

Church Report—

December 27, 2015

Attendance	98
General Offering	\$ 12,217
MOOS	\$ 200

January 10, 2016

Worship Leader—Joseph Gascho
Prelude/Offertory—Jerry Lee Miller
Song Leader—Louise Ranck
Sound Technicians—
Greeter—(1st Service)—Janet Lind
Ushers—(1st Service)—Carolyn Weaver, Dean Brubaker
Greeter—(2nd Service)—Steve Walter
Ushers—(2nd Service)—Jack Shope, Joanne Kreider

CHILDCARE

Christian Ed—Sherry Groff, Magdalen Hess
2nd Service—Don Kulp, Beth Crosby
Maia Kaufman, Helper

HOLDING IN LIGHT AND LOVE

The persons named below are CMCLers who have shared joys or prayer concerns with the community in the previous weeks, or persons who are no longer physically able to come to services. Please take time to remember these folks especially throughout the week, in thought and prayer.

If you have a joy or prayer concern you would like to bring to the congregation, please call or e-mail Susan at cmcl@communitymennonite.org

Faith Cowell & Kay Reist, Jonah & Chloe	Sheela Huddle
Roland and Melissa Stock	Becci and Paul Leatherman
Jim and Lois Blough	Emma Hess
Alyce Jenkins	



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—JANUARY 3, 2016

FOR JANUARY 3, 2016 TO JANUARY 9, 2016

CMCL

TODAY'S ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—Today, we will look back on our favorite movies of the year during adult Christian Education hour. You can give a 5-minute review of your favorite 2015 movie. Then, time permitting, we will share about favorite movies we just had to watch again during 2015.

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Today, January 3, 2016, we will be holding our monthly potluck in the Parrot Gallery. All, especially visitors, are welcome to attend. Mark your calendars for every first Sunday of the month!

PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE AND FAMILY—will be on vacation, visiting family, from December 26 - January 5. Please contact Chad Martin with pastoral care needs during that time.

CHRIS HOOVER SEIDEL—office hours will be changing in the new year, due to her class schedule. We will keep you posted.

INTRODUCTION TO THE ENNEAGRAM—Adult Christian Education, January 10-February 14, meeting in the *Sanctuary*: A tool for personal and spiritual growth". The enneagram is an ancient symbol and personality typing system with nine points. It can help us increase self-understanding, become more authentic, and grow in compassion for ourselves and others. We will explore it through talking together, and through poetry, body postures, symbolic animals, and more. Join us if you have limited or no knowledge of this system. It will be most beneficial if you can attend all or most of the six weeks of class. Led by Ellen Kanagy.

SCRIPTURE STUDY—Adult Christian Education, January 10-February 14: We will be studying scripture and meeting in the *Conference Room* behind the sanctuary.

NEW PARROT GALLERY EXHIBIT—"Mennonites Worshipping in Lancaster City. Documentary photographer Paul Brubaker photographed 16 Mennonite churches worshipping within the city of Lancaster. Discovering wonderful, welcoming communities and astonishing diversity, he photographed with respect, appreciation, love--and freshly, with a sense of humor. This show, mostly of panoramas, invites viewers to see these images alongside the thinking of church historians Philip Jenkins and Diana Butler-Bass. The photographs might stretch your views of who Mennonites are! The show will

be hanging throughout January-February, but the First Friday reception will not be held until February 5, 6-9 p.m.

SEEKING SINGERS FOR JANUARY 24 SPECIAL MUSIC—The recent conversation about attitudes towards immigrants and refugees reminded me (and others, I know) of the poem, “First They Came for the Communists,” credited to Martin Niemöller. I’ve sung the four-part song “Stand Up” (based on the poem) and thought it would be great to sing at CMCL. With encouragement from Anne Sensenig, I’ve scheduled it for both services January 24. I’m hoping for at least three voices per part. I propose rehearsing during Christian Ed January 10 and/or 17. Please email martykelley4plus@gmail.com or call 207-478-2784 to let me know if you want to sing, or if you have questions. Thanks! Marty Kelley

SMALL GROUP, ANYONE?—All I want for Christmas is my own small group, my own small group...well, you get the idea! Please contact me if you’d like to form a new small group IF you can meet on 2nd and/or 4th Wednesday nights, or Friday nights. Some weekday, daytime hours, might work as well. Zita Angelo, zita.angelo712@gmail.com, call or text 717-951-5152.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY—donations are needed. We are collecting children's books for all ages (birth - 18). You can place them directly in the Little Free Library in the Concord Alley entrance or give them to Chris Hoover Seidel.

NEW APARTMENT NUMBER—Reese and Alyce Jenkins have moved to a new apartment at Willow Valley. Their correct information is Apartment C-123. Please make a note in your directories.

BONGOGO FAMILY VOLUNTEER NEEDS—We need to expand our pool of volunteers for supporting the newly arrived Bongogo refugee family. Please let us know if you would be willing to be added to an email list, requesting occasional forms of support. If we have many volunteers then we can easily shoulder the responsibility together! (An example of a request is: this afternoon, Emanuel has a doctor and blood work appointment; can anyone drive him and accompany him to these appointments?) We also need more volunteers who are willing to give Remy (the father) driving lessons. He has his permit and this is the only specific request he has voiced. Steve Weaver has taken him driving and reports that he's very careful and conscientious. (County Park is very close to the family home and is an ideal place for driving lessons.) Please be in touch with Magdalen or Rhea at magdaleeneve@gmail.com or rheamiller@gmail.com.

WELCOMING POTLUCK—On Sunday January 10, the Bongogo Family will join us for second service and a potluck lunch following second service. This is our opportunity to welcome and meet the whole family and collectively share hospitality. Please bring a dish to share!

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH—100 Quarry Road, Leola, is hosting a Winter Bible School series on Wednesday evenings in January, starting on January 6. This year the focus will be on *God's Great Story*. Pastor Audrey Kanagy will lead the adult study series that will explore how the books of the Bible fit together as a single narrative of God's love for creation and how the Bible as we know it came to be. Each evening will begin with a shared drop-in supper from 6-6:45 p.m. followed by the evening session and activities for school-aged children, grades K-12, at 7 p.m. For more information or to reserve your space at the shared meal, please contact the church at 717-656-6227 or email fhmc@foresthillschurch.org.

PIES IN THE MENNONITE TRADITION—Bring your friends and enjoy tasting homemade pies and hot drinks in a homey setting at a drop-in on Saturday, January 23, between 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. The cost is \$10 per person. Children under 12 are free. Pie baker Valerie Baer will demonstrate the art of making a tender pie crust. Be top bidder in a silent pie auction. Browse displays featuring the lives of Lancaster Mennonite women in the early to mid-1900s. Register by January 16.

BRIDGE OF HOPE LANCASTER & CHESTER COUNTIES—is seeking an Event & Development Coordinator. This full-time position will work out of their Chester County office with some travel between the two counties. Focus will be on events, PR and social media. Attention to detail, strong writing skills, experience in events and social media required. Must be available occasional evenings and weekends for meetings or to attend and represent Bridge of Hope Lancaster & Chester County at community events. Please see full details at <http://lancasterchester.bridgeofhopeinc.org/contact-us/job-opportunities/>