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**CMCL — Announcements for Sunday, February 19, 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 -

**JAZZ SUNDAY** - This Sunday, February 19, is our annual Jazz Sunday at CMCL. Ryan Kauffman has once again given leadership to planning a morning of jazz which will be performed by many fellow CMCL musicians in both services. The Sabbath poetry of Wendell Berry will be interspersed throughout the morning, as well.

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR THIS SUNDAY, 2/19/23:** This week, we received an untraceable phone message announcing that visitors will be coming this Sunday with literature and a prophetic word for us. The person identified himself as from the Church of Satanic Ritual (a group whose existence we have not been able to verify). We have no idea if this was a prank call or if some folks will show up, but we wanted to let you know that a welcome/response plan has been put in place if they do. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Leslie ([leslie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:leslie@communitymennonite.org)), Pastor Susan ([susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org)), or Cal Esh ([calvinesh@gmail.com](mailto:calvinesh@gmail.com)).

**ASH WEDNESDAY** - Lent begins this week. Join us at CMCL at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22 for a contemplative service with imposition of ashes.

**ANNUAL SENIOR YOUTH CHILI DINNER** - The Annual Senior Youth Chili Dinner will be held on Saturday, March 4, 5-7 pm in the Parrot Gallery. This year's theme is "Chili in Space" and we encourage you to dress up for the occasion by sporting some NASA gear, a Star Trek uniform, or any other Sci-Fi

character you adore. Dinner will include multiple varieties of chili, salad, cornbread, and homemade desserts. All funds raised will help us attend MennoCon 23 in Kansas City. We hope to see you there!

**MENNOCON CHAPERONES NEEDED** - Want to come to MennoCon with the Senior Youth? Pastor Amanda is looking for 1-2 more adults who would like to serve as chaperones for our week in Kansas City. If you'd like more information, please email [amanda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:amanda@communitymennonite.org).

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DAVID W. SHENK -**

David W. Shenk, 85, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, January 31, at Landis Homes, Lititz, PA. David W. Shenk is the father of Karen Shenk Zeager and Tim Shenk. And the grandfather of Dulce and Vanessa Shenk Zeager, Amani Kaufman, Maia Shenk.

**Visitations and Memorial Service Times:**

**Friday, February 17 visitation with family 6-8 pm**

**Saturday, February 18 visitation with family 9:15-10:30 am** followed by **Memorial Service at 10:30 am** at Mellinger Mennonite Church. Livestream link will be available on Snyder funeral home website.

**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.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO BE HELD March 5, 2023 Following 2<sup>nd</sup> Service**

**Agenda:**

**Financial Report and Giving Tutorial:** Larry Groff

**Green Cemetery:** We have met—and exceeded—Akron's request of \$5,000 to join the four acre natural preserve and green cemetery. CMCL attenders will have access to the cemetery and nature preserve on the same terms as attenders of Akron Mennonite.

[Leadership Selection Updates](#)

**Grant Street/Lift Project**

**Lift** The solicitation of construction quotes is on hold pending the city's approval of the project plans.

**Giving** Linford Good

**Grant Street** Lynn Bergey

**POWER**

POWER is an interfaith multi-racial grassroots organization. It is a gathering of Pennsylvania congregations and individuals committed to racial and economic justice. Cash bail fund/prison reform and fair funding in education are two issues currently actively addressed by POWER that many CMCLers have been involved in over the past few years. The goal of POWER is to unite congregations across the state to work together on issues of justice; recognizing the call of the church to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God can be more successful with many hands/congregations working together.

**CMCL/LMS CHURCH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM- Will your child/children be enrolled at LMS (K-12) in the fall of 2023?** The CMCL/LMS Church partnership program provides \$500 gifts from CMCL to be matched with \$500 scholarships from LMS for CMCL children enrolled at LMS. **The deadline to identify your child for scholarship eligibility is March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please send [this form](#) to Hope in the church office.

Contributions to support the program can be made to CMCL with a designation for the CMCL/LMS Church Partnership Program in the memo line. If you have questions, contact Diane Umble, Coordinator.

**PEACE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED** - June seems far in the future, but the Children and Youth committee has already started talking about Peace School (June 20, 21 and 22). We need a couple of other people to help plan and prepare. Please contact Marilou Adams to be involved.

**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.

**DONOR CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**— We sent donor contribution statements in church mailboxes, or mailed/e-mailed as requested. Please email [giving@communitymennonite.org](mailto:giving@communitymennonite.org) with any questions. Thank you for your patience this year!

**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**— 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

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

*February 19–April 2*

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.

