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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, October 16, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

FALL WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

Beginning this Sunday, masks will be optional for worship services and
Christian Ed.

(See message from Council below.)

FIRST SERVICE - 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN OVER 2 Y/O - 10:00 a.m.

SECOND SERVICE - 11:00 a.m.

This Week -

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 IS ON SABBATICAL LEAVE FROM OCT 10 - JAN 10— During her
absence, Pam Brubaker, M.Div. will be supplementing pastoral care, alongside Pastoral staff and Pastoral
Team. NOTE: Pam works at Lancaster General as a chaplain; her usual days with CMCL will be
Thursdays and Fridays.

MESSAGE FROM COUNCIL RE: MASKING - As of this coming Sunday, October 16, all CMCL activities
will be mask-optional. Council arrived at this decision after examining infection metrics, and results of and
comments from the congregational masking survey. It was not an easy decision, and it is certainly subject
to change in the event of outbreaks and changes in community risk level. Our posture is that of trying to
love each other well; we acknowledge that masks have made full participation in worship difficult for some,
and that a mask-optional approach may lead others to exclude themselves from in-person worship for the
time being. We continue to encourage masking for those who prefer it and for those who have been
recently ill or exposed (per CDC guidelines). Feel free to reach out to any member of council to discuss

the decision. - *Cal Esh (chair), Carol Eby-Good (vice-chair), Drew Brubaker, Marian Good, John King, Margaret Krumm, Laurel Martin, Ken Nissley, Marlene Reiff, Mike Sharp*

SANKOFA WORSHIP SERIES CONTINUES WITH DR. NELSON OKANYA PREACHING THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16 - Dr. Nelson Okanya was born and raised in Kenya, East Africa. He currently serves as Global Missions President of the Center for Serving Leadership. Prior to that, he served as President at Eastern Mennonite Missions and pastor at Capital Christian Fellowship in Lanham, Maryland. He volunteers as chair of the Global Mission Fellowship, serving 71 member organizations through Mennonite World Conference and is a member of the Mission Commission of the Mennonite World Conference. He is married to Pastor Carmen Horst Okanya of James Street Mennonite Church. Carmen and Nelson and two sons, Barak and Izak, live here in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

LAST WEEK FOR NICKELS FOR NEIGHBORS COLLECTION - This is the last week for our Nickels for Neighbors collection. Our gifts benefit New Holland Mennonite's day care center. Please bring your change (we'll accept other denominations besides nickels) and fill the colorful jar up front. There are collection cans in each SS classroom so the kids can contribute, too.

SANKOFA SERIES LUNCH DISCUSSIONS— 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.

THANK YOU FROM COUNCIL - To everyone who was part of the strong year-end giving in August, many thanks for your generosity! The financial picture improved dramatically at the end of the last fiscal year, leaving us at a much better place as we start this year.

BOOK STUDY HEALING HAUNTED HISTORIES STARTING OCTOBER 30 - Jonathan Sauder will lead the book study "Healing Haunted Histories" by Elaine Enns and Ched Meyer. The first meeting will be Sunday, October 30, 3:30-5 pm. You can attend in person or on zoom. If you would like to be a part of this book study, please email Marty Kelley, martykelley4plus@gmail.com

PLEASE UPDATE/CORRECT YOUR CACHED EMAIL ADDRESS FOR JANET LIND - Friends, the email address "janetlind@gmail.com" (with one "L") goes to a poor woman in Tacoma who very kindly forwards on anything that seems important. But rather than bothering her with CMCL business, if you email me can you please use two "L" in the email address, either "janetllind@gmail.com" or "janet.l.lind@gmail.com"? (They both work.) Since quite a few people at CMCL are making this mistake, an all-call announcement seems to be warranted. If you don't hear back from me, there is a good chance you didn't actually send your email to **me**. Meanwhile, if you made this mistake already (assume you have), please go to the trouble of figuring out how to remove the cached wrong email from your email client. Thanks. Janet Lind (with two "L" in the email address)

