several volunteers to take responsibility for the preparation and set up of communion at CMCL each month. This would involve purchasing the elements (you would be reimbursed), cutting the bread, and setting up the platters and communion table for both services, and cleaning up after second service. This could be shared among several individuals, or taken on by one individual or couple. Ellen and John Kanagy did this on behalf of CMCL for several years pre-pandemic. If you would be interested in this, please contact Pastor Susan.

NOVEMBER 6, 13, 20: THIS I BELIEVE— We invite **CMCLers *of all ages*** to write and share a 500-600 word "statement of your personal beliefs, of the values which rule your thought and action." Inspired by the [NPR series](#) from the 1950s, and again in the mid 2000s, the idea is "to tell not only what you believe, but how you reached your beliefs, and if they have grown, what made them grow."

Our "sermon" these three Sundays in November will be hearing a number of CMCLers share their statements. So, please consider writing a statement -- and invite a friend, your family and/or your small group to write one, too! **Please let Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke know by October 4** if you would like to participate.

SPECIAL ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION SERIES WITH REV. NAOMI WASHINGTON-LEAPHEART

— As part of our Sankofa fall theme, Rev Naomi Washington-Leapheart will be preaching in both services on October 9, and will be leading us in a 6 week Adult Christian Education series from Oct 9 - November 13. You are encouraged to purchase or borrow a copy of *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones and there will be ways to engage one another and the material in virtual conversation during the week between sessions. Check out this introduction video to learn more about the series: <https://youtu.be/rSU1VeilgTU>.

AFFINITY GROUPS— CMCL has another affinity group! Please check out [this form](#) to see if you'd like to join this new group, or any of the others offered! 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.

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

SIGN UP NOW FOR OUR TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE

- Sign up at Retreat or email Marty Kelley (martykelley4plus@gmail.com) or Diane Umble (diane.umble@gmail.com). Please provide an email address and phone number when you sign up. 56 seats are available. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Participants are on their own for lunch and snacks.
- We will leave from the Lancaster Shopping Center promptly at 8 am on Saturday, October 29th, and return by approximately 6:40 pm.
- The cost of the bus is \$20 per person, payable to the Church Office. Designate "bus trip" in the memo line. Bring some cash for a gratuity for the bus driver.
- Questions? Contact Marty Kelley or Diane Umble.

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

We will meet 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.

**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

This excerpt is shared by Lois Lehman from the blog of Curtis Reilly
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Curtis Reilly has worked directly with Lennox Island First Nation through the Mi'kmaq Confederacy of Prince Edward Island Employment Services Program. This story appears on his blog and is followed by the comments and sharing by many other Indigenous People.

Here is the story: About 10 years ago I was at a conference where I sat in a room with 200 other people. An Elder was invited to speak. As she slowly walked up to the podium with obvious nervousness, it was at that very moment that is forever burned in my mind. As she turned to all of us, she removed her false teeth and set them on the podium. With an enormous amount of courage she told us about her childhood as a little girl and about her perfect teeth. She was so proud of her teeth because everyone complimented her on them as far back as she could recall.

There wasn't a sound as she spoke. But as she continued, I remember the faint echoes of people sobbing. In disbelief, for the first time I was hearing a residential school survivor tell their story. The story was about a young, fun loving, smart little girl who was now having her teeth removed for speaking her language at residential school.

I am not sure if I heard many more details of her story. But despite it all, I remember the pride, the resilience and the forgiveness in her voice. She was telling the story so people like me could somehow believe and understand just a little bit of what she and so many indigenous boys and girls experienced. It has helped me in understanding the meaning of generational trauma. Her story has helped me to stop and listen. Although I never met her or have seen her again - I think of her and the story of her perfect teeth often.

I hope the girl with the perfect teeth has some peace today, as Canada stops, listens and reflects on September 30th.

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. Sign up at Retreat or email Marty Kelley (martykelley4plus@gmail.com) or Diane Umble (diane.umble@gmail.com).

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE SEPTEMBER 24-25

Pastor Leslie will be on call for Pastoral Care.

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email

Church Report

August 28—

General Fund: \$1,615.00

September 4—

General Fund: \$9,018.00

Grant Street: \$2,000.00

September 11—

Pastor Susan with your prayer concerns.

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

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

INTRODUCING OUR NEW DOCTOR OF MINISTRY—AMBS is now accepting applications for a new Doctor of Ministry degree — the first of its kind. Not only is the seminary's **Doctor of Ministry in Leadership** (DMin) the only DMin in the United States to be deliberately developed with an Anabaptist framework, it's also the first DMin in the U.S. and Canada approved by the Association of Theological Schools to be designed from the outset as a competency-based program.

"We know from consultations with pastors and leaders in the church, as well as from feedback from our own alumni, that the church needs leaders who continually grow in specific competencies," said **Beverly Lapp**, EdD, Vice President and Academic Dean. "We've shaped and focused our new DMin in response to these needs."

Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, PhD, and **Dan Schrock**, DMin, will serve as co-directors of the new program. Applications for the January 2023 cohort are due **Nov. 1**.

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.

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.

MENNONITE HEALTHCARE FELLOWSHIP— (MHF) invites healthcare providers in all disciplines, including allied health, and all interested in the intersection of health and faith to our Annual Gathering at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, PA, October 14th-16th, 2022. The theme is: Coming Together at the Well - Renewal Through Exploring the Five Life Standards. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss the Five Life Standards from More-With-Less and how they apply to health and healing as well as hear from keynote speaker Malinda Elizabeth Berry, PhD, professor at AMBS. Commuter registration is available for local participants. Registration information at mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2022.

The mission of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is to be an interdisciplinary community of Anabaptist health professionals which seeks to nurture the integration of faith and practice, to provide

opportunities for dialogue on health related issues, and to address specific needs through education, advocacy, and service.

CLASSIFIEDS

FROM OUR BACKYARD BEEHIVES ON E. CLAY STREET, LANCASTER– Pure, raw, slightly strained, local Lancaster City honey, great for those who suffer from seasonal allergies. Eat the honey from close to home. Health benefits over cane sugar...Contact: larry.k.groff@gmail.com or text 717-305-1194 if you are interested.

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)

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