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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, December 25, 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.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Please note times!

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 -

COOKIES FOR CHRISTMAS EVE— If you'd like to contribute some cookies for the Christmas Eve service, you're welcome to drop them off in the kitchen— anytime this week or before the Christmas Eve service (this Saturday at 7 p.m.) Thank you! Jean Sensenig

CAROLING AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE— Worship will end a little early this Sunday to allow for 15 minutes of Christmas caroling led by Marty Kelley right outside the church on Orange Street (and maybe around the block if weather allows). Please dress warmly if you'd like to participate. We'll end up in the

Parrot Gallery for hot beverages and light snacks. (If you're not able to join the caroling, you may head straight down to the Parrot Gallery after worship.)

FAMILIAR FACES IN THE GATHERING PLACE!— 12 alumni gathered to reconnect, swap stories of their adventures and laugh over shared Senior Youth memories.



CHILDREN OF CMCL— On Sunday, Dec 11 the children of CMCL enjoyed the annual Christmas Jamboree and on the 18th we enjoyed their talents in the Christmas Pageant. It's been a joyful month with our littles!





December 18 Christmas Program

OFFICE HOURS— The church office will be closed on Monday, December 26th and Monday, January 2nd.

SURVEY ABOUT REPARATIONS ACTION FUND PROPOSAL— Council invites your input and questions about this proposal. **Please complete [this congregational survey](#) before January 5.** Your thoughts and clarifying questions will help us plan and better focus our congregational conversation times in January and February. Thank you!

FIRST QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT— Financial Update

- For the first 3 months of the budget year the offerings and rental income total was \$87,701. This income is \$12,587 less than the same time period last year.
- Total expenses for the first quarter are \$99,030 resulting in a first quarter deficit of \$11,138.
- The reserves are \$160,340.
- There are still a few days in 2022 to help lower the current YTD deficit.
- Thank you for your continual financial support of Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster.

For more detailed reports please go to the CMCL [website reports](#).

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.g/QUKkG2vScWNFWAMA7> 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. Contact Zita Angelo for more information: 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 and 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 "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

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.

CALL FOR REFLECTIONS

Did you experience an “Ah Ha” moment from books, sermons, experiences or Christian Ed sessions during the *Sankofa* series?

We are seeking a few people to share a brief reflection on that moment (*two minutes max!*) during a morning of reflection on *Sankofa* for the January 15 worship service. What touched you personally and what might that mean for CMCL? To volunteer, contact Marty Kelley or Diane Umble by January 6, 2022.

GRANT STREET BUILDING UPDATE

GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAY— We had another successful workday on Saturday. We were able to install massive support beams on the first and second floors. Next will be the same in the basement which will finalize the extra support needed from the basement to the roof. Thanks to all those that have helped in the past and this last weekend.

The ad hoc Grant Street Construction Committee will have another workday on 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.





Pumping concrete for front steps on 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 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 23-25

Dec. 23 – Pam Brubaker
(717-917-8719)
Dec. 24-25 – Pastor Leslie
Dec. 26 – Janet
Dec. 27– Amanda
Dec. 28-29 – Pam
Dec. 30-Jan 1 – Leslie

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

Church Report

December 11—
Attendance 1st service: 58
Attendance 2nd service: 81
Zoom: 25

December 18—
Attendance 1st service: 66
Attendance 2nd service: 134

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

LANCASTER CITY CODE BLUE EMERGENCY WARMING & SHELTER

DECEMBER 23-27

Sent from Jess King, Chief of Staff, City of Lancaster, PA

We are sending the following notification out to the Community and if anyone wants to assist, please see the details below.

With the upcoming cold weather this weekend, we are looking to host a pop-up winter shelter and day shelter (warming center) in the city. As you may be aware, all our emergency shelters are at capacity; we know 20+ people are living unsheltered. After exploring several options for evening and daytime sites, the garage at Tenfold ([308 East King Street, Lancaster](#)) is our most likely location. The expansive garage is covered on all sides and with numerous windows to allow for natural sunlight; the facility is well-lighted. We are partnering with local emergency services to coordinate cots and heating.

We need your help to staff the shelter (day and night)! We are recruiting individuals willing to be on-site at the location during the hours of operation at a pay rate of \$30/hour. Below are the details:

Cold Blue Shelter: Beginning Friday, December 23rd at 12:00pm until Tuesday, December 27th at 10:00am. (24-hour operations)

Hours per each day:

- Day shift: 7am – 3pm (3 individuals needed)
- Evening shift: 3pm-11pm (3 individuals needed)
- Overnight shift: 11pm-7am (must stay awake) (2 individuals needed)
- Additional shift needed for Tuesday, December 27th from 7am-10am
- There are a total of 41 shifts (8-hour) that need coverage.

Pay rate: \$30/hour (weekend and holiday rate)

Security: Paid security will be on-site during all operating hours. The Lancaster County Housing and Redevelopment Authority representatives will also manage the shelter.

Shelter Guests: adults only (no families) needing temporary shelter.

With the help of local emergency services, we will transform the Tenfold garage into a space with appropriate heating, cots, restroom accommodations, and light meals. (No cooking facilities are available.)

Volunteer staff must be a minimum of 18 years old. Experience is not required but is a plus in working with individuals with critical needs and/or mental illness. During the shift, you would be on-site, engaging with guests providing support to ensure everyone is okay. (Emergency information will be available if medical care is needed.) If you are interested in serving this weekend, this weekend, complete the fillable PDF application (see button at bottom of community announcements) and return it ASAP to Stacey Ebersole at sebersole@lchra.com. We will follow up with a telephone call to review the next steps. If you cannot volunteer but are willing to provide store-purchased food (e.g., snacks, water bottles, sandwiches, pastries) or hot meals, please complete the online form here [Food Donations Sign-Up](#).

While this accommodation is not ideal, we want to keep our neighbors as safe as possible. Your participation will be extremely beneficial.

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.

HUB 450 IN LANCASTER— When EMM established a hospitality center on the first floor of [Hub 450](#), they knew it would be a place of connection for refugee populations in Lancaster City. They did not know that it would become a hub of service for young adults. But in the summer of 2022, the call for volunteers to help with programming for refugee English classes, driver's education, after-school tutoring, and women's groups led to significant interest from young people who wanted to serve. Interns will help open an international cafe that will operate in the first-floor space—a dream that is finally coming to fruition.

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, g loves, 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 or call 724-423-2056 weekdays. Deadline to register is 5 p.m., Monday, Jan. 9, 2022. Questions? 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.

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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.

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