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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, November 13, 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 -

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.

GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAY— The ad hoc Grant Street Construction Committee will have a second workday on Saturday, November 19th. We are looking for folks with the ability to lift 50+ pounds. No experience required. Gloves/dust masks/eye protection are recommended (depending on number of volunteers some supplies will be available at the site), a hammer and tool belt are optional but very helpful. Our focus will primarily be on framing but subject to change. If interested or would like more information please reach out to any of us on the committee.— Steve Walter (on behalf of the rest of the committee: Don Stoltzfus, Kelvin Mack Boll, Lynn Bergey)

PAYMENT DUE FOR BUS TRIP— If you joined the bus trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture and have not paid \$20 for the experience, please do so ASAP by sending a check to the Church Office or putting an envelop in the offering. Be sure to label it for the “Bus Trip.” There are still 33 who need to pay.

SENIOR YOUTH— Please consider supporting our fundraising efforts for Tenfold during the #ExtraGive on November 18, as the Senior Youth participate in the Camp Out for Homelessness to Housing event at Clipper Stadium. We are joining the Blossom Hill Mennonite MYF for this event. If you would like to join us as an overnight chaperone, or if you have questions about this event and fundraising please contact Pastor Amanda, amanda@communitymennonite.org. To donate, please follow [THIS LINK](#).

WREATH FUNDRAISER— The CMCL Senior Youth are again offering their beautiful, hand-decorated wreaths uniquely designed for you to enjoy throughout the holidays. Get a head start on the season and reserve your wreaths now. Each 22-inch Douglas Fir wreath costs \$30 and may be picked up at the church on Saturday, December 3 between 1-3pm or on Sunday, December 4 between the services or after second service. To reserve your wreaths place your order at the sign-up in the Parrot Gallery after services beginning Nov 12th OR follow [THIS LINK](#) to an online signup. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Amanda, amanda@communitymennonite.org.

THANKSGIVING WEEK— The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th. Announcements will go out on Wednesday, November 23, as usual, but will not be sent out on Friday, November 25th. The bulletin will be printed on Wednesday, the 24th. So please plan early and send info to the church office by Wednesday at 10AM if you are involved in the service!

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.

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.

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.

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.

NOVEMBER VENTURE CLUB!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education Today, November 13

Rev Naomi Washington-Leapheart will be with us in person for the conclusion of a 6-week series focusing on the theme of “The End of White Christian America.”

Adult Christian Education: November 20–January 15

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Age 20 something to 40: Location to be announced

Age 41–55: Location to be announced

WINTERING

So often we think of the need to retreat from the high energy of the holiday season: Thanksgiving, Christmas and the New Year. Instead of retreating let’s embrace the high energy and expectations while including practices of reflection, contemplation and opening.

Wintering

Contemplative Practices for Thanksgiving and Advent

November 20— Meditative Circle Art Prayer

Brenda Sauder, presenter

Attendees will be invited into a quiet listening prayer space using the simple method of drawing circles. You will take away a completed art piece that can remind you, during the busyness of Advent, of the simple practice of listening

prayer. If you have a favorite black pen, bring it along; otherwise, all supplies provided.

December 4— Advent Visuals

Mary Lou Weaver Houser, presenter

Three themes of advent—annunciation, attunement, and animation—will be explored with a variety of art pieces. In our historic moments of collapse, how are you finding your way?

December 11— Advent in Unexpected Places—A Short Walk in Downtown Lancaster

Jim Bowman, presenter

Bring your camera or smartphone to capture images of things you see that speak Advent to you. Prior to the walk, Jim Bowman will share from his experience as a photographer how to be aware of your surroundings so that you notice what you may overlook. You will be invited to submit your images following the walk to be compiled for sharing with the wider CMCL congregation.

December 18—Christmas Pageant**December 25, January 1—No Christian Ed****Wintering*****Bringing in the New Year*****January 8**

Ellen Kanagy, presenter

January 15

Pam Brubaker, presenter

Church Report

PASTORAL INFORMATION:**PASTORAL CARE NOVEMBER 11-13**

Nov. 11 - Pam Brubaker
(717-917-8719)
Nov. 12-13 - Pastor Leslie

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

October 30—

Attendance 1st service: 47
Attendance 2nd service: 79
Zoom: 29
General Fund: \$10,341
Grant Street: \$2,000

November 6—

Attendance 1st service: 50
Attendance 2nd service: 78
Zoom: 23

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

CAPTIVE BOOK PRESENTATION, NOVEMBER 12—Donna Stoltzfus will be presenting on history and people linked to her historical fiction book, *Captive*, on Saturday, November 12, 7 PM, at Witmer Heights Mennonite Church, [2270 Old Philadelphia Pike](#). To learn more about this WWII story, which takes place in Lancaster County, [click here](#).

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>

A CELEBRATION OF 50 YEARS OF MCC THRIFT, NOVEMBER 22, 8 PM—Join us for a celebration of 50 years of MCC Thrift! This special [virtual event](#) will celebrate the history, creativity and generosity of the MCC Thrift network and our many dedicated volunteers. 8 PM

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.

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*

FOOD DELIVERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PARISH RESOURCE CENTER—There are food resources in our community and families who need food, but sometimes it is difficult for people to get what they need. We need more volunteers to help us make the connection by delivering food. Times and locations are flexible. We like to pair one volunteer with one family so that they can get to know each other, and any specific dietary needs or food preferences. Volunteers should have their own vehicle. Contact [Rhoda Shirk](#) to volunteer.

Spanish-speakers needed!

We currently need some Spanish speaking volunteers to make food deliveries. We prefer to match volunteers and families who speak the same language so it's easier to communicate food preferences.

HOUSE OF WORSHIP TO BECOME HOUSING FOR HUNDREDS—Seattle Mennonite Church hopes to do with apartments what Jesus did with loaves and fish. The church has entered into an agreement with Community Roots Housing to raze and redevelop its urban property to create about 255 affordable housing units in a pair of eight-story buildings. [Read more](#)

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.

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