**February 26—Refugee/immigrant/asylum seeker experiences**

Presenter: Amer Al Fayedh

**March 5—Reflections**

Facilitator: Laura Boll

**March 12— Antiracism and transformative justice**

Presenter: Adam Hosey

**March 19—Reflections: Discussion of CMCL's proposed Reparations Action Fund**

Facilitator: Soleil Yoder Salim, Congregational Council, Finance Committee

**March 26—LGBTQ+ identity in experiences of the church**

Presenter: Chris Miller

**April 2—Reflections**

Facilitator: Susan Gascho-Cooke

**PASTORAL INFORMATION:**

**PASTORAL CARE**

**February 18-19**

- Pastor Susan

**PRAYER CONCERNS—** Email

Pastor Susan with your prayer concerns

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

**Church Report**

**February 12 -**

**Attendance (1st): 32**

**Attendance (2nd): 132**

**Zoom:**

**February 5 -**

**Attendance (1st): 48**

**Attendance (2nd): 72**

**Zoom: 21 devices**

**January 29 -**

**Attendance (1st): 50**

**Attendance (2nd): 79**

**Zoom: 21 devices**

**Treasurer's Report**

December 31, 2022 Financial Report

Year to Date offerings \$229,115

Year to Date expense \$180,184

Excess \$48,931

Note: A higher percentage of the year's total giving happens in the first half of the budget year (September – February). [See the website for more detailed reports.](#)

# COMMUNITY / GENERAL MENNONITE

## DECISION ON LGBTQ+ CREDENTIALING BY ACC'S MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP

### COMMITTEE-

The members of ACC's Ministerial Leadership Committee wish to share our appreciation for the engagement of member congregations and individual delegates regarding credentialing. After careful discernment of listening to God's Spirit through the diverse feedback from delegates and congregations and with affirmation of Executive Committee we have come to the following decision:

The Ministerial Leadership Committee will respect the position of each congregation to request, or not to request, the credentialing of an LGBTQ+ person (including someone in a same-gender marriage) and will process the request.

Concluding the discernment process is not the end of ongoing connection and care for one another as conference members. We invite congregations and individuals into ongoing engagement with one another in these ways...

1. Hold all ACC congregations in our prayers continually.
2. Seek creative congregation-to-congregation and pastor-to-pastor interaction to enhance understanding with those who hold different views. The conference office can help facilitate these times if needed.
3. Continue processing differences of opinion with your congregation. Understanding differences both in- and outside the congregation can help us better love and care for one another. Again, the conference office may be called on if resourcing is desired.

**Thursday, March 2, 2023 • 7:00 pm • Bucher Meetinghouse**

**TOGETHER WE CAN: A TOWN HALL TARGETING HIDDEN INJUSTICES** - will be held Saturday morning, March 18, at Thaddeus Stevens School of Technology from 8:30-noon. This vital initiative took root in CMCL's Dismantling Racism Group and has branched out to bring in activists and leaders in our county who have a heart for racial justice. ***Please register to join us and do what you can to get the word out.*** We are particularly interested in engaging young folks of color - whatever you can do to help us in that area would be appreciated as well. Read about the mission of Lancaster Justice Seekers Collective and register for the Town Hall at <https://www.lancasterjusticeseekers.org/>

**LECTURE - Holy Cow: Religion, Race, and Milk in Lancaster County** - Presented by The Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies at Elizabethtown College by Rachel Feldman and Ayala Fader, on **Thurs., March 2, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Bucher Meetinghouse. Feldman, assistant professor of religious studies/Judaic studies at Franklin and Marshall College, and Fader, professor of anthropology at Fordham University, discuss the connections between Orthodox Jews, Amish and Mennonite farmers, and kosher dairy products. For details, visit <https://www.etown.edu/centers/young-center/events.aspx> or call 717-361-1470. Free and open to the public, this is an in-person event. Using GPS Address: [450 Campus Rd, Elizabethtown, PA 17022](#), brings you directly to the parking lot of the Young Center; no stairs, and fully accessible.

**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.

**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! [ambs.edu/upcoming-courses](https://ambs.edu/upcoming-courses)

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

**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](https://mcc.org/beyond-incarceration-webinars)**



# PRESENTING ANNIE THE MUSICAL!



LMH will be performing their musical February 16-19.

- Thursday, February 16, 7:00
- Friday, February 17, 7:00
- Saturday, February 18, 7:00\*
- Sunday, February 19, 3:00

\*There will be deaf interpretation on Saturday evening. The 1st two benches in section 1 are being held for sign language interpretation.

## March For Our Lives: PA Advocacy Day

Thursday, March 23rd, 2023

PA State Capitol | Harrisburg



### CLASSIFIEDS

#### 2-BR, 2 BATH APARTMENT FOR RENT IN EAST HEMPFIELD TWP. -

First floor of 1852 home very near LGH's health campus and the Mennonite Home; easy access to Rts. 30 and 283. Large kitchen great for cooking; laundry room w/ W&D (shared with 2<sup>nd</sup> floor apt); lots of storage space. \$1050/month, includes W/S, trash service, off-street parking. Gas (heat, hot water) and electric (range, window ACs) cost est. \$150/month. (Garage parking available +\$25/mo.) Includes large yard space with trees shading; gardening space available if desired. No smoking, no pets. Contact Paul Brubaker (cell 717-299-0906, email [paul.brubaker.lm@gmail.com](mailto:paul.brubaker.lm@gmail.com)) for more info.



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