

Church Report—

March 6, 2016

Attendance—1 st service	61
Attendance—2 nd service	121
General Offering	\$7,873
MOOS	\$3,575
Refugee Support	\$500



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 13, 2016

FOR MARCH 13, 2016 TO MARCH 19, 2016

CMCL

MARK CLATTERBUCK—will be preaching today, March 13.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Today, Daniel Erdman will lead the discussion: "My point of departure is going to be Galatians 1:13 to 2:16. We'll run all over Acts and James and various Pauline epistles, but the above scripture is where we'll begin. My approach is based on John Dominic Crossan's description of the Bible as a book at war with itself. In this case, we may have a first-century Church at war with itself. I also will draw from Reza Aslan's analysis of first-century Church leaders, especially Paul and James (the brother of Jesus, to distinguish him from all the other Jameses".

PRE-CLASS QUIZ—Next Sunday, March 20, we will be skypeing with Jonathan Sauder: Revelation's Jezebel through a feminist lens; Revelation's study He-god through a queer lens. Here is your preclass quiz: [Hint:Correct answers are interchangeable]

Trivia Question 1: What Bible character remained faithful to her ancestral God even after becoming queen in the court of a foreign king?

Trivia Question 2: What Biblical queen used her feminine wiles to advance her religious agenda and brought about the public execution of a man who stood in her way?

CHAD MARTIN—is out of the office on vacation through March 19.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—will be held after 2nd service, today, March 13, for action on the proposal to hire an Associate Pastor of Children and Youth Ministries.

LGBTQ POTLUCK—The LGBTQ potluck will be held today, March 13, at the home of Ken Beam and Ken Robinette. All are welcome. Please rsvp to Ken and Ken at kebe46@comcast.net, if you are planning to attend.

CMCL THEOLOGY ROUNDTABLE—will meet on March 20 at 7 p.m. We meet in the Parrot Gallery. Frank Muse will be leading this month's gathering, with conversation on an article about forgiveness. For more information and to obtain a copy of the article, contact Frank at: frankmuse@comcast.net.

Budget Report—February 28, 2016		Sep 2015–Aug 2016 Budget: \$532,200
Budget to Date	Expenses to Date	Income to Date
\$266,100	\$217,652	\$248,483
<i>Note: Budget includes \$34,000 for additional staff and \$16,000 for sanctuary insulation.</i>		

March 20, 2016

Worship Leader—Children and Youth of CMCL

Prelude/Offertory—Henry Clapper

Song Leader—Louise Ranck

Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Children's Story—Chris Hoover Seidel

Sound Technicians—Anne Sensenig, Don Kulp

Greeter—(1st Service)—Mary Jane Smith

Ushers—(1st Service)—Pauline Zimmerman, Mary Jane Smith

Greeter—(2nd Service)—Zita Angelo

Ushers—(2nd Service)—Esther Becker, t/b/a

CHILDCARE

Christian Ed—Denise Cope, Anne Sensenig

2nd Service—Laura Boll, Rhea Miller

This month at CMCL:

13 Daylight Savings Time begins

13	Congregational Meeting
16	Girls' Blessing
18-20	Mennonite Men's Retreat
20	Palm Sunday
24	Maundy Thursday
25	Good Friday
27	Easter Sunday— No Christian Ed
27	Junior Youth Bowling

VENTURE CLUB—will meet on Sunday, March 20th from 3-5 pm at the home of Beky Weidner and Larry Penner. We will play board games and possibly outdoor games if the weather is nice. Feel free to bring your favorite game along to share. Questions? Call or email Beky at 717-823-6812 or bekyweidner@comcast.net. Their address is 1944 Rachael Dr., Lancaster 17601.

DO YOU KNOW THE EASTER ANTHEM—(#613 in the old, reddish-brown Mennonite hymnal)? This is the song the CMCL ad-hoc Easter Choir could use some additional voices for. We're singing 3 songs - from current and past hymnals. Rehearsals are held in the Gathering Place during the Christian Education hour. Please join us for a couple of the remaining rehearsals! Children and youth are welcome.

