

Church Report—

July 17, 2016

General Offering

\$ 5,463

July 31, 2016 – One service at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sermon—Verna Miller

Prelude/Offertory—t/b/a

Song Leader—Louise Ranck

Sound Technician—Cody Litwiller

Greeter—Rosalina Wilson

Ushers—Pauline Zimmerman, Luke Good

CHILDCARE

Kelvin Mack, Sherry Groff

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

Family of Emma Hess

Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt

Brenda, Jonathan, Faith, Gabriel, Sophia and Priscilla Sauder

Roland & Melissa Stock

Jim and Lois Blough

Hal and Marti King, former members at CMCL

Layla, Teya, Steve Weaver & Magdalen Hess



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—JULY 24, 2016

FOR JULY 24, 2016 TO JULY 30, 2016

CMCL

CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM CONTACTS—During the search and hiring process for an Associate Pastor of Children and Youth Ministry responsibility for CMCL's children and youth programming will be covered by a variety of committees and individuals. In addition to the following contacts, Congregational Council has approved the hiring of temporary staff as needed. For the time being, questions or information regarding...

Child Safety Policy and related procedures, contact Karen Davis:
childsafety@communitymennonite.org;

Children and Youth Christian Education, contact Malinda Clatterbuck:
childrenandyouth@communitymennonite.org;

Sr. Youth, Jr. Youth and Venture Club, contact Susan or Chad in the church office.

CHAD MARTIN—will be on vacation from July 22 – August 1, 2016.

SCOTT SPRUNGER—will be working as an intern for CMCL from now through the end of August. Scott is from Lancaster; he recently graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and will be attending Union Theological Seminary this fall. Mostly he will be working on a number of tasks to learn about daily life of a congregation “between Sundays.” He will also be attending worship most Sundays during this time. Scott can be contacted in the church office or via email at: scotrsprunger@gmail.com. Please take time to introduce yourself and welcome Scott to our congregation!

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE—We are updating our database in preparation for a new edition of the CMCL directory. If you would like changes to be made from what is in the current directory or would like to be included for the coming year, please send an e-mail to cmcl@communitymennonite.org with those changes: street address; email addresses; landline (or delete landline); mobile phone numbers. We hope to print the new directory in August of 2016.

SAVE THE DATE—Our annual **Church Retreat at Black Rock** will be the weekend of September 23-25, 2016. Look for more details on registration in the coming weeks!

CURIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT REFUGEE SUPPORT IN LANCASTER?
Join Sr. Youth from CMCL as they immerse themselves in learning about and volunteering for the refugee resettlement work of Church World Service in Lancaster (August 1-3). Susan and Chad will accompany the group every day, but are looking for additional Approved Adults from CMCL to join us. If you would

like to spend a day or a half-day with the group, contact Susan in the church office for more information.

PRAYER REQUEST—Marti King is having surgery on July 25 for pancreatic cancer. Marti and Hal are charter members of CMCL. They live in Denver Colorado. Your thoughts and prayers will be much appreciated. Address: 10,000 E. Yale Ave. #10, Denver, CO 80231.

VEGETABLE OFFERINGS—Gardeners please remember to bring your surplus to share every Sunday this summer. Put your veggies in or beside the marked coolers in the Parrot Gallery.

VEGETABLE DRIVERS—Openings remain for volunteers to help deliver our vegetable offerings to the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank. You may sign up at <http://doodle.com/poll/hgpxp2ycuaqpebh4>, or by contacting Wendell Ressler at wendell.ressler@fandm.edu or 717-392-4944.

SAVE THE DATE—from the **Christian Education Committee: Teacher Training**: "Issues of Faith Development: How to talk with kids about Spirituality" will take place this year on Saturday Aug 13 from 9-11 AM in the Parrot Café. For all teachers and volunteers with our children and youth for the 2016-2017 year. Remember to bring your calendars for scheduling! (Light breakfast provided)

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING AUG 13 11:10-12:30—This is for Christian Ed Volunteers, Fishbowl Volunteers, as well as those church attenders who wish to learn more about keeping children safe at CMCL. Training is required every 2 years for all members that volunteer with our children and youth.

