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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, October 9, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

FALL WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

8:30 am in-person

11:00 am in-person and zoom

10:00 am Christian Ed

Please mask for worship in first service.

Masks are optional for Christian Ed and second service.

This Week -

ACC STORYTELLER NIGHT AT CMCL (previously scheduled for this Sat, Oct 8) - POSTPONED!

NOTE: Due to several schedule conflicts (including EMU reunions), ACC has postponed this event. Info about rescheduling will be passed on when we receive it.

DONNA STOLTZFUS IS OUT OF THE OFFICE OCT 5 THROUGH OCT 17 - During this time, please send announcements to leslie@communitymennonite.org.

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.

SANKOFA SERIES LUNCH DISCUSSION— Each Sunday during the Sankofa series (Oct. 9 - Nov. 13), CMCLers are invited to meet for lunch to reflect together on the week's teaching. This discussion time will be an informal gathering at 12:30 pm Sundays at Southern Market (southernmarketlancaster.com). No specific facilitator will be present - just look for other CMCLers and pull up a chair to reflect together.

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>.

THE FISHBOWL IS BACK!— Starting this month, we welcome the little ones (childcare for ages 0-4 years) to the Fishbowl during the second church service (not available during first service). As a reminder, the children start the church service with their families, and are then dismissed to go down to the Fishbowl with a grown up after the children's story time. We hope to be able to continue this service regularly to families again, but we do need more volunteers to keep it running smoothly! If you are willing and able to help out every once in a while, please email Lindsey Deininger at chilcare@communitymennonite.org.

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 Diane Umble or Pastor Leslie.

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*

The Leadership Selection Committee (Pictured below: Henry Biedrzycki, Leslie Homer-Cattell, Sherry Groff, Jay Martin, Andre Chubb) sends a big thank you to all those who agreed to be leaders in the coming year! We appreciate you and the time and energy you give to help CMCL live into our goals and values.



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Meetings will resume on 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

SANKOFA SABBATICAL SERIES

October 9–November 13

To participate virtually in Christian Ed during this series, just join the worship Zoom at 10: 00 a.m.

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 [doStoerpns001rp8fhl,2la2tg9hceSb6 167013il2gci4aae681 m0ceu](#)

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.

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

- Email Marty Kelley (martykelley4plus@gmail.com) or Diane Umble (diane.umble@gmail.com) to sign up and please provide an email address and phone number. 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.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE OCTOBER 8-9

Pastor Leslie will be on call for Pastoral Care.

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email

Pastor Leslie with your prayer concerns

(leslie@communitymennonite.org).

Church Report

October 2—

Attendance 1st service: 39

Attendance 2nd service: 89

September 11—

General Fund: \$5,775.00

MOOS: \$100.00

Refugee Fund: \$5,000.00

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

P/T JOB OPENING AT THE NAZARETH PROJECT - The Nazareth Project is looking for a person to handle website and database issues as well as send emails through Constant Contact. 5 to 8 hours of work per week. Please contact Howard Good if interested at 717-475-8737 or howardgood@nazarethproject.org.

THE EMBRACE GALA: A CELEBRATION OF INCLUSIVE FAITH Oct 11, 7-9 pm—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 Oct 14-16 — (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.

TREE PLANTING AT AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH - Oct 15 - Volunteers are cordially invited to help plant 400 trees in the nature preserve at Akron Mennonite on October 15 at 9:00 a.m. All members/attenders of participating churches, the local community and environmentally-minded persons are welcome for a time of fellowship, celebration, music and refreshments as we plant a variety of native tree seedlings.

BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL Oct 15 — Enjoy family fun Saturday, October 15 from 12 to 4 pm at the Brethren Heritage Festival at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College. Join us in the tent by the Center for children's crafts including play dough, bicycle-churned ice cream, popcorn from the historic Reist Popcorn coach popper and homemade bread and homemade apple butter. Step into the Young Center and help to quilt. Join the much-loved Family Magic Show by Marty Thomas-Brummé or Janice Holsinger leading the a cappella hymn sing in the Bucher Meetinghouse. Pedal the bike made by the Etown Engineering Club to churn our homemade ice cream. Tour the Bowers Interpretive Gallery, including visual exhibits, displays and sound, where you're sure to learn something new. GPS address: [450 Campus Road, Elizabethtown, PA 17022](#). www.ETOWN.EDU

CHILDREN'S BOOK PRESENTATION & SIGNING—Wednesday, Oct 19 at 6:30 pm

Lois Lehman will have a presentation and book signing of her 2nd children's book "New Adventures with Grandma" in the Wheat Ridge Apartments Gathering Room at Fairmount Homes Retirement Community, [333 Wheat Ridge Dr, Ephrata](#). The book has ten stories for young children ages 4 - 7 approximately, with the setting at Fairmount. Books will be available for purchase for \$14.

On **Saturday, Nov 5, at 10 am**, Lois will be entertaining children with stories from her books with children, their parents, grandparents and great grandparents also in the Wheat Ridge Apartment Gathering Room. Books will again be available for purchase. Please sign up with Colleen 717-354-1893 for either of these events.

EXPLORING ANABAPTIST HISTORY AND THEOLOGY: Oct 26 - Dec 13—Explore the birth and development of the Anabaptist movements in the 16th century in this six-week online AMBS short course taught by Jamie Pitts, PhD. You'll be challenged to draw connections between the 16th century and your own life and ministry. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 5 to save \$50; final registration deadline is Oct. 19. amsb.edu/online-short-courses

MEDA CONVENTION 2022—You're invited to MEDA Convention 2022: Celebrating Entrepreneurship, on November 3-6 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. MEDA Convention is an exciting opportunity to connect and converse with like-minded people, passionate about faith and work. Take part in seminars, activities, plenaries and tours that showcase the power of business around the globe. Engage in conversation around business as a calling and MEDA's work creating business solutions to poverty. Full-time and part-time rates are available. [Go to medaconvention.org](http://medaconvention.org) or call **1-(800)-665-7026** for more information.

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.

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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