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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, November 20, 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 -

PASTOR AND STAFF APPRECIATION— In this season of giving thanks, Council and Staff Relations Committee would like to encourage you to send notes of appreciation to our pastors and staff: Leslie, Susan, Marilou, Amanda, and Donna. They each serve our community and provide leadership to help us live out our core values in many seen and unseen ways. Downtown Dollar gift certificates will be given to each of them to express our thanks as a congregation. —Carol Eby-Good, on behalf of Council and SRC

Leslie Homer-Cattell leslie@communitymennonite.org

Susan Gascho Cooke susan@communitymennonite.org (Susan and her family leave on Friday for Ghana, and we're sure she'll appreciate receiving your notes when she gets back)

Amanda Stoltzfus amanda@communitymennonite.org

Marilou Adams marilou@communitymennonite.org

Donna Stoltzfus donna@communitymennonite.org

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)

KEY/FOB UPDATE— A number of FOBs are currently in circulation that are not identified with an authorized user. These FOBs are being disabled. If you discover that a FOB you have been using does not work, contact the church office to have the FOB associated with your name re-enabled.

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!

MENNONITE WOMEN, DECEMBER 7— Women please mark your calendars and bring your book lists of your favorite reads to share with the Mennonite Women gathering at the home of Jane Weigel. We will enjoy some yummy snacks as we share titles on Wednesday evening December 7 at 7:00 pm. Jane lives at [813 Lightfoot Drive, Lancaster](#), off of Millport Road south of Lancaster city. Carpooling is recommended as always. Hope we can share some interesting reads for the winter months. Be prepared to share a title or two and a short synopsis of your recommendation. Any questions text Carolyn Dries at 610-310-0460.

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.

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.”

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 “Mange 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.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

PASTORAL INFORMATION:**PASTORAL CARE NOVEMBER 18-20**

Nov. 18 - Pam Brubaker
(717-917-8719)

Nov. 19-20 - Pastor Leslie

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email
Pastor Leslie with your prayer
concerns

leslie@communitymennonite.org

Church Report**November 13—**

Attendance 1st service:

Attendance 2nd service: 66

Zoom: 24

November 6—

Attendance 1st service: 50

Attendance 2nd service: 78

Zoom: 23

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

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>

SINGING OPPORTUNITY AT COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE, HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH— Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, [31 South Duke Street, Lancaster](#), will host the annual Community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, **November 20**, at 4 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The call for interested singers—anyone who loves to sing!—is at 3pm. Edward Elgar's "Fear Not, O Land" PDF available here: https://www.cpd.org/wiki/images/a/a5/Elgar_fear_not.pdf Any number of good recordings are available on YouTube and extra printed copies will be on hand. Dress as you would otherwise dress for a community worship service. Contact Dr. Robert Horton, Director of Music, Bombarde16@gmail.com, 717-327-8865, with questions.

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.

MENNO SNAPSHOTS—Please stop tokenizing immigrants and people of color in MC USA: We are not your political pawns. Glen Guyton is the executive director of Mennonite Church USA. He is the first person of color to serve in the role. To read his article, [click here](#).

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.

CLASSIFIEDS

COMMUNITY MENNONITE CHURCH OF LANCASTER invites applicants for a position of Office Coordinator (.625 FTE/25 hours weekly). This position requires someone who is self-directed, can work with minimal supervision, can work for and with multiple clergy and lay leaders, and can balance multiple time and deadline demands. Previous experience in a similar position desirable. Primary responsibilities include administrative support for communications, facilities management, technology, and general clerical support for pastoral staff. Health, retirement and other benefits included. For more information, including a full job description, or to express interest, please contact src@communitymennonite.org. [Posting to the wider community in late November.]

SECRETARY JOB—Wisdom's Table at St Peter's is looking for a secretary to work 3 days a week, Tuesdays-Thursdays. The current pay is 33,000 and as of January it will be 34,500. If you know of anyone who would like to apply, please have the person contact nroman@lancasterseminary.edu.

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