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**CMCL — Announcements for Wednesday, January 27, 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 -

**STAFF VACATION**— Pastor Leslie Homer-Cattell is on vacation today (Friday, January 27) through and including Sunday, February 5.

**EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS NEXT WEEK**—Since Pastor Leslie will be on vacation, Pastor Susan will be sending out email announcements next Wednesday. Please send any items you have to [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org). NOTE: An email announcement will NOT be sent out next Friday, 2/3. Thanks for your understanding in this in-between time.

**NOTICE RE: OFFICE HOURS**— The church office is 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*.

**DONOR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**— Donor contribution statements for 2022 will be placed in church mailboxes by 1/31/23. If you would prefer that yours be mailed or emailed to you instead, please send your request to [giving@communitymennonite.org](mailto:giving@communitymennonite.org) and we will send them to you the week of 2/6/23.

**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](mailto:c.laubach117@gmail.com) if you are interested. This is a free offer.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:carolynweaver60@comcast.net) or Ken Beam at [kebe46@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:Daryl.snider@gmail.com) or Drew Brubaker at [drewbrubaker@gmail.com](mailto:drewbrubaker@gmail.com).
6. **Communion Volunteers** – if you would enjoy organizing communion elements once a month, contact Diane Umble, [diane.umble@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:umbles@comcast.net) and/or Daryl Snider at [daryl.snider@gmail.com](mailto:daryl.snider@gmail.com).

- from the Worship Committee

**CMCL MENNONITE WOMEN—** Calling all interested women to gather on **Saturday morning Feb 25 at 10:00 am** for coffee and muffins as we pack **boxes of blessings for our college age youth**. Traditionally we have packed boxes with treats, school supplies, notes of encouragement. These are mailed or delivered to their residence away or at home. There will be 26 boxes to fill. Your support and participation is much appreciated. So mark your calendar for a Saturday Feb 25! ~ Mennonite Women Committee (Carolyn Dries, Zita Angelo, Renee King)  
Any questions? Text Carolyn at 610-310-0460

#### **CMCL MENNO MEN UPCOMING EVENTS —**

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

If questions, contact Luke Good or Gerald Ressler

**THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT** - Thanks to your support of our annual Wreath Fundraiser, the Senior Youth were able to go to one of our favorite places - Camp Eder! This years Winter Retreat was a memorable one, filled with laughter and deep conversation but also four-square, ghillie suits, rock climbing, late night dance parties, talent shows and sour patch kids. If you see a Senior Youth member, ask them to share one of their favorite moments. Special thanks to Dan Laubach for attending as co-leader! - Pastor Amanda Stoltzfus



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

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### 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 29

**Presenter(s) 1:** *"Spark Gatherers."*

**Presenter(s) 2:** *"We've had ten kids as part of our family over the last two years."*

**Presenter(s) 3:** *"We had to make a home-made incubator for our infant twins."*

**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](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org))

#### Church Report

January 22 -

Attendance (1st): 49

Attendance (2nd): 97

Zoom: 23 devices

January 15 -

Attendance (1st): 35

Attendance (2nd): 64

Zoom: 48 devices

January 8—

Attendance (1st): 48

Attendance (2nd): 68

Zoom: 21 devices

#### 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



**LEAD-FREE FAMILIES PROGRAM** - Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health is offering this program to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Lancaster County. To qualify, all of the following criteria must be met:

- \* Property must be located within Lancaster County
  - \* Property must have been built prior to 1978
  - \* At least one child under age of 6 must live or visit in home OR a pregnant person must live in the home
  - \* Household income must be no more than \$73,240 for a family of 2 OR \$111,000 for a family of 4
- Might you or someone you know qualify? To apply or for more info: 717-544-LEAD, [info@leadfreefamilies.org](mailto:info@leadfreefamilies.org).

**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](https://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](mailto: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](http://everence.com/StewU). Questions? Contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto: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](mailto:src@communitymennonite.org).

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