

Church Report—

July 17, 2016

General Offering

\$ 5,463

August 7, 2016 – One service at 9:30 a.m.

Worship Leader—Chad Martin

Sermon—CMCL Senior Youth

Prelude/Offertory—t/b/a

Song Leader—Marty Kelley

Sound Technician—Anne Sensenig

Greeter—Zita Angelo

Ushers—Beth Crosby, Carolyn Weaver

CHILDCARE

Addie Bird, Lori Bergey

Helper—Maia Kaufman

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 31, 2016

FOR JULY 31, 2016 TO AUGUST 6, 2016

CMCL

PRAYER REQUEST—We ask that you hold our youth and their chaperones in your thoughts and prayers this coming Monday through Wednesday as they participate in this summer's service project.

NEXT SUNDAY'S INPUT—Next Sunday, August 7, 2016, our Senior Youth will be sharing about their summer service project during our worship service. Come and support our Senior Youth!

Special Announcement from Lamar Weaver, Council Chair

Council needs your input for difficult budget discussion Thursday, Aug 4

This year we as a congregation made some exciting and significant commitments.

- We agreed, together, to move forward with plans to install insulation in the sanctuary ceiling,
- We agreed to expand our pastoral staffing by dedicating an additional 20 hours a week to nurturing and leading our children and youth programs.
- Both of these decisions were made over several years, with much discussion, and only with congregational approval.
- Both of these decisions were made, knowing that doing so would require an increase in giving.

When Congregational Council meets this Thursday, August 4, we will be faced with some difficult decisions about how to move forward with our congregational commitments, because our giving for the current financial year (which ends August 31, 2016) is below projections, and our planned giving and estimated giving for 2016-2017 fall \$60,000 short of the proposed budget.

What can you do?

Respond THIS WEEK, so that Council has a complete financial picture going into Thursday's meeting. This is the week that we need to decide, as a congregation, if we can fulfill our goals for the upcoming year.

- Offerings received this weekend will let us know where we stand with funding the insulation.
- Planned Giving received by Monday, August 1, will let us know where we stand with next year's budget. You can indicate your planned giving or increase the plan you already submitted online.

In addition: talk to one another! If these are issues that you care about, talk to your fellow congregation members. You can play an important role by making

sure the CMCLers you know have read this and know that now is the time to act.

Questions can be directed to myself, Council Chair Lamar Weaver, and to Council members: Lori Bergey, Adam Miller, Beth Oberholtzer, Sarah Shirk, Cynthia Stayrook, Sue Stoesz, John Thomas and Cheryl Weber.

Lamar Weaver, Congregational Council Chair

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.

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!

MORNING CHILD CARE HELP WANTED—Marcia Towers is looking for someone to provide child care for her two children, ages 9 and 6, in her home before school (approximately 7:20-8:35) about 10+ days per month, starting at the end of August. Marcia lives near F&M, and easily within walking distance of the kids' school. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact Marcia at marciajt@yahoo.com or 717-537-1207.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

MUSICAL GIFTS TO SHARE FOR AUGUST PRELUDE/OFFERTORY?—Do you or one of your children have a couple of songs you might share with us on August 21 (Church on the Farm) or August 28? If so, please contact Anne Sensenig at qars60@gmail.com.

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.

MUSIC IN THE ORCHARD—Come to the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum for the final summer concert on Saturday August 6, 6 p.m. It will feature singer-songwriter Emily Grove and her alternative folk, with an opening by Scott Stein with his soulful vocals, and lush, yet playful orchestrations. Tickets are \$8 for adults on concert day at the site. Children under 12 are free.

BOOKWORM FROLIC—The annual Bookworm Frolic is rapidly approaching. Come out to 2215 Millstream Road, Lancaster, PA, between Wednesday, August 10 and Friday, August 12 (9 a.m. to 7 p.m.) and Saturday, August 13 (9 a.m. to 4 p.m.), to purchase your favorite used books and support the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE AUG. 12-14, LANCASTER CONVENTION CENTER—Put on by a "high-caliber magazine called HippoCamp," for beginning, intermediate and advanced writers. See <http://hippocamp2016.hippocampusmagazine.com> for details. Use code FRIEND16 to save \$25 off registration. (Pre-registration ends Sun. 7-31-16) The conference comes highly recommended by friend Jeanine Pfeiffer, one of the presenters at the conference. She considers it comparatively inexpensive. Anne Sensenig

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

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!

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.