

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, December 4, 2016

Worship Leader—Amanda Stoltzfus
Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Prelude/Offertory—Christy and Ryan Kauffman
Song Leader—Marty Kelley
Sound Technicians—Anne Sensenig, Don Kulp
Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum
Greeter, 1st Service—Diane Umble
Ushers, 1st Service—Jim Spicher, John Kanagy
Greeter, 2nd Service—Lois Lehman
Ushers, 2nd Service—Larry Groff, André Chubb
CHILD CARE
Christian Ed Hour—Kandace Helmuth, Bryan Martin
2nd Service—Lauren Sophia Kreider, Laura Boll
Helper—Amani Kaufman

Today:

Two Services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

This week at CMCL:

- Dec
- 1 Council meeting
 - 2 Parrot Gallery Reception—Phil Kreider, 6-9 p.m.
 - 4 Adult Christian Ed Hour: "CMCL after the elections: A space for simple sharing among those who gather." Facilitated by Daryl Snider.
 - 3 Senior Youth Wreathmaking—8-3, in the Parrot Gallery
 - 4 Monthly Potluck—after second service

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 27, 2016

FOR NOVEMBER 27 TO DECEMBER 3, 2016

CMCL

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>

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.

DECEMBER 4 ADULT CHRISTIAN ED HOUR: "CMCL after the elections: A space for simple sharing among those who gather." Facilitated by Daryl Snider.

CMCL CHRISTMAS CHOIR directed by Marty Kelley will rehearse in The Gathering Place today, Nov 27 during Christian Ed hour. Singers of all ages are welcome, especially children and youth. The choir will sing on Sunday, Dec. 18.

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Next Sunday, December 4, we will be having our monthly potluck, after second service. All are welcome, including visitors and new attenders!

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.

OUR CMCL OAK TREE—used several falls ago in worship, is looking for a permanent home. It has been in the ground at the Wolf Museum garden this season, and is doing well. But sadly it has to be moved. The oak gets the prize for supporting the most species of any other native tree! See Mary Lou Weaver Houser for more info.
mlouweaverhouser@gmail.com

NEW NAME—The former Justice and Spirituality Committee (JAS) has a new name: Peace and Social Justice Committee. Our new acronym is PAX JC. We will make announcements now and then and welcome any issues or concerns you would like us to know about. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

CONESTOGA VIEW—invites us to donate gifts to residents. If interested, contact Tina at 717-295-2026 or treese@lctmail.com. You will receive the first name of a resident, a code number and gift suggestions. They ask that gifts be wrapped and clearly identified with name and code number. Gifts need to be at Conestoga View (900 E. King Street) between December 12 and 16. Because of dietary restrictions food items should not be included, unless on the individual's gift list.

BETHANNA—a non-profit, multi-service child welfare and behavioral health agency coordinates adoption, foster care, visitation and behavioral health services for children, youth and families in Center and South Eastern PA. They serve more than 1000 children and invite local congregants to sponsor a child for Christmas. They have a list of gifts created by the children. If you are interested, call Christine Walter at 717-299-1926, ext. 507. The staff is willing to collect your gift.

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

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)

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY DOCUMENTARY—"Facing the Surge:" Saturday, December 3, 6:30-8:30, about the tangible costs of sea level rise for the people of Norfolk, VA, home to the largest naval base in the US. The town has registered 16 inches of sea level rise since 1930. The film inspires hope by telling the stories of citizens across the US as they raise awareness and push their government to solve climate change. (trailer: <https://vimeo.com/180099085>). CMCL basement: The Gathering Place. 6:30 snack potluck; 6:45 Capitol Hill report-back; 7:00 documentary.

DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION—"The Armor of Light," Friday, December 2, 7-9 p.m. at Highland Presbyterian Church (500 E. Roseville Rd., Lancaster): a film about an Evangelical minister: anti-abortion activist and fixture on the political far right, and the mother of a teenage shooting victim who break with orthodoxy re whether being pro-gun is consistent with being pro-life. Highland Justice, Reconciliation & Peace Committee., 717-569-2651

MBSR (MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION)—classes now registering for winter session. Join us for an 8-week course that combines modern cognitive science with ancient mindfulness techniques. MBSR teaches participants to change the way they experience themselves and their world. Class is \$200 (subsidized by LGH) and is offered on Sunday afternoons (1-3:30 PM) and Monday evenings (6-8:30 PM) beginning January 8/9. Go to <https://forms.lghealth.org/Classes/Group.aspx?groupID=CAP-MB> or call LGH-INFO to register. Contact Katy Heinzl with questions at Katyheinzl@gmail.com.

WINTER PEACE RETREAT FEB. 10-12, 2017—Rewilding the Way: Breaking Free to Follow an Untamed God (based on his new book by the same title) by Todd Wynward at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson, PA. Todd (a friend of Anne Sensenig & Daniel Erdman) spends his time reinventing public education and re-imagining the American way of life, starting with his own. Todd has been engaged in experiential education and social change movements for 20 years. He is co-founder of a wilderness-based public charter school, leads backpacking and river trips for adult seekers, and is an animating force behind TiLT, an intentional life-change movement in Taos, New Mexico. Registration deadline: January 20, 2017 (\$160 for full retreat, \$60 for Sat. only; financial aid available). Retreat sponsored by Eastern District & Franconia Mennonite Conferences. For more info: <http://efpjc.ppj.org/retreat/efp172.htm> or see bulletin board downstairs.

THE WORM PROJECT—Children with parasitic worms (1/4 to 1/3 of the world is infected) are generally malnourished, lethargic and less sharp in school, as the worms are getting up to 25-30% of the food they eat. So the children don't learn well in school, putting them back into the cycle of poverty. The Worm Project distributes deworming pills that are highly effective and cheap. The Worm Project's overhead is only about 2%, and a \$100.00 donation will deworm 5000 children. For more information and to donate, go to <http://wormproject.org/the-problem/>