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**CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, December 18, 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.

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### HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please note times!

**Advent Worship IV: Love**— December 18, 8:30 AM

**No Adult Christian Education Class**— December 18

**Worship/Children's Christmas Pageant**— December 18, 11 AM

**Solstice Contemplative Service**— Wednesday, December 21, 7 PM

**Christmas Eve Candle Lighting**— Saturday, December 24, 7 PM

**Christmas Day** (one service)— Sunday, December 25, 10 AM

**New Year's Day** (one service)— Sunday, January 1, 10 AM

## This Week -

**SOLSTICE SERVICE, DECEMBER 21**— 7:00 PM, CMCL Church Sanctuary

Join us for a contemplative evening of music, meditation, poetry and story. Come and enter the stillness with us, welcoming the quiet of the dark and the promise of the light. Return to yourself for awhile during this busy

season. If you have a candle lantern, please bring it. We will have some extra lanterns and candles for everyone.

**WE NEED \$1,500 TO MEET OUR GOAL—** CMCL has committed to contribute \$5,000 to join Akron Mennonite's Green Cemetery/Nature Preserve and we're currently \$1,500 short of our commitment. Our joining this initiative provides access to less expensive and more environmentally friendly burials. Any questions, please email me at [calvinesh@gmail.com](mailto:calvinesh@gmail.com) or simply write a check to CMCL with "green cemetery" in the memo line before the end of the month. Thank you to those who have contributed!

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. Five local churches agreed to invest in the project to provide their own members with access to cemetery lots; these churches are Pilgrims Mennonite (Akron), Blossom Hill Mennonite, James Street Mennonite, Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster and East Chestnut Street Mennonite. An article from 2021 in *Anabaptist World: Conversation on death brings new life to church land*. To see photos of the project, [click here](#).

**SENIOR YOUTH WREATH FUNDRAISER—** Extra wreaths are available to purchase in the courtyard. Please contact Pastor Amanda [amanda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:amanda@communitymennonite.org) with questions or payments.



**YEAR END GIVING OPPORTUNITY—** Thank you for your generosity this year. There is still time to make a year-end contribution to the General Fund or the Grant Street/Accessibility capital campaign. Indicate "Grant Street/Accessibility" on donations to the capital campaign. Mailed checks postmarked by December 31 can be included in your 2022 contribution statement. Fifty-nine attenders have committed or contributed \$255,000 toward a goal of \$280,000. –Linford Good



**CALLING ALL CMCLers, WHATEVER YOUR AGE, TO SHARE YOUR REFLECTIONS ON SANKOFA—** **Sankofa**, a Ghanaian proverb meaning "go back and get what you lost/forgot so that you can move forward," has been the theme for our journey toward dismantling racism over the past few months. **Now you are invited to reflect on what you have learned and what you will take with you going forward.** What have you learned from books, discussions, Church Retreat, Rev. Naomi, the trip to the National Museum of African

American History and Culture, personal experiences and/or sermons?

For the coming month, you are invited to post images, quotes, doodles, videos, your scrap book page, and other materials that capture what you have gained on your Sankofa journey. Click on this link to upload your content: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/QVKkG2vScWNFwAMA7> CLICK "Add photo" to add a photo or pre-recorded video. The Worship Committee plans to use this album a part of the congregational response during worship on January 15 when we welcome Susan and her family back from sabbatical.

