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CMCL — Mid-Week Announcements for Wednesday, November 23, 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 -

THANKSGIVING WEEK— The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24th. Announcements will not be sent out on Friday, November 25th, but will resume on Wednesday, November 30th.

SENIOR YOUTH 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 church during the potluck. *We will be making extras so if you forget to reserve one, don't panic!*

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.



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

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.

BLUE HOLIDAY/HOLIDAY GRIEF GATHERING, DECEMBER 14— 7:00 PM, CMCL Church Sanctuary

Are the holidays always a difficult time for you?
 Has it been a been a year with significant losses?
 Are the holidays a time when long-time losses rise painfully to the surface?
 Do you long for a place to name the complexity you feel this season?

You are welcome to join Pastoral Team members Ron Vogt and Christy Heatwole Kaufman for a time of reflection, sharing and solidarity on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 PM. RSVPs are not required, but would be helpful

for planning. Questions or RSVP to ronvogt220@gmail.com

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!— The gallery committee is seeking CMCL artists to fill the 2023-2024 Parrot Gallery schedule. Even if you've had a Parrot Gallery exhibit in the past, but it's been a few years, feel free to throw your name into the mix. If interested, or just wanting more information, please contact a member of the committee: Mary Lou Weaver Houser, Cara Longacre Hurst, Marcy Sims or Beky Weidner.

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.

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

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.

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

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.

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.

GRANT STREET BUILDING UPDATE

GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAY— The ad hoc Grant Street Construction Committee will have another workday on Saturday, December 17th and Saturday, January 14th. We are looking for folks with the ability to lift 50+ pounds and know how to use a hammer or a broom. 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. We will continue to focus on framing interior walls, installing new windows and general cleanup (but subject to change). If interested or would like more information or have questions please reach out to any of us on the committee. —Steve Walter-Text/Call 717.823.7570 (on behalf of the rest of the committee), Don Stoltzfus, Kelvin Mack Boll, Lynn Bergey.

P.S. If there is interest to help during the week, please contact me as well. There is a smaller group (primarily Don and Lynn) working during the week and would welcome any help.





ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE (ACC) REQUESTS CONGREGATIONAL FEEDBACK

ACC's Executive and Ministerial Leadership Committees are inviting **congregational and delegate feedback** on whether to consider extending a ministerial credential if a congregation requests it for a person who is LGBTQ+, including someone in a same-gender marriage. A response from CMCL was drafted by Cal Esh (Council Chair), Ron Vogt (Pastoral Team Chair) and Leslie Homer-Cattell (Administrative Pastor) and reviewed by CMCL's three leadership groups (Council, Pastoral Team, and Program Commission). Please **read it below** and be in touch with [Cal Esh](#), [Ron Vogt](#), or [Leslie Homer-Cattell](#) by Monday, 11/28, with any feedback you have to offer. Thank you!

ACC Request

CMCL Response

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. 23 - Janet Dick

Nov. 24 - Pastor Leslie

Nov. 25 - Pam Brubaker
(717-917-8719)

Nov. 26-27 - Pastor Leslie

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email
Pastor Leslie with your prayer
concernsleslie@communitymennonite.org**Church Report****November 13—****Attendance 1st service:****Attendance 2nd service: 66****Zoom: 24****November 20—****Attendance 1st service: 64****Attendance 2nd service: 87****Zoom: 28**

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

NATURAL PRESERVE AT AKRON MENNONITE CHURCH —Akron Mennonite Church is turning four acres into a natural preserve using part of it to encourage more environmentally friendly burial options. Green burial options, a columbarium and memory wall will create attractive alternatives to traditional, more expensive and ground polluting embalming methods. CMCL has committed to joining and contributing \$5,000. Currently, we're at \$3,500. If anyone is interested in supporting this initiative, please consider sending a check to the church with green cemetery in the memo line. Any questions, please email me at calvinesh@gmail.com.

THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER (MCCL)—Join invites you to experience the retelling of the glorious birth of Jesus through song and scripture at our 2022 Christmas concert series. Several well-loved selections from Handel's The Messiah – including a congregational sing-along of the "Hallelujah Chorus" – are interspersed throughout a varied program of familiar favorites, multicultural songs, and bluegrass-infused selections from Tim Sharp's Angel Band. Singers will share music in many languages, which they learned and practiced with native Spanish, French, Ukrainian, and S'gaw Karen speakers. Violin, banjo, guitar, bass, and percussion round out the program. No tickets required. A freewill offering will be received. [Ava and Simon Bird](#) from our congregation sing in MCCL and they would be glad to see you there!

- Saturday, December 3 at 2 p.m., Historic St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lancaster, PA
- Sunday, December 4 at 4 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA
- Wednesday, December 7 at 7 p.m., Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, PA

MENNONITE ARTS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023—*Mennonite Arts Weekend early bird registration ends Nov. 30, 2022!* 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. Go to <https://mennoniteartsweekend.org/2023maw/> for the list of presenters and registration, location, and lodging information. Questions? See Renee King, Lynn Sommer or Marylou Weaver Houser.

Come celebrate artists at Mennonite Arts Weekend on Feb. 3-5, 2023. There will be presentations, workshops, children's activities, and a concert by Girl Named Tom.

EVERENCE STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY— On Saturday, March 18, 2023, Everence Financial Central Penn will host a new half-day Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Join us for a Stewardship University that's *Rooted in faith. Reimagined for the future.* Courses will explore subjects ranging from financial wellness (budgeting, women and finances, simple living, and legacy planning) to community impact (cultivating community resources and churches helping address the housing crisis) and more. Discounted rate through Feb. 9. For information or to register, visit everence.com/StewU. Question? Contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or lynette.morales@everence.com.

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.]

ST PETER'S UCC CHURCH—St Peter's UCC Church, located across from the North Museum, on Buchanan Ave is seeking a **dependable** person to provide snow removal for the church this winter. Pay is \$15/hr. We ask that they clear and treat all walks and entrances to the church in a timely manner (in accordance with city regulations) following snow or ice fall. We can provide a good shovel and ice melt. If you or someone you know might be interested, please have them contact Wendy Baker Davis asap (wbakerda@fandm.edu).

EARRING FOUND—This earring was found in the sanctuary. If it is yours, please contact the church office.



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