URGENT NEED: Due to injury and pregnancy Hospitality Committee is down two members and the Easter Brunch is right around the corner. Although the urgent need is help with Easter Brunch, two "official" members are needed for Hospitality Committee for the long term. Please contact Jill Stemple if you are able to help in either a short term or long term capacity. (jill.stemple@gmail.com)

COFFEE TEAM—Do you look forward to your Sunday morning coffee and/or tea in the Parrot Gallery? At the moment there is a very short list of people who are taking care of this IMPORTANT task. Would you be willing to make the coffee three or four times a year? If we get a long enough list of people for coffee team, it will make the burden lighter for everyone. Please contact Jill Stemple (jill.stemple@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.

GREAT STARTER HOME FOR SALE—at 837 First Street for \$106,900. New gas furnace and central AC, 3-4 bedroom, easy walk to Buchanan Elementary and Wheatland Middle Schools. Lovely block with Posh Bridal and Luxe Spa, few homes and plenty of on-street parking. More info at http://www.realtor.com/realestateandhomes-detail/837-1st-St_Lancaster_PA_17603_M42813-90632. Or email ElaineLEsch@comcast.net

CMCL WOMENS RETREAT—APRIL 8-10—Come join us for a weekend of listening, journaling and relaxation and much more as we gather for our annual Mennonite Women's Retreat along the beautiful Chesapeake Bay at the Charter Hall Retreat Center in Perryville, MD. New CMCL attendees are especially encouraged to join us for this wonderful opportunity to connect in a relaxed atmosphere. Carpooling is available. Flyers are in church mailboxes but you may also register online from the link on the home page of CMCL's Website. Contact Linda Berger at 717-951-1162 with questions.

FREE FULTON TICKETS—We invite everyone to participate in the CMCL web site survey to help us form a clearer picture of attendees. If you filled it out, thank you! If not, you have another week to not only to tell us about yourself but also have a chance to win two Fulton Theater tickets in a drawing. Thanks for your time. www.communitymennonite.org, congregational resources, community survey.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

HE NAMED ME MALALA—Lancaster MEDA will host a showing of this critically-acclaimed documentary on Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. with discussion following. Location: Highland Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 500 E Roseville Rd, Lancaster. Admission is free, but registration is required. RSVP by March 11: Allison Nafziger at (717) 560-6546 or chapters@meda.org. For more information visit www.meda.org/lancaster.

LANCASTER MEDA BUSINESS MIXER—"Running an Ethical Business in a Corrupt World" with Pat Vendrely, MEDA Board member and President and Founder of TGI Systems, provider of signage for major soccer events. Thursday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m. at Cork Factory Hotel, 480 New Holland Ave, Lancaster. \$25 per person. Register today at <https://goo.gl/pVDVqF> or call Allison Nafziger at (717) 560-6546 for more information.

ASSETS LANCASTER—The Great Social Enterprise Pitch is back for 2016! This is a friendly business competition designed to help develop Lancaster's next innovative business ideas that focus on a triple bottom line: people, planet and profit. All you need to enter Pitch is an idea. Learn more at the informational meeting and spark sessions on March 24, March 31 and April 6 from 6 to 8 pm. For more information and meeting registration, visit lancasterpitch.com

60TH PA RELIEF SALE—at Harrisburg Farm Show Building, Friday, April 1, and Saturday, April 2, 2016. Needed: Volunteers to work 1 or 2 hours at the Craft Stand. Join other volunteers in selling already priced items. Friday evening 4:00 - 9 pm or Saturday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Every penny from the stand goes to MCC for their ongoing work with needy people around the world. Contact: Janet Runion Patton at cjpatton99@aol.com or 717-272-1708.

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

Lila, Monte, Maddy & Maia Garber, Marcy Hostetler
Ken Beam & Ken Robinette
Roland & Melissa Stock Paul Brubaker Jim and Lois Blough
Emma Hess Rick Shoup & Chris Longenecker