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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, January 22, 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.

This Week -

WEST AFRICAN POTLUCK MEAL RESCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5 - Stay tuned for more details.

TWO ADDITIONAL SHARING ITEMS:

Lois Martin: My sister Ruth is now at home. With help from Landis at Home, all is well. My brother, John, is also at home. He is facing greater long-term challenges. We are most thankful they are still with us. It is with deep appreciation I am thanking all my CMCL friends for the responses of prayers, love, and caring. My love to All of you. Lois

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Marty Kelley: Moise Bongongo Nzeyolo, the son of the refugee family from the Democratic Republic of Congo supported by CMCL, completed his first semester at Drexel and reportedly did very well. He is grateful for the support received by some CMCLers. He continues to need financial support for 2nd semester (\$6,000.00) and would be glad to accept loans that he would pay back upon receiving his degree. His email address is moisebongongo@gmail.com

SLIDESHOW HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF CMCL'S SANKOFA LEARNINGS - If you were not able to see

the Sankofa slideshow at church this past Sunday, here is the link to the [show](#) and the [music](#). If you did see it at church, please consider watching it again because there are more slides with more extensive thoughts from some CMCLers than would fit into a timed slideshow format. There is also a short video clip about a potential Sankofa learning experience that you may be interested in.

OFFER OF FREE FINANCIAL CONSULTATION - This year might be tough financially with a lot of unknowns. I have a passion for personal financial budgets and financial freedom. If anyone wants help in that area, I am willing to help one-on-one. Please contact Judith Laubach at c.laubach117@gmail.com if you are interested. This is a free offer.

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.

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.
7. **Musicians** - if you would like to offer special music for Prelude & Offertory, or be happy to play an instrument for hymn accompaniment or other ensembles, contact Ron Umble at umbles@comcast.net and/or Daryl Snider at daryl.snider@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

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.

NOTICE RE: OFFICE HOURS— The church office is now regularly 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

GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAYS— Special thanks to all those that have helped over the last couple of workdays and those that have helped during the week. Don Stoltzfus and Lynn Bergey have been amazingly gracious with their time and skill these last several weeks during the day as well as Kelvin Mack Boll. Linford Good, Wayne Martin, Ron Vogt, Frank Muse and I have also been helping out with construction over the past three weekend work days. We have finished shoring up the rafters and removed all the old windows on the second floor. We also have most of the 2nd floor framing completed for the apartment. We are also almost finished with shoring up the first floor and down to the footers in the basement. There's still plenty of work that we feel we can accomplish on our own so look for more workdays to come up in the near future. - Steve Walter





ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

Age 20 something to 40

Age 41–55

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 has crafted 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.

January 22

Presenter(s) 1: *“While the math doesn’t always add up, the relationships are what really matters.”*

Presenter(s) 2: *“I became a stepson and a step dad just a few years apart.”*

Presenter(s) 3: *“I’ve written nine books and don’t like any of them.”*

Who are the presenters? Join us at 10 am Sunday morning to find out.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE JANUARY 21-22

- Pastor Susan

PRAYER CONCERNS— Email
Pastor Susan with your prayer
concerns
(susan@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

MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE (MDS) - The January edition of "On the Level" is now available. Read the latest on the MDS response to flooding in Eastern Kentucky. <https://conta.cc/3XjseqR>

EVERENCE UPDATE - We're helping our members save bigger this year with better rates. Whether you are beginning the savings journey for a child or are saving for the long-term, we have a product that suits your needs. Visit everence.com/savings for more information.

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 23: 9:30am - 12pm (Lancaster City)

Jan 25: 2 - 6pm (Lancaster City)

[Click here to offer to volunteer](#)



FREE DOCUMENTARY AT WARE CENTER JANUARY 25

Wednesday, January 25 - On Screen/In Person event featuring a beautiful documentary about faith and redemption - the story of Hanif, a Black Muslim casket maker and ritual body washer who finds spiritual grounding in his work and in bringing two neighborhood fatherless boys under his tutelage. It has won many awards and has been described as a “masterpiece...waiting to be discovered.” The evening also features a brilliant pre-screening panel with local leaders and scholars – City Councilman Ahmed Ahmed, Dr. Abdulsalami Ibrahim from Millersville University, Dr. Zeshan Ismat of Franklin & Marshall, and Mukaram Syed, a member of the Board of Directors of the Islamic Community Center of Lancaster. The film’s director Zeshawn Ali will also be there live and in person for a post-screening Q&A. To acquire free tickets and/or arrange a visit with Zeshawn, email Barry Kornhaus at Barry.Kornhauser@millersville.edu.

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 src@communitymennonite.org.

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