

## Church Report

January 8, 2017

1 <sup>st</sup> service Attendance	68
2 <sup>nd</sup> service Attendance	141
General Offering	\$ 6,713
<i>(We need income of \$9,150 each week to meet budget.)</i>	
Refugee Fund	300

January 15, 2017

1 <sup>st</sup> service attendance	65
2 <sup>nd</sup> service attendance	106
General Offering	6,049
MOOS	200
Refugee Fund	200

### Next Sunday, January 29, 2017

Worship Leader—Verna Miller  
Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Prelude/Offertory—Vanessa Hofer, Hans Weaver  
Song Leader—Beth Graybill  
Sound Technicians—Cody Litwiller  
Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum  
1<sup>st</sup> service Greeter—Wayne Martin  
1<sup>st</sup> service Ushers—Linford Good, Jim Spicher  
2<sup>nd</sup> service Greeter—Lois Lehman  
2<sup>nd</sup> service Ushers—Esther Becker, t/b/a

#### Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—No childcare  
2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Deb Kraybill, Eric Hoover  
Helpers—Raewyn and Mara Kraybill

### Today: Two services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

Christian Education Hour—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  
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 22, 2017

FOR JANUARY 22, 2017 TO JANUARY 28, 2017

### CMCL

**NEW CMCL INTERN**—Congregational Council and Staff Relations Committee (SRC) have decided to use this time following Chad Martin's resignation for in-depth evaluation of the congregation's leadership needs. Council has engaged a leadership consultant to assist with this process. To provide assistance with interim pastoral needs, SRC is pleased to form an understanding with Randy Newswanger for an internship within CMCL. This internship is initially planned for a period of 12 weeks. Randy has an M. Div. degree, but did not experience an internship during his training. Randy will participate in worship, preaching, and pastoral care among other involvements. His internship will begin as of January 23rd. We look forward to what Randy will bring to the congregation as a part of this internship.

**CANDLEMAS SERVICE**—Candlemas Taize service will be held Thursday, February 2, 7 p.m. CMCL musicians will provide accompaniment for meditative singing and periods of silence in the candle-lit sanctuary. Candlemas is a ritual that reminds us of sustaining warmth and light in the dark weeks before the vernal equinox. Bring your own candles to the service for a special blessing.

**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.

**THE CMCL SOULCOLLAGE GROUP**—will now be every third Thursday of the month. All are welcome. Contact Jill Stemple ([jill.stemple@gmail.com](mailto:jill.stemple@gmail.com)) or Susan Gascho-Cooke ([susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto: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.

**JUNIOR YOUTH**—Gwen Eberly and Christine Kaufman invite the Jr. Youth to join them at 2 p.m. on February 12th at Spooky Nook for an afternoon on the climbing wall. Costs: Day pass is \$15, climbing shoe rental \$6 (not needed but will make things easier for climber), harness \$4 (only needed for high wall

climbing) = \$25 total. If shoes are not rented, youth will need to wear closed toed clean shoes. Also, a waiver found on the Spooky Nook website must be printed, filled out completely and signed by parents. 15 spots have been reserved so please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Amanda Stoltzfus, [amanda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:amanda@communitymennonite.org)

**ROLAND STOCK MEMORIAL FUND**—To date, \$600 has been contributed to the Roland Stock Memorial Fund. This money will be deposited in CMCL's refugee support fund and tagged to be used to help pay down travel expenses for the Bongongo family. They still owe some where around \$10,000. Deadline for contributing to the fund is today, Sunday, January 22. You can place your contribution in the offering tagging it for Roland Stock Memorial Fund.

**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](mailto:lynnjsommer@gmail.com) or 717-572-8908.

## COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

**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](http://www.meda.org/lancaster) for more information. RSVP to 717-560-6546 or [chapters@meda.org](mailto:chapters@meda.org).

**DRONE WARFARE**—The Highland Presbyterian Church of Lancaster will present an evening program on "Drone Warfare - How Does a Christian Respond?," on Friday, January 27 at 7 p.m. This presentation by the Highland Justice, Peace and Reconciliation Committee will be moderated by Titus Peachey.

**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](http://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](http://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://efpj.org/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 22, 2017**—Adult Christian Education today 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 ([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. 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!

**for January 29, 2017**—Adult Christian Ed. will involve a handful of individuals who have taken steps regarding the next Presidency responding to questions such as:

- Have you marked this time in any special way?
- What have you prayed for around Inauguration Day?
- How does your faith inform your hopes for Inauguration Day and beyond?
- How do your beliefs call you to engage (or not engage) the United States government?
- What hopes, fears, and questions do you have regarding Inauguration Day and beyond?

Please ponder these and similar questions over the next days. During Adult Christian Ed a few folks will share their experiences during the session facilitated by Daryl Snider.