**CMCL MENNO WOMEN—** Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7-9PM

Bring things that you're clearing out of your closet for a clothing swap at the Parrot Gallery, and make a donation to Church World Service as they support new immigrants and refugees! Please let me know if you have a full-length mirror that you'll be able to bring along that evening, and if you or someone you know has "pipes and drapes" (see picture) that we could use as dressing rooms. Contact Zita Angelo for more information: [zita.angelo712@gmail.com](mailto:zita.angelo712@gmail.com), 717-951-5152



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD BOX DISTRIBUTION—** In conjunction with our neighbor, Covenant United Methodist Church at [110 N. Mulberry Street](#), we are in need of volunteers to help in distribution of food boxes on the second Saturday of every month. **January 14** is our next time slot. Volunteers should arrive at 9:30 a.m. to assist with unloading the truck as well as loading boxes into individual cars starting at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Beth Crosby or Frank Carano to volunteer. Thank you. [Beth.Crosby74@gmail.com](mailto:Beth.Crosby74@gmail.com) and [Fdcarano@gmail.com](mailto:Fdcarano@gmail.com), Peace & Justice Committee

**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 "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

**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.

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## GRANT STREET BUILDING UPDATE

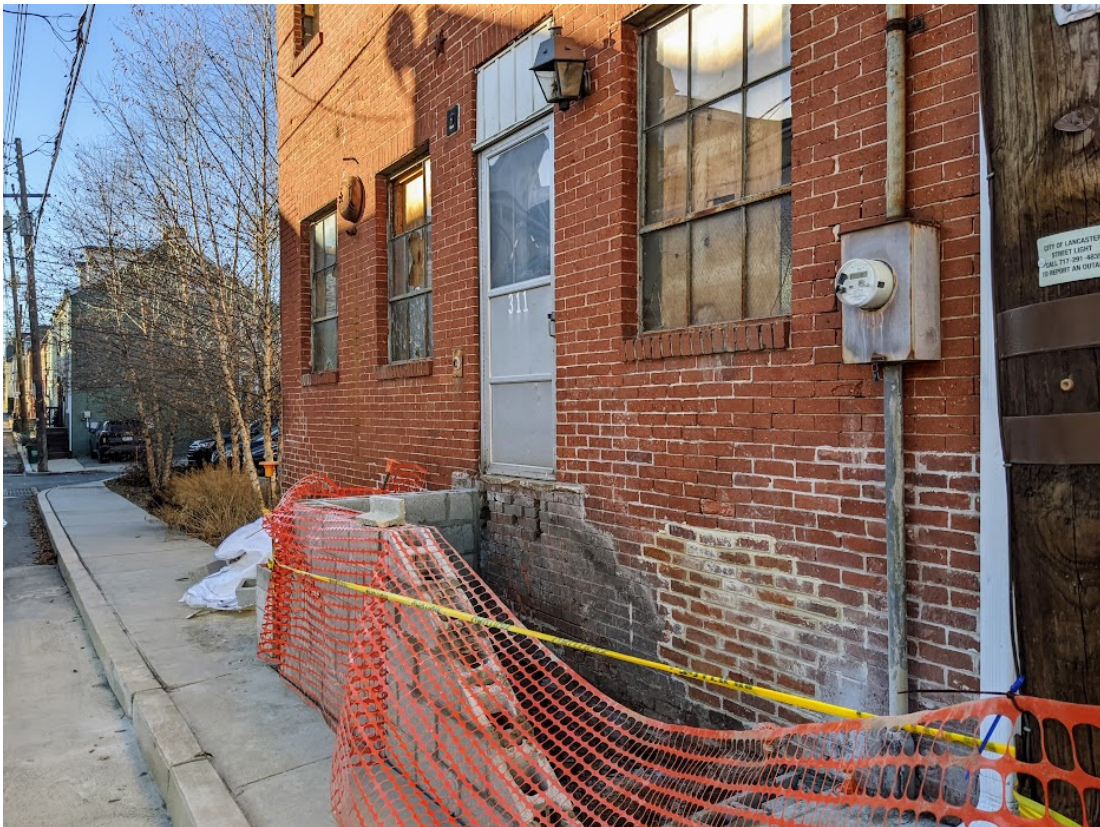
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**GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAY—** The ad hoc Grant Street Construction Committee will have another workday on Saturday, **December 17<sup>th</sup>** and Saturday, **January 14<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking for folks with the ability to lift 50+ pounds 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.



