

Church Report

December 25, 2016

Attendance	82
General Offering	\$ 30,650.13
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
MOOS	1,235

Next Sunday, January 15, 2017

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Prelude/Offertory—Jerry Lee Miller
Sermon Time—sharing by Charter Members
Song Leader—Anne Sensenig
Sound Technicians—Ken Kulp, Monte Garber
Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum
1st service Greeter—Ruth Mellinger Martin
1st service Ushers—Dean Brubaker, Mary Jane Smith
2nd service Greeter—Rosalina Wilson
2nd service Ushers—Laurel Martin, Margaret Krumm
Child Care
Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**
2nd Service—Michael Eby-Good, Kandace Helmuth
Helper—Alena Clatterbuck

Today: Two services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

Christian Education Hour—10 a.m.

This week at CMCL:

Jan	
8	Monthly Potluck
15	Recovenanting Sunday

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

Amanda and Zack Stoltzfus
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 8, 2017

FOR JANUARY 8, 2017 TO JANUARY 14, 2017

CMCL

RETURN TO TWO SERVICES—Today we return to two services, 8:30 and 11 a.m., with Christian Education hour at 10 a.m.

MONTHLY POTLUCK—All are welcome to stay for today's monthly potluck, following second service. Especially visitors and newcomers are welcome!

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 as soon as you are able and THANK YOU for all you have done for this congregation!

CHILDCARE IN THE FISHBOWL—for ages 0-2 will no longer be offered regularly during the Christian Education hour. We are hoping this will provide more volunteer availability to assist with childcare in the Fishbowl for the 2nd service, as we continue to have a need for volunteers. Additionally, there has not been a significant need for childcare during the CE hour. If anyone is interested in attending an upcoming CE class and will need childcare for their 0-2-year-old during the CE hour in order to attend, please contact Kandace Helmuth (kandace@ptd.net) or Michelle Meck (michellepmeck@gmail.com) in advance and we will certainly attempt to schedule childcare for your child.

THE PARROT GALLERY—showcases its first exhibit of 2017 with the woodturning artistry of Douglas Reesor, "Nature Revealed." Douglas Reesor celebrates 10 years of woodturning, shifting from craft to fine art. Simple geometries in platters, bowls, vases and hollow forms reveal the natural beauty of the wood grain.

SAVE THE DATE—Mennonite Women's Retreat - March 17-19, 2017 at Charter Hall on the Chesapeake Bay. More information coming soon.

WINTER ADDRESS—Jay & Ruth Martin's address for the next two months - January and February - is: 675 N Los Felices Circle, J200, Palm Springs, CA, 92262. Phone is the same: 717-293-9892.

VENTURE CLUB—Our next Venture Club will be hosted by Amelia Rauser and Michael Clapper on January 15, 2-4 pm in The Gathering Place at CMCL. The event will be: Art & Ice Cream! Two things that are always good together. We'll have an ice cream social and make art together to celebrate the new year. Hope to see you all there!

MENNONITE WOMEN—It's college student care package time! Please consider donating a goodie/ necessity/ caring note to the young adults/ college students of the congregation. There is a large box near the mailboxes to collect your items. All CMCL women are invited to the Mint Cafe, 2727 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird in Hand, PA 17505, Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. to assemble the packages. For those who wish for an early cup of coffee or sandwich, the cafe will be open at 6:00 just for us. We invite all mothers of college students to be prepared to give a short informal update on your college age child. Check with Corey Franz-Eby (franzeby@comcast.net) if you have questions.

JONATHAN KUTTAB—January 14, 2017 – Address by the international attorney and activist Jonathan Kuttub, 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.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

DREW HART—will be at Ridgeview Mennonite Church on January 8, 2017 from 3-4 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.

JERRY (LAPP) & THE SKYCHASERS—have three High Himalaya treks on the docket for 2017: April's generous offering is an ill-tempered, inhospitable trek & climb for the brave. June's service adventure is designed for students who would like to be stretched. October's trek is a lovable and warm-hearted luxury excursion below Mt. Everest. Pick your poison at skychasersworld.com.

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 or 540-271-2870.

ANNUAL MUSIC NIGHT—Join us for another great night of music on Saturday, January 28 at 7 p.m. Hear the male chorus, Men with a Song; Verdi baritone John Bucher Herr; Mindy Nolt and Jared Hankee; and the women's ensemble for Mennonite Heritage Chorale. Enjoy lively congregational signing led by Merle Good. Tickets are \$22 for individuals, \$15 per person for households of three or

more. Register at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745. Tickets available at door while they last.

A TASTE FOR FRAKTUR—Emily Smucker-Beidler will help you become acquainted with the imagery of fraktur in this folk art class. She will teach it on Saturday, February 4, from 9 a.m. until noon at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa. The cost is \$70 members/\$80 nonmembers. Materials are included. Register by January 28 at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745.

PLUSH WORK WOOL EMBROIDERY—Anne Hermes will lead this workshop on Saturday, February 11, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students will study examples of antique and vintage plush-work and learn how to stitch, trim and sculpt a plush-work design. Cost is \$70 for members/\$80 for nonmembers. Materials are included. Register by February 4 at lmhs.org or by calling (717) 393-9745.

WINTER BOOKFEST—Discover quality used books from the most popular categories of the summer Bookworm Frolic such as children's books, fiction, and history. This sale runs from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday February 16; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, February 17; and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, February 18.

GRAIN PAINTING—Jim King, local fancy painter, will teach how to false-grain a small box with ball feet during this folk art class on Saturday, February 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa. Cost is \$70 for members/\$80 for nonmembers. Materials are included. Register by February 10 at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745.

Budget Report—December 31, 2016	Sep 2016—Aug 2017 Budget: \$475,609
Budget to Date	Income to Date
\$155,488	\$175,552

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—

for January 8, 2017—Jerry Lee Miller will facilitate the section on "Pastoral Life" **beginning at Page 113**, from urbane Peachey's book, *More Than One Thing Is True: Agony and Ecstasy Below Cloud Nine*. Copies of the book are available from Urbane (upeach@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) if you are willing to loan your copy or need to borrow one. If you are just now beginning to read the book **NOTE THAT THIS IS THE THIRD SECTION OF THE BOOK, NOT THE FIRST**. Even if you don't have a book or any knowledge of it, you are welcome to join!

for January 15, 2017—Don Hess will facilitate "The Middle East", from 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 (upeach@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) if you are willing to loan your copy or need to borrow one. **NOTE THAT THIS IS THE FIRST SECTION OF THE BOOK**. Even if you don't have a book or any knowledge of it, you are welcome to join!