

Church Report

December 11, 2016

Attendance 1 st Service	60
Attendance 2 nd Service	114
General Offering	\$ 9,782
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
Refugee	135

Next Sunday, December 25, 2016

Worship Leader—t/b/a

Prelude/Offertory—Congregational Singing

Song Leader—Anne Sensenig

Sound Technicians—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

Greeter—Mary Jane Fox

Ushers—Linda Berger, Esther Becker

NO CHILD CARE—One service only at 10 a.m.

Today:

One Service only—10 a.m.

This week at CMCL:

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18 Children's Christmas Pageant—10 a.m.

21 Winter Solstice Service—7 p.m.

24 Christmas Eve service and Cookie Social—7 p.m.

25 **One service only**—Christmas Day Service, **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

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 18, 2016

FOR DECEMBER 18 TO DECEMBER 24, 2016

CMCL

Adult Christian Education this morning -- Mark and Alena Clatterbuck will be sharing photos and stories of their visit to Standing Rock reservation after our service this morning in the sanctuary.

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 as soon as possible.

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

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).

ARTICLE REFERENCED—The article Jay Martin referenced during sharing time two weeks ago is "Do Not Go Gentle" by Roger Cohen from the December 2 "issue". It can be accessed on the *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

"WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE OUR NEIGHBOR" YARD SIGNS—CMCL has decided to order a bulk amount of these signs to make them available for purchase within Lancaster. We should be restocked later this week. Signs are \$10 (includes \$5 donation to Church World Service).

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.

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 5th 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, cleanup and purchasing food. If you have interest, please contact Marty at 207-478-2684 or martykelley4plus@gmail.com

CHERYL & NELSON LEHMAN—We will both be retired at the end of December. (Seems quite strange to say this!!) We will be spending January through mid-April 2017 in Tucson, Arizona. Our daughter Krista lives there and we anticipate spending time with her and her five rescue dogs, hiking, tandem biking, bird watching, and remaining open to the ways we will be able to release our gifts in this season of our lives. We plan to be in Lancaster County for much of the 2017 summer. During these months we hope to finalize our discernment about moving more permanently to Tucson. If you get to southern Arizona this winter, we'd love to meet up there!

DREW HART—will be at Ridgeview Mennonite Church on January 8, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. for a lecture and time of interaction based on his anti-racism work out of his life experience and book *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*. Come join us for a time of listening and conversation. This event is free for all and made possible by the following sponsors: Atlantic Coast Conference, Blossom Hill Mennonite, Community Mennonite of Lancaster, East Chestnut Street Mennonite, Forest Hills Mennonite, James Street Mennonite, Neffsville Mennonite, Pilgrims Mennonite. Preachingpeace.org

Location: Ridgeview Mennonite, 3723 Ridge Road Gordonville, PA 17529. For information call 717-768-3143.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

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!

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 p.m.) and Monday evenings (6-8:30 p.m.) 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.

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH—100 Quarry Road, Leola, is hosting a Winter Bible School series on Wednesday evenings in January, starting on January 4. This year the focus will be on peace-building with stories of non-resistance and service told by conscientious objectors to war. Each evening will begin with a shared drop-in supper from 6-6:45 p.m., followed by the evening session for adults and activities for school-aged children in grades K-8, at 7 p.m. Children's programming will include crafts, games, snacks, and Bible lessons. Please call the church at 717-656-6227 or email fhmc@foresthillschurch.org to register your child for participation or reserve your space at the shared meal. Further details can be found on the church website at www.foresthillschurch.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.

PINK MENNO OPPORTUNITIES—Pink Menno LogoPlanning for Pink Menno and Brethren and Mennonite Council's presence at the MCUSA convention next summer is underway. If you want to be involved, look for updates on Facebook (either in the group or on Pink Menno's public page). The next conference call for planning is scheduled January 3. Contact BMC or another Pink Menno leader for details if you want to be a part of the call.

SUBMISSIONS FOR STUDY ABROAD BOOKLET—Banner Kaleidoscope page – Copy. A reminder that submissions for the study abroad booklet volunteer Hayley Brooks is compiling are due January 7 to kaleidoscope@bmclgbt.org. If you are lgbtq+ and studied abroad with a Mennonite or Brethren college, or were/are an lgbtq+ international student, we want your stories for the booklet! You can read the submission guidelines at bmclgbt.org/kaleidoscope. If you have any questions about submitting, or know someone who would be able to submit, email Hayley at kaleidoscope@bmclgbt.org