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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, January 1, 2023

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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!

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

This Week -

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

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, JANUARY 14— 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

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!



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.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.

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.

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— 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.

New door opening cut through brick at top of access ramp located off parking lot at rear of building.





ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Age 20 something to 40

Age 41–55

Wintering

Bringing in the New Year

January 8—*Sankofa and Other Words for the New Year*

Sankofa and Other Words for the New Year: an exploration of words to accompany us into 2023, through music and poetry.

Ellen Kanagy, presenter

January 15—*Wintering, The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times*

We will end our Christian Ed series looking at the practice of Wintering, drawing from Katherine May's book

titled *Wintering, The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times* and other resources.

We will be invited to reflect on

what this season of darkness and dormancy has to teach us, and what wisdom we might draw from this for our lives.

Pam Brubaker, presenter

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE DECEMBER 30 - JANUARY 1

- Pastor Leslie

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email Pastor Leslie with your prayer concerns

leslie@communitymennonite.org

Church Report

December 25—
Christmas Eve
service attendance: 27
Zoom: 14

December 24—
Christmas Eve
service attendance: 131

December 21—
Solstice service attendance: 45

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.

LA LALUNA WOMEN'S VOCAL ENSEMBLE—



LaLaLuna women's vocal ensemble presents a free concert of holiday music for Epiphany on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 4:00 pm at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church ([432 E Chestnut St, Lancaster 17602](#)). Parking is available in the lot behind the church. NOTE: Please bring one or more items for hygiene kits:

- * Toothbrush: individually packaged adult-size
- * Bath soap bar: large, wrapped
- * Nail clipper: high quality
- * Hand towel : medium weight in dark or bright colors
- * Comb: wide-toothed
- * Cash donations also accepted
- * You may stay after the concert to help assemble the kits, which are distributed by Mennonite Central * Committee wherever there is need in the world.

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 Mary Lou 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.

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.

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

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