

Church Report

November 13, 2016

Attendance 1 st Service	116
Attendance 2 nd Service	100
General Offering	\$ 8,707
MOOS	1,400
Refugee	100

Next Sunday, November 27, 2016

Worship Leader—Malinda Clatterbuck
Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Prelude/Offertory—Henry Clapper
Song Leader—Marty Kelley
Sound Technicians—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus
Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum
Greeter, 1st Service—Jean Sensenig
Ushers, 1st Service—Dean Brubaker, Mary Jane Smith
Greeter, 2nd Service—Zita Angelo
Ushers, 2nd Service—Esther Becker, Rosalina Wilson

CHILD CARE

Christian Ed—t/b/a
2nd Service—Keith Maurice, Judy Maurice

Today:

Two Services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

Christian Education Hour—between services, at 10 a.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

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 20, 2016

FOR NOVEMBER 20 TO NOVEMBER 26, 2016

CMCL

CMCL CHRISTMAS CHOIR—directed by Marty Kelley, will rehearse in The Gathering Place *today*, November 20 during Christian Ed hour. Singers of all ages are welcome, especially children and youth. The choir will sing on Sunday, December 18.

DAILY ADVENT READINGS AVAILABLE—This year we are offering short daily readings for each day of advent that you can use as a reflection, either individually, or in a family setting as we prepare for the celebration of the coming of Jesus on December 25. The readings begin on December 1, and run through the 25th, and will be made available in hard copies, as well as electronically. Contact Malinda (Malinda@communitymennonite.org) if you are interested.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

—It's that time of year again! This year's Children's Christmas Program will be taking place on Sunday, December 18th. Children are asked to arrive at 9 a.m. in order to rehearse for our 10 a.m. combined service. Rehearsal will take place on Sunday, December 11, during the Christian Ed Hour.

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>

2016 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE—Update: We will be having a Solstice service this year, coordinated by Malinda Clatterbuck. Following are Worship Committee plans for the services around Christmastime - all one-service events:

- Sunday, December 18, 10 a.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant
- Wednesday, December 21, 7 p.m. - Solstice Service
- Saturday, December 24, 7 p.m. - Christmas Eve service, followed by a "cookie social"
- Sunday, December 25, 10 a.m. - Christmas Day service
- Sunday, January 1, 10 a.m. - New Year's Day service

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

CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE

Sunday, December 11, 1-4 p.m. Parrot Cafe

Children & Youth—you are invited to an afternoon of fun at the church—Christmas Cookie decorating and baking, Christmas Tree ornament assembling, Christmas caroling and wassail drinking.

Parents/Guardians of Children & Youth—you are invited to drop your children off at the church to take an afternoon OUT or OFF (Christmas shopping, early dinner eating, space finding for life and love and home and self).

All Others of the Community at CMCL—you are invited to join in the fun-of singing and artmaking and cookie eating.

We hope you can all make it!

In preparation, we are looking to borrow any Christmas Cookie Cutters that might be easy to use for sugar cookie dough and Sand Tart dough—Contact Malinda at Malinda@communitymennonite.org

BUY A WELCOME YARD SIGN—CMCL has purchased 50 yard signs that say: "No matter where you're from, we're glad you're our neighbor," in Spanish, English and Arabic. If you'd like to buy one of these for \$10 each, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4bacad2faa8-welcome/> or contact Mel Yoder Salim at yodersalim@hotmail.com or Pastor Susan. The signs will be available Sunday, November 27. These signs were designed by Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, VA. To read more about the signs, or to get a free downloadable image, go to: <https://immanuelmennonite.wordpress.com/2016/09/27/welcome-sign/>

STAFF RELATIONS COMMITTEE—is conducting a performance evaluation of Susan in her role as Lead Pastor. A number of respondents, including persons in leadership roles and at-large attenders, have been identified to provide feedback. If you have any questions about this process, please contact a Staff Relations Committee member – Darcy Miller, Verna Miller, Gerald Ressler, or Julia Schrock-Rosenfeld.

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!

ABE'S TREE FARM—Lois Martin reports that **Abe's Tree Farm**, 2305 Butter Road, will begin selling Christmas trees on Friday, November 25, at noon. Abe's will be open Friday and Sunday afternoons, noon–5 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. through December. Hot cider, donuts and hot chocolate will be served in the springhouse.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

LANCASTER MEDA CHAPTER BREAKFAST—Featuring Charlie Crystle of Lancaster Food Company and ASSETS Lancaster. Tuesday, November 22 from 7:30-8:45 a.m. at Southern Market Center, 100 S Queen St, Lancaster. Visit www.meda.org/lancaster for more information. RSVP to 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org.

SHALOM PROJECT—Join The Shalom Project on #GivingTuesday for an evening of conversation about seeking God's shalom in the Lancaster community. We will have sharing from Church World Service and New Person Ministries, two of our partner organizations, about the pursuit of shalom in their work contexts, and will spend time in table conversation about your experience and observations of shalom in the Lancaster community. Tuesday, November 29, 7-8 p.m., James Street Mennonite Church. Coffee, tea, and other delicious treats will be provided. Please RSVP to Nathan Grieser, director of The Shalom Project, at nathan@shalomlancaster.org or 267-222-0730. We hope to see you there!

DRONE PROTEST—You are invited to integrate a demonstration for peace into your Thanksgiving weekend as an expression of opposition to the militarized drone base that has recently become operational at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station. Lancaster County participants in this “witness amid endless war” will leave the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot on Saturday, November 26, at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 717-859-3529 so sufficient transportation can be arranged.

DECEMBER COMMUNITY SHOPPING AND DINING EVENTS AT 10,000 VILLAGES in EPHRATA—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. 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.

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. Learn more at hansherr.org

PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN FOLK ART SALE—Come to the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society for their annual sale of handcrafted goods. Enjoy a variety of work ranging from textiles to pottery and beyond, all done in traditional forms. The sale runs 8:30 to 4:30, Tuesday through Saturday, until December 31 at 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

JOB POST—The Parish Resource Center is currently looking for an administrative assistant - currently a 40-hour/week job; could be split into two 20-hr/week positions. Contact Parish Resource Center, 717-299-1113, info@parishresourcecenter.org; website: parishresourcecenter.org; 2160 Lincoln Hwy E., #18, Lancaster PA 17602