Forming new steps at front entrance from Grant Street and ramp access from parking lot.



## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### *Adult Christian Education*

#### **ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS**

Age 20 something to 40

Age 41–55

**December 18—Christmas Pageant rehearsal (No Adult Christian Ed)**

**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 DECEMBER 16-18**

Dec. 16 - Pam Brubaker  
(717-917-8719)

Dec. 17-18 - Pastor Leslie

**PRAYER CONCERNS—** Email  
Pastor Leslie with your prayer  
concerns

[leslie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:leslie@communitymennonite.org)

#### **Church Report**

**December 11—**

**Attendance 1st service: 58**

**Attendance 2nd service: 81**

**Zoom: 25**

**December 4—**

**Attendance 1st service: 52**

**Attendance 2nd service: 76**

**Zoom: 21**

## COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

**YOU'RE INVITED TO A SPECIAL FREE PERFORMANCE AT LANCASTER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY ON JANUARY 7**—Get your [free tickets now](#) for BLACK NATIVITY: A Holiday Gospel Celebration at 3:00pm Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at Lancaster Seminary's Santee Chapel. Seating is limited. Register now: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/488007021137>.

The famous Christian nativity story turned into an inspirational musical by Langston Hughes features an all-African-American cast. This professional production of the Erie Theater Company is co-produced by Lancaster Seminary graduates Dominique Denman and Kellie Turner. Don't miss this celebration of faith and resiliency! A free-will donation will go to the Seminary's Nathan Baxter Fund for African American Studies.

**GIVE THE GIFT OF ANABAPTIST WORLD**— A gift that is informative, uplifting and lasts all year long. Our [holiday subscription](#) is available for just \$27 (save 50% off the regular rate!). Order today and we'll send your recipients a letter announcing your thoughtful gift.

**FOOD HUB DONATIONS**— Seeking canned foods with pull tabs or food pouches such as tuna/chicken, meats, fruits, and meal helpers such as Hamburger helper, rice sides, etc. They are also in need of socks, underwear, gloves, sleeping bags, rain ponchos, umbrella, wheeled suitcases, and hygiene items such as shampoo, soap, deodorant, laundry detergent and diapers. There is a bin for the Food Hub in the church lower level, near the mailboxes. Thank you, Frank and Beth for the Peace & Justice Committee

**HOLIDAYS AND FINANCIAL STRESS**—For some of us, the holidays can be particularly challenging when it comes to spending and meeting financial obligations. Increased inflation, economic instability, and the pressure to overspend on the holidays can add to an already stressful time of the year. Everence has resources to assist those who are struggling with managing finances. Since 2008 Everence has partnered with Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to provide free confidential financial counseling services. You do not need to be a customer of Everence to use this valuable service. [Click here to learn more](#). Tenfold is another free resource for those struggling with finances with a focus on affordable housing and employment. Tenfold also provides free financial counseling services and can assist with debt consolidation/reduction plans. [Click here for more information](#). Please contact me if you have any questions about [Everence](#).  
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**ANNUAL MUSIC AND WORSHIP LEADERS RETREAT**—Laurelville Retreat Center in Southwestern Pa., will host its annual Music & Worship Leaders Retreat from January 20-22, 2023. The event is in-person and limited to 150. A virtual recording of some segments can be purchased to watch at a later date. The retreat gives music and worship leaders a space to learn, recharge, and connect with their peers through valuable workshops, seminars, resources, fellowship time, worship, and plenty of music.

This year's theme is "lament and hope" with guest speaker Safwat Marzouk, author and theologian. Register at [laurelville.org](http://laurelville.org) or call 724-423-2056 weekdays. Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, 2022. Questions? [Mary@laurelville.org](mailto:Mary@laurelville.org).

**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. 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.*

## 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](mailto:src@communitymennonite.org). [Posting to the wider community in late November.]

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