

Church Report

November 6, 2016

Attendance 1 st Service	53
Attendance 2 nd Service	116
General Offering	\$ 6,867
MOOS	525
Refugee	300

Next Sunday, November 20, 2016

Worship Leader—t/b/a

Sermon—Amanda Stoltzfus

Prelude/Offertory—Amanda Stoltzfus, Zach Stoltzfus

Song Leader—Louise Ranck

Sound Technicians—Ken Kulp, Monte Garber

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

Greeter, 1st Service—Wayne Martin

Ushers, 1st Service—Carolyn Weaver, Darrell Yoder

Greeter, 2nd Service—Rosalina Wilson

Ushers, 2nd Service—Phil Kreider, Jack Shope

CHILD CARE

Christian Education Hour—t/b/a, t/b/a

2nd Service—Rhea Miller, Anne Sensenig

Today:

Two Services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

Christian Education Hour—between services, at 10 a.m.

This month at CMCL:

Nov 19 Church Cleaning Day

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

Carol Spelman

Chantal and Remy Bongongo and Family

Prem and Janet Dick

Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt

Roland & Melissa Stock

Jim and Lois Blough



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—NOVEMBER 13, 2016

FOR NOVEMBER 13 TO NOVEMBER 19, 2016

CMCL

NEXT SUNDAY—Amanda Stoltzfus and her father, Don Nelson, will be leading us in a service of music in place of a sermon.

VENTURE CLUB—We will have our November game night (afternoon) at Bonnie and Phil Weaver's home from 3-5 p.m. *today*, November 13. Their address is 2514 Wood Summit Way in Lancaster. Hope to see you there!!

LGBTQ POTLUCK—It is time for the LGBTQ to gather for our potluck lunch at Esther Becker's home. The date is *today*, after the second service. Please RSVP to Esther (aehbecker@aol.com) that you will be attending.

JUNIOR YOUTH—The Jr. Youth (grades 6-8) are invited to an afternoon of capture the flag followed by a bonfire at the home of Lori and Lynn Bergey *today*, Sunday, November 13 from 3-5 p.m. Address: 581 N School Lane, Lancaster, PA 17603

WREATHS AND T-SHIRTS—The CMCL Senior Youth are again offering their beautiful, hand-decorated wreaths uniquely designed for you to enjoy throughout the holidays. Get a head start on the season and reserve your wreaths now. Each 22-inch Douglas Fir wreath costs \$30 and may be picked up at the church on Saturday, December 3, between 1-3 p.m. or on Sunday morning, December 4th, between the services. To reserve your wreaths, you can email amanda@communitymennonite.org, or place your order with a Senior Youth member at their table in the Parrot Gallery after second service. CMCL T-shirts will also be available for purchase for a recommended donation of \$20. You can also reserve a wreath via "Sign-Up Genius" by visiting: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba5a923aafa7-christmas>

MONTHLY SOULCOLLAGE GATHERING—This Thursday at CMCL in the Conference Room and Sattler Room, 6:30 - 9:00. All are welcome. If you're new to SoulCollage, Susan Gascho-Cooke will lead you in this contemplative art practice. Please RSVP to susan@communitymennonite.org. All supplies provided, but additional magazines and images always welcome.

SOFAS NEEDED—Do you have an older sofa cluttering up your house? Perhaps you've been wanting to upgrade but just needed an opportunity? Well, consider this your lucky day. The Sr. Youth is in DIRE NEED of new sofas for the Gathering Area. Not only are the current sofas...let's say, "well seasoned," they no longer provide adequate seating for our growing group. Contact Amanda Stoltzfus if you are able to help in this way, amanda@communitymennonite.org. Thank you for your continued support of our youth!

CMCL CHRISTMAS CHOIR—directed by Marty Kelley begins rehearsals in The Gathering Place *today*, Sunday, November 13 during Christian Ed hour.

Singers of all ages are welcome, especially children and youth. The choir will sing in both services on Sunday, Dec. 18.

THE CMCL WRITING GROUP—will meet after second service *today*, November 13, at 12:30 p.m. in the Conference Room (behind the sanctuary). We will do short writing exercises from prompts and have the opportunity to share our results with one another. This is a great opportunity to explore your writing voice in a supportive, affirming atmosphere.

THE PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE—meets Friday, November 18. We welcome suggestions of issues to be discussed and community projects in need of support. Members: Alyce and Reese Jenkins, Zita Angelo and Marty Kelley.

