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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, January 15, 2023

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Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

WINTER 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.

Special West African Fellowship Meal/Potluck this Sunday after second service!

(see details below)

This Week -

JANUARY 16 IS AN OFFICE HOLIDAY -- The church office will be closed on Monday to honor Martin Luther King Jr. day.

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

SPECIAL POTLUCK THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 15 -- In connection with the return of Susan, Teman, Annali and Eriselle and our congregational journey with Sankofa, we will be enjoying some West African dishes provided by Chef Oliver! Please bring a dish (perhaps a salad, dessert, non-peanut dish or other vegetarian

option) to add to the Joloff rice and stews (peanut, chicken & okra). There will be some plain rice too. Don't forget your plate/bowl and flatware! May our journey continue.

~ Hospitality Committee

PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE IS BACK FROM SABBATICAL — Hello all! I'm back at my desk here at CMCL feeling supremely grateful for my sabbatical time, and so looking forward to connecting with you all in the coming weeks. Thanks to Pam Brubaker for covering pastoral care, to Leslie, Amanda, Marilou, Donna, Pastoral Team, Worship Committee, Dismantling Racism Committee and the many CMCL individuals and committees whose work was heavier due to my absence. I'm especially grateful for the many ways you all held us in your thoughts and prayers during our travels, and especially the ways you cared for my parents during Joseph's health crisis in Nov/Dec. I'm looking forward to hearing from you all this Sunday, and sharing yummy West African food together in the fellowship meal time after second service!

Note: we set up a new phone system here right before my sabbatical, and I don't remember how to check my voicemails -- so for the time being, please email me if you left a message for me you're waiting for a reply on. I'll try to get access to my voicemail here asap!

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BE INVOLVED WITH WORSHIP IN THE NEW YEAR?— If you've thought, "I could do that!" Or, "I wish I could do that." Then we're looking for you!! There are many ways that you can contribute ... and we need people to help make each service happen – many hands make light work! We will help you get started.

1. **Worship Leading** – if you would like to know how a service is created, this is a sure way to find out! If you are interested, or just want more information, contact Diane Umble at diane.umble@gmail.com.
2. **Song Leading** – if you like to sing (and can carry a tune and keep a beat), contact Faith Cowell at reistcowell@comcast.net to learn what is involved.
3. **Children's Time** – if you like to tell stories and/or are a child at heart, maybe telling or reading a story for children's time during second service is where your heart leads. Contact Dan Laubach at dan.laubach711@gmail.com for more information.
4. **Ushers & Greeters** – if you are someone who enjoys greeting and learning about the people who come into our sanctuary, maybe being an usher or greeter is for you. Contact Carolyn Weaver at carolynweaver60@comcast.net or Ken Beam at kebe46@comcast.net
5. **Sound and Zoom Technicians** – if you enjoy technology, then your talents are welcome. Contact Daryl Snider at Daryl.snider@gmail.com or Drew Brubaker at drewbrubaker@gmail.com.
6. **Communion Volunteers** – if you would enjoy organizing communion elements once a month, contact Diane Umble, diane.umble@gmail.com.

From the Worship Committee

CMCL MENNO MEN UPCOMING EVENTS —

Men's Book Night: Thursday, February 16 at 6:30pm at Leon Kraybill's house

Men's Retreat: March 17-19 at Charter Hall (Daryl Snider/Darrell Yoder resource persons).

If questions, contact Luke Good or Gerald Ressler

LOOKING FOR A RIDE— Lois Lehman is looking for a ride to Scottdale to visit her 90-year-old sister and a brother in the next few weeks. If someone goes to a gathering at Laurelville, she would be very happy to get a ride. Thank you.

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*

GRANT STREET BUILDING UPDATE

Next workday is January 14!

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 PEER GROUPS

Age 20 something to 40

Age 41–55

Wintering

Bringing in the New Year

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

Coming Soon

January 22, 29, February 5, 12

Getting to Know You

One of CMCL's five-year goals is to provide a fun nurturing environment where diverse people can connect around a shared vision and deepen healthy, caring, and mutual intergenerational relationships.

