

## Church Report

September 4, 2016

Attendance	119
General Offering	6,085

September 11, 2016

Attendance 1 <sup>st</sup> service	80
Attendance 2 <sup>nd</sup> service	143
General Offering	7,651

**September 25, 2016 – Church Retreat at Black Rock – one service at 10 a.m.**

### ***This month at CMCL:***

**23-25** Church Retreat at Black Rock

**Oct 2** Malinda Clatterback—Candidating Sunday

**Oct 9** Congregational Meeting—Vote on Associate Pastor candidates, 6 p.m.

### **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](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org)*

Isaac Esh, Janet Lind and Cal Esh  
Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt  
Roland & Melissa Stock  
Jim and Lois Blough



## Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 TO SEPTEMBER 24, 2016

### **CMCL**

**NEXT SUNDAY THERE WILL BE NO SERVICES HERE AT W. ORANGE STREET**—Join us for Sunday worship at Black Rock Retreat at 10:00 a.m.

**BAPTISMS AT BLACK ROCK**—Annie and Ellis Vogt will be baptized in the lake at Black Rock after the morning worship next Sunday at retreat.

**AMANDA STOLTZFUS**—is preaching both services this morning, and leading our Children's Times. We are delighted to hear from her as a candidate for Associate Minister for Children & Youth at CMCL. All are invited to join a Q&A with Amanda in the Parrot Gallery after 2<sup>nd</sup> service today.

**GET TO KNOW OUR ASSOCIATE MINISTERS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH CANDIDATES!**—Malinda Clatterback and Amanda Stoltzfus are the candidates recommended by Congregational Council to share this position. (see green sheets for more details, candidating schedule and bios of candidates).

**BLESSINGS AND FAREWELLS**—for Chad Martin, Jess King, Esmé and Eleni Martin in today's service and over the course of retreat next weekend. Sunday, September 25 will be Chad's last day on staff at CMCL.

**MONTHLY POTLUCKS**—Despite some conflicting announcements, we are resuming our monthly all-CMCL potlucks after second service on the first Sunday of the month.

**DO YOU CARE ABOUT WORSHIP? CMCL NEEDS YOU!**—In the coming months as CMCL discerns how we want to move forward with the gap in pastoral staffing following Chad's departure, one area for sure needs volunteer support: worship. We will need more volunteer worship leaders and preachers in the coming months. If you have gifts in worship leading (or want to tattle on a fellow CMCLer that you think has these gifts!), if you have interest in worship leading, if you have opinions or even criticism about worship at CMCL -- this is your chance to speak into and help lead our worship experiences at CMCL! Please contact [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org).

**WORSHIP LEADER ORIENTATION**—Wednesday, October 5, 7 p.m. in the Parrot Gallery at CMCL. Open to all current, former and interested worship leaders. Refreshments will be served, resources provided, reminders of a review of protocols for worship leading.

**VEGETABLE OFFERINGS**—Today is the last Sunday of vegetable collection for the Lancaster County Council of Churches Food Bank.

**NOTICE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—** We will not be having snacks this year in the children's classrooms this year. The change comes to in order to respect the allergies of students in the classroom, where snacks alienate some of our children. The Children and Youth Committee talked with the pastors and decided that no snacks for a time is the best way forward. If that changes, we will let you know. Thank you so much, and please feel free to talk with Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck if you have any questions or concerns about this.

**WOMEN OF CMCL—**If you are not receiving e-mails with information on events sponsored by Mennonite Women, please let Rachel in the office know at [Rachel@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Rachel@communitymennonite.org) so she can add you to the listserve.

**WITF HEALTH SMART TO FEATURE ROLAND & MELISSA STOCK—**The 30-minute show about their journey through cancer will be aired at 8:00 pm on October 13, 2016, but will also be available online.

**AN INVITATION TO 70 AND BEYOND-YEAR OLD WOMEN—**Let's meet at my house on Thursday, September 29, at 2 p.m. to share our journeys at this stage of life. RSVP to Darlis Myer. Text or call 717-471-8000.

