

## Church Report

December 18, 2016

Attendance	200
General Offering	\$ 22,321
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
MOOS	1,598
Refugee	500

### Next Sunday, January 8, 2017

Worship Leader—Levina Huber

Prelude/Offertory—Larry Penner, Dean Clemmer

Sermon—Amanda Stoltzfus

Song Leader—Ron Umble

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

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

1<sup>st</sup> service Greeter—Janet Lind

1<sup>st</sup> service Ushers—Carolyn Weaver, Darrell Yoder

2<sup>nd</sup> service Greeter—Steve Walter

2<sup>nd</sup> service Ushers—Jack Shope, Joanne Kreider

#### Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—Rod Houser, Beth Crosby

2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Carol Eby-Good, Anne Sensenig

Helper—Amani Kaufman

**Today: One Service only—10 a.m.**

#### This week at CMCL:

Jan

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One service only—10 a.m.

(Coffee social time after service)

6

Parrot Gallery Reception—Doug Reesor, wood turning, 5-8 p.m.

8

Monthly Potluck

### 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—JANUARY 1, 2017

FOR JANUARY 1, 2017 TO JANUARY 7, 2017

### CMCL

#### 2017 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE—

Sunday, January 1, 2017—**10 a.m.** - New Year's Day service

*Please come prepared to share about intentions and resolutions for this new year.*

**For January 8 - Mennonite Heritage Sunday**—Worship Committee is looking ahead to January 8th, Mennonite Heritage Sunday. This is a Sunday where we look back at the story of where we have come from and where we are going as a denomination. Our hope is to have several church members share about Historical Anabaptists that have had a positive impact on their lives. Perhaps there is a story from the Martyrs Mirror that has been significant to you, or perhaps instead there is a more recent Mennonite or Anabaptist leader that has inspired you. If you would like to participate in this way, please contact [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org). Our goal is to have at least 3 people share during each service. Thank you!

**Jan 15 - Recovenanting Sunday**—Charter members of CMCL, you have seen a lot. And we as a congregation would love to hear your stories! On January 15, we are beginning our "Recovenanting" theme and would like to invite some of our charter members to share with the congregation regarding their experiences of life at CMCL over the years. Questions to consider include the following: How did you first get connected to the church? What were your experiences of starting a new congregation? What were the early years like? What thoughts do they have about having watched the years pass and the church change and what early principals would you want to see revived?

If any of these questions has your brain humming, please consider sharing on January 15th. We'd love to have at least 2 members share in each service. If you are interested, please contact [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org) as soon as you are able and THANK YOU for all you have done for this congregation!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**—for January 8, 2017 Jerry Lee Miller will facilitate "Pastoral Life", the first of 3 sections of the book *More Than One Thing Is True: Agony and Ecstasy Below Cloud Nine* by our own Urbane Peachey. Copies of the book are available from Urbane ([upeace@aol.com](mailto:upeace@aol.com)) at a discounted rate of \$13 or can be ordered online from the Printer, Masthof Press, Morgantown for \$14. Or check with Rachel ([rachel@communitymennonite.org](mailto:rachel@communitymennonite.org)) if you are willing to loan your copy or need to borrow one. Even if you don't have a book or any knowledge of it, you are welcome to join!

**THE PARROT GALLERY**—showcases its first exhibit of 2017 with the woodturning artistry of Douglas Reesor, “Nature Revealed,” at an opening reception on First Friday, January 6, 2017, 5-8 p.m. Douglas Reesor celebrates 10 years of wood turning, shifting from craft to fine art. Simple geometries in platters, bowls, vases and hollow forms reveal the natural beauty of the wood grain.

**HELP NEEDED**—The response to the Welcome Sign news articles and TV announcements has been so overwhelming that our staff needs help in contacting people, handing out the signs, registering payment, etc. If you would like to help during the week (Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.), in early January, please contact Rachel in the office at [Rachel@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Rachel@communitymennonite.org).

**WELCOME SIGNS ARTICLE**—December 17, 2016 LNP (Lancaster Newspaper Online) article about the "welcoming" signs - with mention of CMCL:  
[http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith\\_values/welcoming-lawn-signs-in-lancaster-county-declare-we-re-glad/article\\_d420805e-c3a8-11e6-a9f1-4329c74301aa.html](http://lancasteronline.com/features/faith_values/welcoming-lawn-signs-in-lancaster-county-declare-we-re-glad/article_d420805e-c3a8-11e6-a9f1-4329c74301aa.html)

**ROLAND STOCK MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTION**—Family and friends of Roland Stock invite you to make a contribution to CMCL’s Refugee Support Fund in memory of Roland. These contributions may be used to specifically help the Bongongo family to pay off their debt for airfare that brought them to America. You can send your contribution to the church office or place it in a Sunday morning offering with Roland Stock memorial clearly identified on the check or with the cash.

**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, and 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](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com)

**MENNONITE MEN BOOK NIGHT**—7 p.m. on January 11 at home of Leon Kraybill, 288 Rhoda Drive, Lancaster. Join this annual celebration of reading and books. Bring a book or two you have read in the past year and learn about the books CMCL men are reading.

**UNDERWEAR & BUS PASS DRIVE**—PAX JC recently met with Melanie Snyder of Re-entry Management Organization, which assists individuals recently released from incarceration. RMO provides them with basic and much-needed supplies. We want to continue CMCL’s support for this important work by collecting adult underwear and bus tickets. There will be a bin for these items in the mailbox area of the Parrot Gallery.

**COAT DRIVE**—The annual coat drive for Fulton Elementary School is underway. Sarah Farbo from Fulton welcomes new or slightly used coats of all sizes, preferably in neutral colors, especially larger sizes for older youth. There is also a need for jump ropes, basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, Hula Hoops and indoor games. Look for the PAX JC collection bin in the mailbox area of the Parrot Gallery.

## **COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE**

**LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE WITNESS**—is sponsoring a January 6, 2017 address by Ambassador John B. Craig. Craig will describe and assess the human and political crisis in Syria at an 8 a.m. breakfast at the Country Table restaurant in Mt. Joy. Reservations at [upeace@aol.com](mailto:upeace@aol.com).

**JONATHAN KUTTAB**—January 14, 2017 – Address by the international attorney and activist Jonathan Kuttat, on the topic Palestinian Efforts to Achieve Peace with Justice, and How U.S. Christians Can Help, 7 p.m. at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, 333 Delp Rd., Lancaster. Sponsored by Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness.

**SEEKING SHARED HOUSING**—I’m a Harrisonburg native, transplanting to Lancaster this winter (late Jan/Feb) and I’m searching for housing: moving into a shared house is my preference; however, I could rent a 1 BR. I’m a 2013 Goshen College grad, met the Kraybill triplets in college and now live near two of them in Wash DC! I work as a nurse, hope to garden in Lancaster and appreciate crumbless counters. Want a roommate? Have a place to rent? Please contact me: Hannah Eberly, [ha.eberly@gmail.com](mailto:ha.eberly@gmail.com) or 540-271-2870.