MENNONITE MEN - Because of traveling & scheduling conflicts in some of our schedules, we are canceling the men's hangout for October. We will reconvene in November. Until then, enjoy this beautiful autumn season! Luke (and Gerald)

MENNONITE WOMEN GATHERING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2 - Please mark your calendars (and arrange carpooling) for our next Mennonite Women event at 7:00pm at the Strasburg Clinic for Special Children. The address is [535 Bunker Hill Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579](http://535BunkerHillRdStrasburgPA17579). We'll have a tour of the clinic, and a little time to gather and catch up with each other. We're looking forward to learning about their programs, and to seeing all of you! If you'd like to meet me near the Taj Mahal Indian Restaurant at [2080 Bennet Ave, Lancaster, PA 17601](http://2080BennetAveLancasterPA17601) (just off of Route 741/Rohrerstown Road), I'm planning to leave there at 6:15 to head to the clinic. Please contact me directly: Zita Angelo zita.angelo712@gmail.com 717-951-5152.

THE FISHBOWL IS BACK!— We welcome the little ones (ages 0-4 years) for childcare in 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 Sunday, December 18. 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

Performance December 18

THE LEADERSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE - (Henry Biedrzycki, Leslie Homer-Cattell, Sherry Groff, Jay Martin, and 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.

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*

FUN FACT ABOUT THE TRIO OF RETIRED NURSES PICTURED BELOW - collectively, Pauline Zimmerman, Ruth Martin, and Lois Lehman served in many different areas of nursing, including education, administration, and midwifery. Together, their professional care touched the lives of many in various parts of the U.S. and the world!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Meetings will resume on November 20th. Age ranges are suggestions. Please 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.

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

— As part of our *Sankofa* fall theme, Rev Naomi Washington-Leapheart will be leading us in a 6-week Adult Christian Education series from Oct 9 - November 13 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.

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>.

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 founder of Salt/Yeast/Light.

DRC WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENT

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

There are 9 seats left on the bus for the trip to Washington DC. October 29 to visit the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. If you are hoping to take this trip, please email Marty Kelley martykelley4plus@gmail.com or Diane Umble diane.umble@gmail.com

FROM THE BLOG OF CURTIS REILLY (shared by Lois Lehman)

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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.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE OCTOBER 15-16

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.

TREE PLANTING AT AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH ON OCTOBER 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.

PLANT A STREAM SIDE GARDEN AT OVERLOOK SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15 - Please join us to finish planting a beautiful pollinator garden and stream buffer at Overlook Park this Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Address: [605 Granite Run Drive, Lancaster](#). RSVP to monte.garber@gmail.com and he'll send more details.

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.

BRETHREN HERITAGE FESTIVAL OCTOBER 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, OCTOBER, 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.

SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW 50 FORWARD VIRTUAL EVENT: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, AT 6 PM - The SPLC is charting a future course guided by clearly defined values and a renewed dedication to collaborating with partners from across communities in the Deep South. RSVP splcenter.org/forward

EARTH DAY OCTOBER CELEBRATION - Musser Park - Sat, October 22 - 10am-6pm

All welcome to this fun family friendly event! Citizens' Climate Lobby is holding this *Earth Day October Celebration* halfway between the April Earth Day observances for 2022 and 2023. Iglesia Presbiteriana Resurreccion's (where Daniel Erdman serves) musicians (Alfredo Concha, Sr. and Fredo Concha) are participating in the Adrian Garcia band that will play for part of the event. **At approximately 2:15- 2:50pm, Jerry Lee Miller will be teaching a song, "Sing for the Climate".**

"**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. [ams.edu/online-short-courses](https://www.ams.edu/online-short-courses)

MEDA CONVENTION 2022: NOVEMBER 3-6 - You're invited to MEDA Convention 2022: *Celebrating Entrepreneurship* 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](https://www.medaconvention.org) or call **1-(800)-665-7026** for more information.

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