

Church Report

January 1, 2017

Attendance	72
General Offering	\$ 18,079
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
MOOS	500
Refugee Fund	550

Next Sunday, January 22, 2017

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Prelude/Offertory—Vanessa Hofer, Hans Weaver
Sharing Time—Sharing by recent CMCLers
Song Leader—Louise Ranck
Sound Technicians—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus
Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum
1st service Greeter—Carol Spicher
1st service Ushers—Jim Spicher, John Kanagy
2nd service Greeter—Esther Becker
2nd service Ushers—Larry Groff, Phil Kreider

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**
2nd Service—Kim van Donk, Rhea Miller
Helper—Maia Shenk

Today: Two services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

Christian Education Hour—10 a.m.

This week at CMCL:

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15	Venture Club—2-4 p.m.
15	Recovenanting Sunday
22	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
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 15, 2017

FOR JANUARY 15, 2017 TO JANUARY 21, 2017

CMCL

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!

FREE CHILDCARE ON MLK, JR. DAY—The Sherk Kaufmans (Tim, Christine, Amani, and Maia) are celebrating Martin Luther King Day by offering childcare from 10 a.m. to noon tomorrow, January 16th at CMCL. Parents with children of all ages are welcome to drop off their kids for those two hours so they can have some child-free time. Please RSVP by emailing christim2@comcast.net or calling/texting 717-390-2906.

CMCL WRITING GROUP—The writing group will meet after second service, January 15, 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.

THE CMCL SOULCOLLAGE GROUP—will be meeting Thursday 1/19 from 6:30-9 in the Sattler Room. Meetings will now be every third Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact Jill Stemple (jill.stemple@gmail.com) or Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@communitymennonite.org) with any questions.

CMCL AFFINITY GROUPS—At our fall retreat, we formed year-long affinity groups around the interests of those present (i.e. movies, going to art museums together, international food potlucks, playdates, lectio divina, etc). If you were not at retreat, but would like to join an affinity group, sign up sheets are in the Parrot Gallery for the rest of this month.

SRC ANNOUNCEMENT—We are delighted to announce that on January 23, 2017, CMCLer Randy Newswanger will be starting a 3-month part-time pastoral internship at CMCL. He will be helping with worship, preaching, pastoral care and other areas of congregational life.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

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.

CALLING ALL ARTISANS—The April 1st MCC relief sale, silent auction, is hoping for 20 artisans from CMCL to donate towards international relief. All arts are accepted: house concerts, artisan pies and bread, 2D and 3D art, fiber art, vacation get-a-ways, a meal hosted in your home, hand made jewelry..... if you can participate, contact Lynn Sommer by January 18th and bring your item, or description of your item to church on Sunday February 5th. All art donated can come with a minimum bid. Thanks, lynnjsommer@gmail.com or 717-572-8908.

GLOBAL SONGFEST—Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Akron Mennonite Church (1311 Diamond St., Akron, PA), sponsored by Mennonite World Conference. Celebrate World Fellowship "weekend" by singing together songs from around the world. If you are interested in helping to lead, either as a vocalist or an instrumentalist, please contact, in advance, Pat Martin (pmartin@akronmench.org) and plan to come in the afternoon to prepare for the evening event. An offering will be taken to support Mennonite World Conference. CMCL's Daryl Snider is involved.

LANCASTER MEDA CHAPTER MEETING—Featuring Crystal Weaver, entrepreneur. Tuesday, January 24 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. at Passenger Coffee, 7 W King St, Lancaster. Visit www.meda.org/lancaster for more information. RSVP to 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org.

PRO-GUN AND PRO-LIFE?—Christians of all denominations are caught up in both sides of the gun debate. Guns and gun violence are proliferating our American culture. What does this mean for us? Come and explore this issue at Frazer Mennonite Church where we will screen *The Armor of Light* documentary with a follow-up discussion on Saturday, January 28th from 7-9 p.m. All are welcome! *The Armor of Light* follows two Christians - an evangelical pastor and a gun violence survivor - as they wrestle with guns, gun violence, and faith. This film asks: is it possible to be both pro-gun and pro-life?

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.

WINTER PEACE RETREAT—February 10-12, 2017 - *Rewilding the Way: Breaking Free to Follow an Untamed God* (based on his new book by the same title) by Todd Wynward at St. Mary of Providence Center, Elverson, PA. Todd spends his time reinventing public education and re-imagining the American way of life, starting with his own. Todd has been engaged in experiential education and social change movements for 20 years. He is co-founder of a wilderness-based public charter school, leads backpacking and river trips for adult seekers, and is an animating force behind TiLT, an intentional life-change movement in Taos, New Mexico. Registration deadline: Jan. 20, 2017 (\$160 for full retreat, \$60 for Sat. only; financial aid available). Retreat sponsored by Eastern District & Franconia Mennonite Conferences. For more info: <http://efpic.ppjr.org/retreat/efp172.htm>

STRATEGIES FOR TRAUMA AWARENESS AND RESILIENCE (STAR)—is a program of Eastern Mennonite University's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding that aims to help participants understand the impacts of trauma, interrupt cycles of violence, and build resilience at personal, community, and societal levels. The 5-day trauma awareness and resilience-training program connects recent studies of neurobiology, conflict transformation, human security, spirituality, and restorative justice to address the needs of individuals and communities. This training was a foundation for the CMCL Adult Christian Ed series led by Louise Ranck and Daryl Snider this past fall. — **STAR Level 1:** March 20-24, 2017, Eastern Mennonite University at Lancaster, 1846 Charter Lane in the Greenfield Corporate Center. Cost: \$749.00. 717-397-5190 – <http://emu.edu/lancaster/star-level-1-training/>

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—

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!

for January 22, 2017—Adult Christian Education this Sunday will be a discussion of "Commonality between Islam and Christianity" 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 MIDDLE SECTION OF THE BOOK. Even if you don't have a book or any knowledge of it, you are welcome to join!