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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, November 6, 2022

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

FALL WORSHIP -- HOURS & MASKS

Masks are optional for worship services and Christian Education.

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 -

FIRST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4 FEATURES PAULINE ZIMMERMAN— On First Friday, November 4, from 5-8 p.m., Pauline Zimmerman will display her nature watercolors accumulated since 2019. **“Love for Nature and Life”** is Pauline's first solo exhibit. Join her at the opening reception! To learn more about Pauline, check the [CMCL website](#).

NEW CMCL GIVING OPTION— You are now able to give to CMCL using your credit card through the CMCL website. You can find this option and other options by going to the Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster website. Look for and click on the GIVE button on the far right hand side of the top banner. This will take you to a page detailing the various ways to give to CMCL. At the bottom of this list you will see a donate button to allow you to process a payment. Thank you for your ongoing support of CMCL.

DEAREST FRIENDS— I would like to again extend my overwhelming gratitude for all your love and support while going through cancer treatments. With chemo and radiation now behind me, I go forward with hopes to regain all my physical strength from before the cancer. I don't think I could have gotten through this without the outpouring of love I have felt from my faith community. You stood by me and this made all the difference. Your prayers and encouragement have given me the strength I need on this journey. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything! -Rosalina Wilson

WITH GRATITUDE— I am filled with gratitude for your concern and kindness over the past weeks with the loss of my sister. I have received calls, cards, visits, attending the visitation or funeral and comments at church. All were very helpful at this time. -Pauline Zimmerman

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR DAVE AND MARICHELLE— Our new email addresses to replace dmroquelutz@comcast.net follow:

- Marichelle Roque-Lutz: croquelutz@gmail.com
- Dave Lutz: dglpax754@gmail.com

DEAR CMCLers WHO WENT TO DC ON THE BUS LAST SATURDAY— If you have not already done so, please send your \$20 to cover the cost of the bus to the CMCL Church Office. Make your checks out to CMCL and remember to put Bus Trip in the memo line. Thank you.

BOOK STUDY HEALING HAUNTED HISTORIES— 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

SAFETY TRAINING ON NOVEMBER 13— CMCL will be offering another safety training on Sunday, 13 November immediately after the morning worship service. The training will last 30 minutes, but there will be work to do at home in your own time. If you want to work in the nursery or in any way with children at CMCL (chaperoning, driving, subbing, teaching, mentoring) you must have this training. Please contact Marilou Adams so we can be sure to have enough materials.

STARS OF HOPE— Please stop down in the CE hall and see the stars Venture Club painted for Stars of Hope (look up that organization on line). Kay Reist supplied the materials and inspiration. We'll be sending

these messages of hope to WV flood victims.

CMCL ONLINE PHOTO DIRECTORY— According to ChurchTrac, there will no longer be a separate online photo directory on the CMCL website. The photos are now included in the Online Directory. However, each person will have to log in to Church Connect and allow their photo to be displayed. When an individual is listed on the Online Directory, only their name, and the names of their immediate family members (with the exception of children), will be listed. Members must then individually opt into the Online Directory through Church Connect for any of their information to be visible, including their family photo. Members have the ability to choose what information they want to share on the Online Directory. <https://www.churchtrac.com/support/connect/online-directory-overview>

- Login to the online directory at <https://cmcl.churchtrac.com/directory>
- In the upper LH corner of your “My Profile” page which opens upon your successful login, click on the three horizontal lines to open the drop down menu
- From the drop down menu, click on “Online Directory”
- At the top of the “Online Directory” page, click on the link “Manage what information I share with others”
- From the menu which appears, one can turn off or on what information you want others to be able to see in the online directory. If you want to share the photo which used to appear in CMCL’s prior online photo directory, move the slider to the right.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY FOR SECOND SERVICE ATTENDERS— We are in need of a few more volunteers to run sound 2nd service, once a month. No resumé required—we’ll train you! If you might consider this, please contact Daryl Snider for more info: daryl.snider@gmail.com

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.

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.

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*

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.

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>.

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-Leapheart-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

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

Shoulders

A man crosses the street in rain,
stepping gently, looking two times north and south,
because his son is asleep on his shoulder.

No car must splash him.
No car drive too near to his shadow.

This man carries the world's most sensitive cargo
but he's not marked.
Nowhere does his jacket say FRAGILE,
HANDLE WITH CARE.

His ear fills up with breathing.
He hears the hum of a boy's dream
deep inside him.

We're not going to be able
to live in this world
if we're not willing to do what he's doing
with one another.

The road will only be wide.
The rain will never stop falling.

-Naomi Shihab Nye

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE NOVEMBER 4-6

Nov. 4 - Pam Brubaker
(717-917-8719)

Nov. 5-6 - Pastor Leslie

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email

Pastor Leslie with your prayer
concerns

leslie@communitymennonite.org.

Church Report

October 30—

Attendance 1st service: 47

Attendance 2nd service: 79

Zoom: 29

General Fund: \$10,341

Grant Street: \$2,000

October 23—

Attendance 1st service: 43

Attendance 2nd service: 80

Zoom: 33

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

BABY KITS NEEDED—The Parish Resource Center has been working with Union Community Care, the medical provider for many low-income folks in Lancaster and Lebanon Counties. They have requested Baby Kits to provide new moms with essentials to start them out right, and we were happy to help! To that end, we are rallying churches to help us provide as many kits as possible for this ongoing need. A list of needed items can be found [here on our website](#). Plan a baby shower to collect items, mobilize a group to assemble kits, or purchase items directly from [our Amazon wish list](#). Thank you for your help in spreading the word! -Rhoda Shirk, *Director of Community Initiatives*

LEARN, PRAY, JOIN: MASS INCARCERATION—As one of the original writers of the “For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Justice Legal System” resolution, Eli Reimer discusses a class that they participated in at Goshen College, called “Inside-Out.” Reimer’s blog is part of Mennonite Church USA’s “Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration” initiative: mennoniteusa.org/friends-on-inside

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.

THE YOUNG CENTER FOR ANABAPTIST AND PIETIST STUDIES—The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College presents “Keeping Track of Settlement and Population Growth of the Amish in North America,” by Joe Donnermeyer on Thurs., **Nov.10, 7:00 p.m., in the Bucher Meetinghouse**. Donnermeyer, professor emeritus in the School of Environment and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University, has published two books and numerous book chapters and articles about the Amish. For details about the talk, visit www.ETOWN.EDU/youngctr/events or call 717-361-1470.

SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR, NOVEMBER 19 AT THE WARE CENTER— The Soweto Gospel Choir, from South Africa, will perform the concert, *Hope, It's Been a Long Time Coming*. Pre-show concert with McCaskey H.S. Gospel Choir. (\$17-\$25) <https://fb.me/e/2nxrv6fEB>

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.

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