2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—Because of reduced staff this year, we currently do not plan to offer a Solstice service - unless one or several of you are willing to plan it. If so, the Worship Committee would be happy to offer support. (Contact Anne Sensenig, if interested: qars60@gmail.com) Following are Worship Committee plans for the services around Christmastime - all one-service events:

- Sunday, Dec. 18, 10:00 am - Children's Christmas Pageant
- Saturday, Dec. 24, 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve service, followed by a "cookie social"
- Sunday, Dec. 25, 10:00 am - Christmas Day service
- Sunday, Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m. - New Year's Day service

Worship Committee (Susan Gascho-Cooke, Jay Martin, Anne Sensenig, Emily Stednick, Amanda Stoltzfus)

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

SCREENING OF “DEATH VALLEY: A LOVE STORY”—All are welcome to attend a free screening of this Lancaster-produced film that explores love, loss and the power of art. Based on the grief journey of Lancaster native, Carol Emerson, art, poetry and journal entries reveal how she navigated the loss and grief of her partner, David Nutter. The screening will be followed by discussion with Herb Landis L.C.S.W. and Judith Kennedy, N.C.C., therapists from the Samaritan Counseling Center. Today, Sunday, November 13th, 4 p.m. at The Groff Funeral Home, 528 W Orange St, Lancaster RSVP: 717-394-5300

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN FOLK ART SALE OPENING RECEPTION—Come to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for the opening of the annual sale of handcrafted goods. Meet the artists, listen to live music, and enjoy light refreshments while perusing traditional art. Freshly baked pies will also be available for purchase. The reception takes places from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, November 18 at the Society, 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa. See bulletin board downstairs for more details.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS—Experience the holiday season at the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum this fall. Candlelight Tours runs from 6 to 8 p.m. on December 1 and 2 (Thursday and Friday), and from 5 to 8:30 on December 3 (Saturday). This year the tour explores the role of corn in early communities, both Native and immigrant. See bulletin board downstairs for more details.

VOICES OF HOPE—will be held in the historic downtown Lancaster Trust Building on Sunday, December 4, 2016 at 7 p.m. Light refreshments at 6 p.m. The Holiday Music Festival will include Voices of Hope co-founders, Madeline Bender and Timothy Long, joined by friends from the opera world, Gordon Gietz, Paul Whelan and Alison Trainer – all performing popular holiday favorites! Voices of Hope concerts raise money for Mennonite Central Committee's Global Family Program, which provides life-changing education to children and young adults worldwide. Limited tickets available – visit www.VoicesOfHopeOpera.org. Unable to attend this year? Consider a sponsorship or a donation at www.VoicesOfHopeOpera.org.

HURICANE MATTHEW DISASTER RESPONSE—Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) welcomes donations of money for its disaster response in Haiti, where people are suffering the effects of Hurricane Matthew, which crossed the country Oct. 4. Matthew's high winds and extensive flooding caused significant damage and increased already heightened cholera concerns in the Artibonite Valley, where MCC's long-term reforestation program operates. To donate, visit mcc.org/Hurricane-Matthew, call 1-888-563-4676 or send a check to MCC, 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

HYMN CONCERT TO FEATURE AMERICAN HYMNS—All are invited to the 6th annual Hymn Concert, Sunday, November 20, at 4:30 p.m. The hearty congregational singing will feature American hymns under the leadership of Glenn Lehman. It will be held at the Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, Pa. Other leadership will come from the Harmonies Vocal Ensemble, Organist Frank Dodd, the Manor Winds woodwind quintet and the Tenor Duo, Stephan Englehart and Brenten Megee. The concert, the sixth in a series, attracts hymn lovers of all ages. \$10 donation at the door. See www.harmonies.org.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY SHOPPING AND DINING EVENTS AT 10,000 VILLAGES in EPHRATA—On the first 3 Thursday evenings in December, we all have the opportunity to not only support fair trade crafts people all over the world, but 3 great local non-profits. Between 5-9 p.m. on December 1st, 8th and 15th, the 10,000 Villages store in Ephrata will donate 15% of all purchases to Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness, RMO (the Re-entry Management Organization of Lancaster which helps folks leaving Lancaster County Prison become productive Returning Citizens again) and Rafiki Africa. Also, on each night, you are invited for a meal in the café, which will also support each group. Sue Heilman is selling tickets for the dinner so do contact her if interested at least a week beforehand. The cost is \$15/adults; \$14/seniors (65 & up); \$8 kids aged 5-10. The menu is Chicken Zanzibar with rice, Roasted Veggies, Salad, Baklava or Cinnamon Apple, Coffee or Tea. Supporters for the RMO dinner and shopping night on December 8th and the Rafiki Africa night on December 15th is especially needed. If you can't come but would like to sponsor folks who can't afford the dinner, that would be wonderful. Call Sue at 717-951-0731 or heilmangirl@gmail.com and thank you!

Budget Report—October 31, 2016	Sep 2016–Aug 2017 Budget: \$475,609
Budget to Date	Income to Date
\$82,317	\$64,061