Adult Christian Education Committee is crafting a four Sunday series with this goal in mind, focusing on learning more about each other in a fun and possibly unconventional way. Twelve people or couples (three each Sunday) will share something about themselves: interesting hobbies, reflections on career(s), learnings or experiences from travel or simply something about themselves that they would like to talk about. Expect surprises.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE JANUARY 14-15

- Pastor Susan

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

Church Report

January 8—

Attendance (1st): 48

Attendance (2nd): 68

Zoom: 21

January 1—

Attendance: 73

Zoom: 14

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2022 Financial Report

Year to Date offerings \$186,562

Year to Date expense \$154,364

Excess \$37,624

Note: End of year giving is always strong - which means that a higher percentage of the year's total giving happens in the beginning of the budget year. For more detail, [click here](#) to see the website budget report.

COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR 43RD ANNUAL CELEBRATION—SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 5 PM

Lancaster's annual celebration honoring the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, [31 S. Duke Street, Lancaster](#). This annual celebration is sponsored by NAACP Lancaster at Branch at the Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The Annual event is the Oldest Celebrated event in Lancaster, Pa. The theme this year is "The Unarmed Truth." The theme is inspired by the words of Dr. King in his acceptance speech for the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway, in 1964.

The Event will be a Face to Face Event. Stream Options will also be available on TCP Live on Facebook. The Reception is Free and Public Event is Free. RSVP by January 11. Space is limited. The Reception will precede the 5:00 Service, and will begin at 4:00 P.M.: RSVP Link Reception: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/naacp-43rd-annual-mlk-reception-rsvp-4pm-tickets-486878174727>. Questions: 717.723.8892

ACC DELEGATES—ACC delegates (including credentialed ministers) are asked to attend a special meeting at Forest Hills Mennonite Church on February 4, 2023 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. This will be a time for delegates to review congregational feedback, listen and share counsel ahead of the decision by ACC's Executive and Ministerial Leadership Committees on credentialing LGBTQ leaders. Registration and details at atlanticcoastconference.net/acc-special-delegate-meeting

HERR HOUSE AND LANCASTER LONGHOUSE ARE SEEKING TOUR GUIDES—Would you like to learn about the earliest history of Lancaster County and share your knowledge with others? Consider becoming a volunteer tour guide at the 1719 Museum, a site that tells the stories of the indigenous people of Lancaster County and its earliest European settlers. The 1719 Museum is seeking adult community members to guide tours of the Herr House and Lancaster Longhouse at the 1719 Museum on Fridays and Saturdays, April through October. Training sessions will be held in February, beginning February 11, 9-11 AM. Scheduling is flexible; volunteers are asked to commit to at least one tour date per month. For more information, [click here](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FOOD INSECURITY RESEARCH—

Central PA Food Bank, the largest food bank in Pennsylvania, is undertaking a year-long research project to better understand food insecurity in Lancaster County. This research will help us see where resources are already and where additional resources are needed. By talking directly to food pantry clients, we will learn what is working well and what clients would like to see improved.

Volunteers will work alongside Central PA Food Bank employees to ask survey questions to willing participants at food pantries.

Volunteers needed!

Jan 13: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)
 Jan 19: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)
 Jan 19: 10am - 12pm (New Holland)
 Jan 20: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)
 Jan 23: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)
 Jan 25: 2 - 6pm (Lancaster City)

[Click here to offer to volunteer](#)



MENNONITE ARTS WEEKEND, FEBRUARY 3-5, 2023—Join us at Mennonite Arts Weekend 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.

The weekend celebrates the creativity and discipline of Anabaptist Mennonite artists. Presentations by musicians, visual artists, writers, and craftspeople start on Friday evening and conclude with Sunday morning worship. Activities and workshops designed specifically for Pre-K children through high school are planned throughout the weekend, including a jam session with *Girl Named Tom*. A nursery will be available. Come enjoy the fun, connect with friends, and hear *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. Questions? 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

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