

Church Report

November 27, 2016

Attendance 1 st Service	57
Attendance 2 nd Service	89
General Offering	\$ 4,187
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
MOOS	375
Refugee	30

Next Sunday, December 11, 2016

Worship Leader—Amanda Stoltzfus

Sermon—Randy Newswanger

Prelude/Offertory—Kim van Donk, Christy Kauffman, Stock Weinstock

Song Leader—Sarah Shirk

Sound Technicians—Daryl Snider, Michael and Aaron Eby-Good

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

Greeter, 1st Service—Janet Lind

Ushers, 1st Service—Linford Good, Luke Good

Greeter, 2nd Service—Steve Walter

Ushers, 2nd Service—Linda Berger, Esther Becker

CHILD CARE

Christian Education Hour—Denise Cope, Omer Brubaker

2nd Service—Rhea Miller, Rod Houser

Helper—Amani Kaufman

Today:

Two Services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

This week at CMCL:

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4	Monthly Potluck—after second service
11	Children and Youth Christmas Program <i>Rehearsal</i>
11	Senior Youth Christmas Jamboree—1-4 p.m., in the Parrot Gallery

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

Joe and Melissa Terranova

Faith Cowell, Kay Reist and Jonah Reist-Cowell

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—DECEMBER 4, 2016

FOR DECEMBER 4 TO DECEMBER 10, 2016

CMCL

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

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

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

CMCL CHRISTMAS CHOIR—directed by Marty Kelley will rehearse in The Gathering Place today, Sunday, December 4, during Christian Ed hour. Singers of all ages are welcome, especially children and youth. The choir will sing on Sunday, December 18.

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.

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

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.

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. Each 22-inch Douglas Fir wreath costs \$30 and may be picked up at the church this morning, December 4th, between the services.

SMALL GROUPS AT CMCL—If you're interested in joining a small group at CMCL, please let us know so that the Small Group Task Force can help you find a group to participate in. The Task Force will be working on evaluating and supporting small group life at CMCL in the coming year. Linda Berger, Sarah Fritz, Amelia Rauser and Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke

JOIN PARROT NATION!—We have started a closed Facebook group for CMCL members and participants, as a place of connection and sharing (and squawking!) with one another. Please email one of us on staff, or contact us via our personal Facebook pages and we'll add you to Parrot Nation! - Susan, Amanda, Malinda, Rachel and Rod

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. PAX JC has received the following requests:

CONESTOGA VIEW—invites us to donate gifts to residents. If interested, contact Tina at 717-295-2026 or treese@lrcmail.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.

SHARE AND SAVE—As the result of an initiative by André Chubb and friends, you'll find a new feature on CMCL's website, "Share and Save." Look for this webpage under the Congregational Resources tab and find out how you can share your stuff with others and how you can make use of stuff others have to share. (You'll be asked for a password that is parrot.) Check it out. It's pretty neat.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BONGONGO FAMILY—Several people asked about helping the Bongongos have a good Christmas. At this time they continue to work hard to make ends meet in paying bills. We do not want to take from the MOOS projects. However, if there are those that would like to give to the Bongongos, gift cards to WalMart so the parents can buy gifts for the children would be greatly appreciated. These can be given to any of us; we will be sure they get to Remy and Chantal. Financial donations in the offering to rent and/or travel debt are wonderful as well. We continue to give thanks for this great supportive CMCL family. The team: Rhea Miller, Daryl Snider, Marty Kelley

WELCOME YARD SIGNS—If you signed up for a "No matter where you're from, we're glad you're our neighbor" yard sign, they are available for purchase. Suggested donation for each sign is \$10 (\$5 to cover cost, \$5 donation to Church World Service).

HAVE A BOOK TO LEND FOR ADULT CHRISTIAN ED?—We'll be looking at Urbane Peachey's book *More Than One Thing Is True: Agony and Ecstasy Below Cloud Nine* in Adult Christian Ed in January. If you have a book that you are willing to loan, or would like to borrow a book, call or e-mail the church office at 717-392-7567 or cmcl@communitymennonite.org. Start reading soon so you'll be ready for January.

MOOS BAKE SALE—Thursday, December 15, 2016, MOOS will have its annual bake sale at Fulton Elementary School. If you would like to donate some baked items, please bring them to the CMCL office. Call ahead to make sure someone is there (717-392-7567)

ABE'S TREE FARM—Lois Martin reports that Abe's Tree Farm, 2305 Butter Road, will be selling Christmas trees 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

THE HERITAGE CHORALE—with CMCL singers Charmayne Brubaker and Ron Umble presents "The Work of Christmas" today, December 4, 4 p.m. at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church on Rt. 722 one mile west of the square in Neffsville. Admission is free.

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE & BRASS ENSEMBLE—Friday, December 16, 7 p.m., Holiday Concert/Carol Sing-a-long. Marriott Hotel/Convention Center lobby on Penn Square (nexus of King & Queen Streets in Lancaster).

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.

APPLY NOW FOR AN EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP—Everence wants to help people nurture their talents. If you or your parents are Everence members and you will attend an accredited undergraduate or trade program for the 2017-2018 academic year, apply for an Everence College Scholarship. Deadline is Feb. 28. Learn more at everence.com/college-scholarships.

Budget Report—November 30, 2016	Sep 2016–Aug 2017 Budget: \$475,609
Budget to Date	Income to Date
\$118,902	\$100,817