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CMCL — Mid-Week Announcements for Wednesday, February 1, 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 this week through Sunday, February 5.

PASTORAL CARE COVERAGE THIS WEEKEND — Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke and family will be in Ohio this weekend (Friday - Sunday) to participate in the celebration of life for father/father-in-law/grandfather, Charles Cooke. For urgent pastoral care concerns during this time, please contact Pastor Amanda Stoltzfus on Friday, or Pastoral Team member Janet Dick on Saturday and Sunday.

EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS NEXT WEEK— An email announcement will NOT be sent out this Friday, 2/3.

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*.

NEW OFFICE COORDINATOR —Staff Relations Committee is pleased to announce that we have hired Hope Sholly to be our church office coordinator. She is a graduate of Marywood University and has graphic communications experience. Her first day in the office will be Monday, February 6. Please help her feel welcome when you see her in the office.

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 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 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.
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 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

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

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Age 20 something to 40

Age 41–55

INTERGENERATIONAL SERIES (in sanctuary):

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.

February 5

Presenter(s) 1: *"We ran a back country bed and breakfast located at an elevation of 10,200 feet."*

Presenter(s) 2: *"As part of my work sometimes I have to wear a paper suit."*

Presenter(s) 3: *"Finding healing spirit in the woods and on the water."*

February 12

Presenter(s) 1: *"I once showered in a car wash."*

Presenter(s) 2: *"I prepared a meal for Queen Elizabeth."*

Presenter(s) 3: *"I travel all over the world to purchase coffee beans . . . well, someone has to do it."*

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 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

HELP NEEDED FOR WHARTON FAMILY - James Street Mennonite has been in contact with Talia Mylin, the social worker at Wharton Elementary. In the recent fire on Lemon St. a family next door to where the two sisters died, associated with Wharton Elementary, lost everything. They've found housing, and someone to donate furniture, but everything else needs to be replaced. You are invited to **donate gift cards for Target, Walmart or Giant** that they can use for food, furnishings, or clothing. If you can't purchase gift cards, you may also donate money for cards to be purchased by sending a check to Frank Carano at [1427 Quarry Lane, Lancaster 17603](#). We'd like to have these as soon as possible, and will continue collecting through February 12. *Peace & Justice Committee, co-chairs Frank Carano and Beth Crosby, fdcarano@gmail.com and beth.crosby74@gmail.com*

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.

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](#).

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

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