**HELP FOR THE BONGONGO FAMILY—**The Bongongo family could use our support in the following ways: **1.** The family received a bill for their travel loan (costs for travel to the US) in the amount of \$9400. It would be wonderful if we could help them with this large bill. If you'd like to contribute, please put a check in the offering with "refugee support fund" in the memo line. If you are able to help plan a fundraiser for this expense, please contact Daryl Snider ([daryl.snider@gmail.com](mailto:daryl.snider@gmail.com)) **2.** The newest addition to their family is due early October, and they could use several items. Here's a link to sign up for things they need: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e49a8a82da0fe3-baby>. Questions contact Rhea Miller ([rheamiller@gmail.com](mailto:rheamiller@gmail.com)) or Marty Kelley ([martykelly4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelly4plus@gmail.com)) **3.** They would like to move to a house in a better neighborhood when their lease runs out in December. If you have any leads on a house large enough for a family of 9, please email one of the addresses above. **4.** Moise (19 years old) is still looking for work-if you have a lead let us know. Thank you! Rhea, Mary, and Daryl

## **COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE**

**BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CONGOLESE REFUGEE FAMILY—**Sunday September 11, 6:30 p.m. at Akron Mennonite Church, 1311 Diamond St., Akron, PA 17501. Sopa Sol (see [www.sopasol.com](http://www.sopasol.com)) will perform a set of their hope-filled acoustic music. Dave Lefever ([www.flickr.com/photos/ljdavisdesignllc/6944205905](http://www.flickr.com/photos/ljdavisdesignllc/6944205905)) will perform. The family of Nzabarinda Rwajekare will share a taste of Congolese music. An ice cream social will follow. A free will offering will be taken to support the family. For more information, call the church office at 717-859-1488. Unable to attend? Checks payable to Akron Mennonite Church (marked "refugee family") can be sent to the church office. The father and four children (13-20 years old) arrived in Akron in January 2016 after 17 years in a Ugandan refugee camp. Church World Services assisted their arrival and initial support. A team of volunteers from Pilgrims Mennonite Church, Akron Mennonite Church and others in the greater Akron area are helping the family transition to self-sufficiency as an integral part of

our community. To explore ways that you might help, call the church office 717-859-1488 to be referred to the team's coordinator.

**"MOMMY, I CAN'T BREATHE:" FACING UP TO LANCASTER COUNTY'S UNHEALTHY AIR—**sponsored by Citizens' Climate Lobby. Did you know Lancaster County has the worst soot pollution east of Utah? Wed. Sept. 28, 6-7:30 p.m. Slide presentation and Q&A at Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange St., Lancaster, PA. Panelists: Natasha Alvarez local mother, writer, activist; Kevin M. Stewart, American Lung Association Mid-Atlantic Director of Environmental Health; Alan S. Peterson, MD, LGH, Emeritus Director, Environmental & Community Medicine. For more info: 717.519.9166, [jerry\\_miller@comcast.net](mailto:jerry_miller@comcast.net).

**THE GREAT SOCIAL ENTERPRISE PITCH IS BACK!—**Come to the Live Pitch at the Ware Center on Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m. to hear about some great business ideas impacting our community. e information and registration at [www.lancasterpitch.com](http://www.lancasterpitch.com).

**SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH—**Ted & Company is coming to Frazer Mennonite Church on Saturday, September 24th, 2016 at 7 PM. Ted will perform Laughter is Sacred Space: The Human Faces Tour. Saturday, September 24, 2016 @ 7 p.m. at Frazer Mennonite Church, 57 Maple Linden Lane, Frazer, PA 19355. Led by veteran actor Ted Swartz, Ted & Company TheaterWorks uses humor and professional storytelling to talk about issues of faith and social justice through live shows, DVDs, digital videos, scripts, discussion guides, and more. Our team of dynamic actors and musicians are passionate about creating art that provokes both laughter and thought, as all good comedy does. For more information see Ted's website at [www.tedandcompany.com](http://www.tedandcompany.com)

**EXPLORING THE CONSTITUTIONALLY PROTECTED RIGHT TO PROTEST—**September 29, 12 - 1:30 p.m. The right to protest is a uniquely American right that is woven into the fabric of our country. Join attorneys at Gibbel Kraybill & Hess for an informative presentation and discussion exploring what speech and conduct is protected, what is not protected, and everything in between. This will be a lively seminar, and with another presidential election upon us that already has seen its fair share of protests, it could not be more timely. Both events held at the offices of Gibbel Kraybill & Hess LLP, 2933 Lititz Pike. Light lunch included. To register, call 717.291.1700 or email [RSVP@gkh.com](mailto:RSVP@gkh.com)

**MAIZE AND SNITZ FEST—**Celebrate the Eastern Woodland Native American and local PA German cultures through artisan demonstrations, traditional food and good old-fashioned fun. Maize and Snitz Festival takes place on Saturday, October 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the 1719 Hans Herr House and Museum, 1849 Hans Herr Drive, Willow Street. Tickets at the site cost \$10 per adult, \$5 for children 7 to 12, and free for children 6 and under.

**NATURAL DYEING CLASS—**Learn how to create colorful fabrics from natural dyes during this folk art class on Saturday, October 22, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum. The class costs \$35; registration is due October 7.