CMCL REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM UPDATE AND INVITATION—The following announcement went out to the CMCL Refugee Support Team this week, in recognition of the end of our formal six-month commitment to support a refugee family through Church World Service. Members of the team met recently and decided that we would ideally like to continue supporting the family in several ways. Please read in italics the ways in which we would welcome CMCLers to join us in continuing to support the family in this potentially still-vulnerable time.

- 1) Support for the mother getting to and from doctor appointments, up through the birth of their baby in the fall. *Lorna Stoltzfus and Judy Maurice have agreed to continue taking care of this, with Marty Kelley as back-up. Marty Kelley will also continue meeting with Chantal to work on English language acquisition.*
- 2) Financial support - we want to continue helping the family with rent (and other financial needs as they arise), at least with the monies that have already been raised. *Rhea Miller will coordinate with the church office and Remy to coordinate getting the checks to the landlord.*
- 3) Travel loan repayment -- the group is deeply concerned about the amount of the travel loans that will be coming due for the family in the coming months. It's likely that they'll be expected to pay close to \$2000 per person. *We are looking for volunteers with creative ideas for fundraising money to help them with repaying these loans.*
- 4) Supporting the children -- the group is concerned that the children are accessing the resources available to them. They could use support in finding positive ways to fill their time during the summer when they are not in summer camp.

If any of these forms of support are ones that you'd have time and energy to help invest in, please contact Susan at susan@communitymennonite.org.

Thanks so much to Rhea Miller, Daryl Snider and Marty Kelley (as well as Magdalen Hess for her leadership early on), for making our six-month commitment to support the Bongongo family go so smoothly!

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

WILLING TO HOST A FRENCH EXCHANGE STUDENT (ALL OR PART OF AUG. 2-23)?—No change to normal routines is expected; just treat the student like family, exposing him/her to social/cultural aspects of [your particular] American home. You provide bed, meals, and transportation to a meeting point. The program plans week-day activities like touring Lancaster, and trips to Hershey Park, D.C. & NYC. Someone is available 24-7 to assist with issues that may arise. You do not need to speak French. (Still looking for homes for 6 boys ages 14-17 & 3 girls, ages 13 & 14). Patti Friedmann, local coordinator of Horizons Du Monde; 717-284-0643 frespirbb@comcast.net

REASONABLE GUN LEGISLATION—At least 50 people signed the letter to public policymakers last Sunday. The letter has been sent via fax, postal mailing or hand delivery to a dozen policy makers, including Senators Casey and Toomey and Rep. Pitts. Urbane Peachey

MONTHLY VIGIL TO STOP HORSHAM DRONE WAR COMMAND CENTER—Saturday, July 30. Join a “faithful witness amid endless war” at the Horsham, Pa. Air Guard Station (Route 611/Easton Road and County Line Road) where a militarized drone base has recently become operational. If you would like to carpool, meet at the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m.; return by 4 p.m. Bring umbrella, sunblock, water. If you plan to participate, contact H.A. Penner 717-859-3529 or penner@dejazzd.com to assure sufficient vehicles.

CALLING ALL BIKE ENTHUSIASTS! —Come celebrate No Longer Alone Ministry's 25 years by participating in Bike Lancaster (formerly the Dream Ride) on Saturday, September 17, in Millersville. No Longer Alone needs riders and sponsors. Contact Ken and Marilyn Langeman, NLAM Bike Lancaster Coordinators at 717-859-3840 or kmlangeman@hotmail.com.

INTERESTED IN NEPAL? —MCC Nepal is looking for someone to serve as the Monitoring & Evaluation Advisor, based in Kathmandu for 3 years. For more information, go to MCC's website [<http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings>] or to Jean Sensenig [[Email: JeanSensenig@mcc.org](mailto:JeanSensenig@mcc.org)] Thanks!

WOMEN'S REGIONAL ASSEMBLY SATURDAY—November 12, 2016, 8 a.m. – 12 noon: 21 Workshops, 21 Leaders.... 3 choices. Check Stumptown Mennonite Church website for details: <http://stumptownmc.org/get-connected/wra/>

MASS INCARCERATION OF PEOPLE OF COLOR—The Healing Racism committee of Lancaster Friends Meeting has constructed a solitary confinement cell replica to draw attention to our concern about the mass incarceration of people of color in the US. If anyone is interested in helping us with assembly/disassembly when the cell is displayed, please contact Beth Reeves at 717-295-3706.