

Church Report—

January 3, 2016

Attendance—1 st service	74
Attendance—2 nd service	125
General Offering	\$ 3,992
MOOS	\$ 300

Additional Year End (2015) giving

General Offering	\$ 22,332
MOOS	\$ 1025

January 17, 2016

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude/Offertory—Steve and Cynthia Stayrook

Song Leader—Kate Umble Smucker

Sermon—Chad Martin

Sound Technicians—Don Kulp, Monte Garber

Greeter—(1st Service)—Ruth Mellinger Martin

Ushers—(1st Service)—Dean Brubaker, Donna Walton Gibbs

Greeter—(2nd Service)—Lois Lehman

Ushers—(2nd Service)—Larry Groff, Margaret Krumm

CHILDCARE

Christian Ed—Bryan Martin, Dan Schlegel

2nd Service—Mary Lou Weaver Houser, Charlotte Kulp

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

Janet Lind, Cal & Isaac Esh
Sherry Groff
Sheela Huddle
Becci and Paul Leatherman
Emma Hess

Ryan, Christy & Ezra Kauffman
Faith Cowell & Kay Reist, Jonah & Chloe
Roland and Melissa Stock
Jim and Lois Blough



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—JANUARY 10, 2016

FOR JANUARY 10, 2016 TO JANUARY 16, 2016

CMCL

RECOVENANTING—during worship on Sundays, January 17 and 24. See your mailboxes downstairs for your recovenanting form.

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 and Marcia Towers.

SCRIPTURE STUDY—Adult Christian Education, January 10-February 14: We will be studying scripture and meeting in the *Conference Room* behind the sanctuary. To start off CMCL's scripture series today, Cheryl Lehman will offer an experience of "Lectio Divina" (sacred reading) of a scripture text. A participant can expect an explanation of this spiritual practice, a group experience of "lectio divina," followed by conversation around its contributions for spiritual growth and transformation. Show up and experience a non-threatening, contemplative engagement with the scripture text of the morning. You do not have to be a monk in a quiet cell to find this a life-giving spiritual practice!!

WELCOMING POTLUCK—Today, Sunday January 10, the Bongongo 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!

MLK DAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY—Are you looking for a volunteer opportunity on Martin Luther King Day, January 18th? The Chestnut Housing Corp (CHC) - an affordable housing organization run by East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church) has a property in need of some scraping & painting of walls, kitchen cupboards and trim; as well as repair of a fence. They could put a few willing hands to work on MLK Day. If you're interested, contact Kim van Donk at kdvandonk@gmail.com. Please respond by Saturday, January 9th to allow CHC to plan for the number of volunteers who will be participating.

LGBTQ POTLUCK—will be meeting January 24th after the second service. This will be at Joe Miller & Rob-Travis Jackson home in Lancaster. Their address is 722 Poplar Street, Phone # 717-397-1441. Please RSVP to Joe.

SEEKING LENTEN JOURNEY VOLUNTEERS FOR ADULT

CHRISTIAN ED—In many religious traditions, Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. Images we often associate with Lent include wilderness, desert, darkness... In preparation for Easter, the Adult Christian Education committee is planning 5 Sundays (Feb 21 - March 20) to focus on "Lenten Journeys" during which we'd like to have people volunteer to share about their journeys through a trying time. How did you get through or maybe you're still there? - Was it the help of a friend, scripture, something symbolic, a ritual, song, prayer. What was meaningful? Contact Naomi Paine on the Adult Christian Ed committee: naomipaine@verizon.net if you'd like to inquire about sharing your journey.

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.

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.

SONG LEADING—Are you interested in leading singing or providing accompaniment? If so, please contact Kate Umble Smucker at kateumble@gmail.com.

BONGONGO FAMILY VOLUNTEER NEEDS—We need to expand our pool of volunteers for supporting the newly arrived Bongongo 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 magdaleneve@gmail.com or rheamiller@gmail.com.

NEW SMALL GROUP—You're invited to Zita Angelo's house for our first meeting on Wednesday, January 27, from 7-9 p.m. Address: 712 East Market Street in Marietta. There are 3 of us so far - we're open to having a few more! We'll get to know each other a bit and talk about what direction we'd like our group to go. zita.angelo712@gmail.com or 717-951-5152.

POINSETTIAS—Take one of the poinsettias home for \$5 (covers the majority of CMCL's cost), or contribute \$8 to cover all of the cost. Please put your contribution in the offering plate. Thank you for giving them a home!

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

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/>

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE MLK CONCERT—Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 3 p.m. followed by reception, at St. John's Episcopal: 321 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster, PA 17603, 717.299.1188 (members: John Blase, Sonny Ditzler, Daniel Erdman, Jerry Lee Miller, Anne Sensenig)

HE NAMED ME MALALA—MEDA will host an exclusive showing of this critically acclaimed documentary on Thursday, Jan. 21 at Penn Cinema in Lititz. 4:30 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres / 5:30 p.m. Feature presentation and professional commentary. RSVP by January 19: Admission is free, but registration is required. RSVP by Jan. 19 to 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org. For more information visit www.meda.org/lancaster.

LANCASTER MEDA BREAKFAST—Learn more about the Sharp Shopper story from Dennis and Bonnie Sharp and their sons Michael and Darren. Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:30 – 8:45 a.m. at Bird-in-Hand Family Restaurant. \$15 per person, payable at the door. RSVP by Jan. 22 to MEDA at 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org. For more information visit www.meda.org/lancaster.

Budget Report—December 31, 2015		Sep 2015–Aug 2016 Budget: \$532,200	
Budget to Date	Expenses to Date	Income to Date	
\$173,988	\$147,388	\$187,189	
We are \$13,201 ahead of budget and have spent \$39,801 less than we have taken in. Note: Budget includes \$34,000 for additional staff and \$16,000 for sanctuary insulation.			