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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, October 23, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

FALL WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

Masks are optional for worship services and Christian Education.

(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 -

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.

SANKOFA WORSHIP SERIES CONTINUES WITH DR. REGINA SHANDS STOLTZFUS PREACHING THIS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23 - Dr. Regina Shands Stoltzfus teaches at Goshen College and chairs the Religion, Justice, and Society department. Her courses include *Race, Class, and Ethnic Relations*, *Personal Violence and Healing*, *Spiritual Path of the Peacemaker*, and *Transforming Conflict and Violence*. She is co-founder, with Tobin Miller Shearer, of the Roots of Justice Anti-Oppression program (formerly Damascus Road Anti-Racism Program). Her latest book, co-authored with Tobin, is *Been in the Struggle: Pursuing an Anti-Racist Spirituality* (Herald Press, 2021). Regina has worked in peace education with Ohio Conference of the Mennonite Church, Mennonite Central Committee U.S., and Mennonite Mission Network. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies from Ashland Theological Seminary, and a PhD in Theology and Ethics from Chicago Theological Seminary. Regina is the recipient of the state of Indiana's [2016 Spirit of Justice Award](#), the highest award conferred by Indiana's Civil Rights Commission, and is the 2021 recipient of the [Everence Journey Award](#).

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.

CHRISTIAN ED IS OFFERING SIX WEEKS OF THE END OF WHITE CHRISTIAN AMERICA— by Naomi Washington-Leaphart. We just finished the second week and it is so good. If you have missed the first two weeks, please feel free to join (it is also offered via zoom.) Reverend Naomi does a great job of reviewing what we talked about the week before.

The book Reverend Naomi encourages us to read is *White Too Long* by Robert P. Jones. She also encourages us to sign on to www.perusall.com and add comments as we respond to her teaching, the book and other CMCLer comments. Here are the steps to signing on the Perusall.

www.perusall.com

click on **Get Started** at the top of page

create account

You are taking a course and you are a student

the course code is **Naomi-Washington-Leaphart-C6EGG**

Once you are in, click on **My courses** in the column on the left

Our course is **Ending White Christian America @CMCL**

Please let anyone in DRC know if you have questions. Thank you. Laura Boll, John-Michael Cotignola-Pickens, Jeff Hawkes, Marty Kelley, Adam Miller, Deb Napolitan, Diane Umble, Soleil Yoder-Salim, Ismail Yoder Salim

MISSING!— My London Fog black trench coat with a royal blue lining was taken by mistake this past SUN Morning. There is a different black trench coat hanging near where mine was, across from the mailboxes in the gallery hallway. Please return mine asap! Thank you. Mary Lou Weaver Houser, 717.368.0863

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*

LGBTQ+ CMCL SMALL GROUP IS STARTING UP!— Crescentia will be hosting a virtual/in-person LGBTQ+ Small Group, with monthly virtual meetups beginning November 8th at 7pm, and continuing on the second Tuesday of each month. In-person meetups will be discussed and scheduled during the virtual meetups. The focus of this group is to offer support and community to one another as members of both the LGBTQ+ and Faith communities. Those who are questioning their own gender and/or sexuality are also enthusiastically welcome. (This group is geared toward adults and older teens, however, if you are a parent with a younger teen or child who may be interested, please also reach out.) If interested, contact Crescentia at kresensha@gmail.com.

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

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](#). 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](#) (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

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*

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 3 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)

[doStoerpns001rp8fhl,2la2tg9hceSb6_167013il2gci4aae681_m0ceu](https://www.blogger.com/blog-canonical/2022/10/23/from-the-blog-of-curtis-reilly)

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 21-23

Oct. 21 - Pam Brubaker

(717-917-8719)

Oct. 22 - Janet Dick

(717-572-7081)

Church Report

October 16—

Attendance 1st service: 52

Attendance 2nd service: 91

Zoom: 23

October 9—

Oct. 23 - Pastor Leslie

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email
Pastor Leslie with your prayer
concerns
(leslie@communitymennonite.org).

Attendance 1st service: 42
Attendance 2nd service: 60

October 2—
Attendance 1st service: 39
Attendance 2nd service: 89

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

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- 2:50 pm, Jerry Lee Miller will be teaching a song, "Sing for the Climate".** Here is the link to this song, which is being sung world-wide! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGgBtHoIO4g>

Below are the words to this hopeful song! Hope to see you at the Celebration! -Kathy Clark and Faith D'Urbano, Co-planners of the Earth Day October Celebration

SING FOR THE CLIMATE

We need to wake up
We need to wise up
We need to open our eyes
& do it NOW NOW NOW
We need to build a better future
& we need to **start right now**

We're on a planet
That has a problem
We've got to solve it, get involved
& do it NOW NOW NOW
We need to build a better future
& we need to **start right now!**

LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Van Gosse of F&M. Dr. Van Gosse will be speaking on "The First Reconstruction: Black Politics in America from the Revolution to the Civil War" at Grandview Church at 3 pm on Sunday, October 23.

FRAKTUR EVENT AT MENNONITE LIFE - See eleven fraktur pieces in the Mennonite Life collection not currently on display. Hear David Johnson, local historian and author, discuss them on October 27, 7 pm in the Community Room of the Collections building. Following this complimentary one-hour event, enjoy a light reception and an opportunity to start on your holiday shopping in the museum store. Pre-registration encouraged but not required.

CHILDREN'S BOOK PRESENTATION—SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5 at 10 AM

Lois Lehman will be entertaining children with stories from her books with children, their parents, grandparents and great grandparents in the Wheat Ridge Apartment Gathering Room at Fairmount Homes Retirement Community, [333 Wheat Ridge Dr, Ephrata](#). Books will be available for purchase. Please sign up with Colleen 717-354-1893 for this event.

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](http://medaconvention.org) or call **1-(800)-665-7026** for more information.

MENNONITE ARTS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023— Mennonite Arts Weekend will take place in Cincinnati Ohio. Pamphlets are on the shelves by the mailboxes and a poster is on the bulletin board. *Girl Named Tom* will be among the musicians this year. You can also read more at: mennoniteartsweekend.org. Questions? See Renee King, Lynn Sommer or Marylou Weaver Houser.

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.

ACC OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA SEEKS AN EXPERIENCED ANABAPTIST LEADER to serve as the next Executive Conference Minister. This individual will support and work together with conference staff, pastors, lay leaders, and other volunteers as we live out our vision to be centered in Christ, to build connections, and to share God's love in our diverse contexts. The position is 1 FTE (negotiable) with salary and benefits commensurate with MCUSA Pastor Salary Guidelines. Individuals from underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. See atlanticcoastconference.net/ECM for more information. Send inquiries and resumes to searchcommittee@atlanticcoastconference.net.

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