

## Church Report

December 4, 2016

Attendance 1 <sup>st</sup> Service	62
Attendance 2 <sup>nd</sup> Service	101
General Offering	\$ 8,859
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
MOOS	1,125
Refugee	210

### Next Sunday, December 18, 2016

Worship Leader—t/b/a

Prelude/Offertory—Recorder ensemble: Louise Ranck, Tim Baum,

Janet Lind, Daryl Snider

Song Leader—Ron Umble

Sound Technicians—Ken Kulp, Monte Garber

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

Greeter—Zita Angelo

Ushers—Larry Groff, André Chubb

**NO CHILD CARE**—Children's Christmas Program, 10 a.m.

### Today:

**Two Services—8:30 and 11 a.m.**

### This week at CMCL:

Dec

- 11 Children and Youth Christmas Program *Rehearsal*
- 11 All Youth Christmas Jamboree—1-4 p.m., in the Parrot Gallery
- 16 Mennonite Women—Holiday Book Gathering, 7 p.m.
- 18 Children's Christmas Pageant—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](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org)*

Melissa Stock

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

Jim and Lois Blough



## Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

### ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 11, 2016

FOR DECEMBER 11 TO DECEMBER 17, 2016

### CMCL

**PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE**—is in Ohio this weekend for a Cooke family wedding.

**WITHOUT FAMILY OR COMMUNITY THIS CHRISTMAS?**—Susan and Teman invite you to join them on Christmas day at 3:00 for a shared meal with their family in the Parrot Gallery. Main dish will be provided. Feel free to bring a side, dessert or drink. RSVP to Susan by Wed, Dec 14.

**ROLAND STOCK MEMORIAL SERVICE**—will be Saturday, Dec 17 at 11 a.m. at Mechanicsburg Brethren in Christ, with visitation at 9:30. A reception will follow the service.

**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

**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.

**WRITING GROUP**—The writing group will meet after second service, December 11, in classroom 104. We will do short writing periods from prompts. Bring paper and pen, exploratory mind and, if you wish, a sack lunch. All are welcome.

### CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE

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

**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.

**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](mailto:Malinda@communitymennonite.org)) if you are interested.

**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](mailto: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)

**INTERESTED IN FIBER ARTS?**—Bring your projects to my place Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, anytime after 6:30 pm. Bring any fiber arts project you are working on – or just come and sit by the fireplace and enjoy the conversation. Light refreshments will be provided. Home of Carolyn Weaver. Address: 2660 Harrisburg Pike. Turn in the lane at Neff Road, which is actually our driveway.

**MENNONITE WOMEN**—Friday, Dec. 16, 7-9p. Back by popular demand, the annual Holiday Book Gathering invites participants to share about a book from past or present that has made an impact on their life—or simply to sit back, enjoy the refreshments, and discover a few new reads to add to your holiday wish list. Held at Julia Schrock Rosenfeld's home, 1405 Ridge Road, Lancaster PA. Just like last year, we invite anyone who is able or interested to bring a favorite snack or hors d'oeuvre to share with the group. Please contact Julia Schrock Rosenfeld with questions: [juliaschrockrosenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:juliaschrockrosenfeld@gmail.com) // (717) 413-4041

**AVAILABLE REFERENCE MATERIALS**—from the recent Trauma Series for Christian Ed are now available in the CMCL library: Trauma Through a Child's Eyes (Peter Levine); Waking the Tiger: Healing Trauma (Peter Levine); Healing from Trauma: A Survivor's Guide to Understanding Your Symptoms and Reclaiming Your Life (Jasmine Lee Cori); and The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma (Bessel van der Kolk).

**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@ltcmail.com](mailto:treese@ltcmail.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.

**ARTICLE REFERENCED**—The article Jay Martin referenced during second service sharing is "Do Not Go Gentle" by Roger Cohen from the December 2 "issue". It can be accessed on the [nytimes.com](http://nytimes.com) website via the Opinion section and then by columnist. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. Jay Martin [jwremartin@gmail.com](mailto:jwremartin@gmail.com)

**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

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**—Every Saturday First Reformed Church UCC serves breakfast to about 200. CMCL through Peace and Social Justice Committee is invited to help with this by taking the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays. In 2017, those Saturdays are: April 29, July 29, September 30, December 30. 15 people are needed each Saturday. This activity is for all ages and includes cooking, serving, set-up, clean-up and purchasing food. If you have interest, please contact Marty at 207-478-2684 or [martykelley4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com)

**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).

## **COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE**

**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).

**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](http://everence.com/college-scholarships).

**CLEAN OUT YOUR QUILT ROOM FOR MCC**—Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items – the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier on the bulletin board downstairs. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop at 707 W. Main Street. Donations accepted during business hours, all year long!