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CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, February 12, 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 THIS SUNDAY, February 12 -- IT'S FINALLY ACTUALLY HAPPENING!! In connection with the return of Susan, Teman, Annali and Eriselle and our congregational journey with Sankofa, this Sunday we will be enjoying some West African dishes provided by Chef Oliver (chicken & okra stew, peanut stew, Jollof rice; the Hospitality Committee will provide basmati rice)! Please bring a salad or dessert to add to the meal. Don't forget your plate/bowl and flatware! May our journey continue. ~ Hospitality Committee

NOTICE RE: OFFICE HOURS— Now that Hope Sholly has joined us as Office Coordinator, we are happy to announce that the new regular church office hours will be Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

REPORT ON SPECIAL DELEGATES MEETING - A special delegates meeting for the Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC) was held 2/4/23 at Forest Hills Mennonite Church. (ACC congregations are geographically spread from Massachusetts to Maryland.) The topic was whether the conference will credential candidates from the LGBTQIA+ community. CMCL's delegates who attended were: Laurel Martin, Paul Allen, Pauline Zimmerman and Pastor Leslie Homer-Cattell. In addition, Christy Heatwole Kauffman was part of the prayer group for the gathering.

Delegates gathered at about a dozen tables with each table consisting of delegates from various congregations. We heard the history of this discernment process, as well as current

statements of support and/or concern from 25 of the 30 congregations. About a third of the congregations are completely on board with moving forward with credentialing qualified candidates who are from the LGBTQIA+ community. A handful of congregations have various concerns. Some said they will follow the leading of ACC. And another handful are still in the discernment process themselves.

Delegates discussed what we heard in the congregational statements and how God is evident in this process. We were also asked to provide counsel to the Ministerial Leadership and Executive Committees who expect to make a final decision by the end of February.

NEW CMCL KIDS CURRENT EVENTS BULLETIN BOARD - Walk through the CE wing (1st floor) for NEWS! NEWS! NEWS! In the foyer to the back entrance on the column is a new bulletin board, Current Events.

We'll be posting concerts, recitals, productions, special events and games of CMCL kids. Lots of schools are right now preparing for the musical season, and CMCL kids are involved. Times and dates will be posted, as we receive information from families. If you can't attend an event, you could pray for the child involved or send a note.

You'll want to pass through periodically as information will be added regularly.

An event that will be past before you see the BB: **Alex Blose will be playing basketball at Nitrauer El. this coming Sat 11 Feb at 10a.m.**

EVERENCE GRANTS 2022 - The Everence Sharing Fund provided \$2,250 in matching funds to support the special needs of the CMCL community in 2022. Our congregation also earned \$1,125 in cash back from the Everence MyNeighbor credit card program. If you have questions or want to learn more, contact Dave Cattell (Everence advocate for CMCL) at davidcc1956@yahoo.com or 484-868-7547.

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— We are still working on donor contribution statements for 2022 and apologize for the delay. We are hoping to put them in church mailboxes by this Sunday. If you would prefer that yours be mailed or emailed to you instead, please send your request to giving@communitymennonite.org.

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 —

* **Book Discussion:** Please join the CMCL men's group to share your reading journey on **February 16, 6:30 PM** at the home of Leon Kraybill, [288 Rhoda Drive, Lancaster](#). Come prepared to describe one recommended book from the past year.

***Men's Retreat: March 17-19** at Charter Hall (Daryl Snider/Darrell Yoder resource persons).
If questions, contact Luke Good or Gerald Ressler.

LOST & FOUND: BIBLE - This Bible was found at church. It includes notes that may be meaningful to its owner. If you recognize this as yours or someone else's you know, please contact Hope Sholly in the

church office: hope@communitymennonite.org.



GRANT STREET BUILDING UPDATE

GRANT STREET BUILDING WORKDAYS— The ad hoc Grant Street Construction Committee has two more workdays scheduled for **Saturday, February 25th and Saturday, March 18th**. 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. 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 or Don Stoltzfus as well. There is a smaller group (primarily Don and Lynn) working during the week and would welcome any help.

-Steve Walter





Repointing brick on front, installing stucco cladding system on side of building (EIFS-External Insulation and Finishing System. The first layer is foam board followed by a fiberglass mesh and a finishing coat.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS

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 12

Presenter(s) 1: *"One of us prepared a meal for Queen Elizabeth. The other took a shower in a carwash."*

Presenter(s) 2: *"Our family called the Balkans home for many years, and we maintain a deep connection there."*

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.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Dreams for Lancaster: *Centering Queer, Immigrant and Antiracist Voices*

This series, Dreams for Lancaster, has come out of collaborative work with Blossom Hill, Landisville and East Chestnut Street Mennonite churches. The series begins with an initial orienting session and follows with a host speaker every other week. Intervening weeks will provide time for guided reflection and discussion of the previous Sunday's focus.

February 19—Orienting Session

Presenters: Marilyn Parrish and Ruth Parish Sauder

Session 1 will focus on concepts of mainstream and margin, norms and intersectionality, and preparing for listening to others from our own mainstream and marginalized identities.

PASTORAL INFORMATION:

PASTORAL CARE

February 11-12

- 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

Beyond incarceration
 A hard look at dismantling
 the prison system and
 building healthy communities

A new webinar series on
 mass incarceration from
 MCC and MC USA.

Feb. 7 & 21
 Mar. 7 & 21
 7:30 ET/4:30 PT

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Register: mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars

NEW ACC EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE MINISTER AFFIRMED - With a 100% affirmation by ACC delegates, Joanne Dietzel has been affirmed as ACC's next Executive Conference Minister. Joanne will begin the role on April 1 following the retirement of Merv Stoltzfus. Please pray for Merv, Joanne, and the rest of the ACC staff during this time of transition.

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](https://www.google.com/maps/place/1427+Quarry+Lane,+Lancaster+PA+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

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](#).

ANABAPTIST MENNONITE BIBLICAL SEMINARY

Take a summer course at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary! Hybrid courses (combining online work and one week on campus) include Ethics and Care: Living and Dying with Purpose; and Preaching. **Campus courses** (also open to auditors) include Practicing and Embodying Nonviolence; The Religious Other in the Bible; and The Spirit World and the Global Church. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first three credit hours! [ambse.edu/upcoming-courses](https://www.ambse.edu/upcoming-courses)

AMBS Transition to Leadership program. This program guides new pastors during the crucial first years of ministry through one-on-one mentoring; biannual Weekend Learning Events with peers, mentors and program leaders; and four specialized training sessions per year. It's free to participants in the Spring 2023 cohort, which starts April 13. **Apply by March 13**. [ambse.edu/transition-to-leadership](https://www.ambse.edu/transition-to-leadership)

FRIENDS OF SHIRATI ANNUAL FUNDRAISER BANQUET—On **Saturday, March 11** at 6 PM, Friends of Shirati will be holding their Annual Fundraiser Banquet at The Gathering Place on 6 Pine Street, Mount Joy, PA. Dinner is served at 6 PM, followed by a 2022 project update and presentations by Kevin Ressler, CEO, United Way, Lancaster and Jerry Murray, lead architect with MSAADA, Tanzania. **RSVP by March 6, 2023**. Questions? E-mail: banquet@friendsofshirati.org or Verle Rufenacht @ PO Box 10903, Lancaster, PA 17605. (717) 344-2231. For donations and more info go to [friendsofshirati.org](https://www.friendsofshirati.org).

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](https://www.everence.com/StewU). Questions? Contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769 or lynette.morales@everence.com

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