

## Church Report

January 29, 2017

1 <sup>st</sup> service attendance	56
2 <sup>nd</sup> service attendance	107
General Offering	\$6378
Refugee Fund	\$200

### Next Sunday, February 19, 2017

Worship Leader—Jill Stemple

Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude/Offertory—Stock Weinstock, Daryl Snider

Song Leader—Anne Sensenig

Sound Technicians—Ken Kulp, Don Stoltzfus

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

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

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

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

2<sup>nd</sup> service Ushers—Esther Becker, t/b/a

### Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**

2<sup>nd</sup> Service—Lauren Sophia Kreider, Michelle Meck

### Today:

Two services—8:30 and 11 a.m.

Christian Education Hour—10 a.m.

### This week at CMCL:

- Feb 15 Mennonite Women
- 15 Committee Chair Meeting
- 16 SoulCollage Group, 6:30 p.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)*

Emily Stednick, Silas and Calvin Crews  
Dennis and Fern Clemmer  
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  
Laurel Martin



## Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—FEBRUARY 12, 2017

FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2017 TO FEBRUARY 18, 2017

### CMCL

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED BEGINNING FEBRUARY 12**—The Adult Christian Ed Committee is planning a series entitled, "All the Days of My Life". We will tap into the creativity of renowned artist Thomas Cole, 1801–1848, to help us engage with all the days of our lives. Cole created a series of paintings titled Voyage of Life, which move through four distinct stages: childhood, youth, adulthood and old age. The curriculum is designed for people in any of these stages of life.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED FEBRUARY 19**—The CMCL Small Group Taskforce is hosting conversation about small group life at CMCL. Several CMCLers will be sharing their experiences, both long and short-term, in CMCL small groups. Come with your stories, questions, hopes and dreams about small group life.

**WRITING GROUP**—The writing group will meet after second service, February 12, 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.

**GLOBAL CHANGE LIBRARY DISPLAY IN PARROT GALLERY**—Given the challenges of our new year, a special display of books relating to global and climate changes is in the Parrot Gallery for your interest and sign-out. The books are from a growing collection of both classics and new titles gathered by Monte Garber and Mary Lou Weaver Houser for their Spring 2015 class on *Collapsing Consciously*. If you have any other current titles on this urgent topic that you wish to add to the collection, check in with our librarians—Jill Stemple or Anne Sensenig.

**MENNONITE WOMEN**—On May 20th, 2017, our CMCL Mennonite Women's group will be gathering in the home of Carol Spicher for an event titled "Preserving Our Past: Stories of our Anabaptist foremothers/fathers during WWI + WWII". This event grew out of a realization that our congregation is full of stories and anecdotes from both men and women who have personal connections to peace efforts put forth by members of the Mennonite faith during times of extreme conflict. If you have a story to share, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to reach out to Lynn Sommer ([lynnjsommer@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjsommer@gmail.com)), Julia Schrock Rosenfeld ([jmschrockrosenfeld@gmail.com](mailto:jmschrockrosenfeld@gmail.com)), or Anne Bingaman ([anne.bingaman@gmail.com](mailto:anne.bingaman@gmail.com)) if you would like to contribute.

**ROLAND STOCK MEMORIAL FUND**—\$1500 was contributed in memory of Roland Stock who died this past December. The money will be used for payment toward expenses that the Bongongo family still owes for their transportation to the United States. Their outstanding bill is somewhere around \$10,000.

**YOUTH WHO VOLUNTEER WITH OUR CHILDREN**—We will be having a mandatory Safe Church Training for any youth 13-17 years old who volunteer with our children here at CMCL. If you presently volunteer in this way, or would like to in the near future, please contact Malinda by calling the office, or emailing her at [Malinda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Malinda@communitymennonite.org). We will agree upon a date together. Thanks.

**COATS AND GAMES**—The coat and game drive for Fulton Elementary continues. Coats are stored for next year and lighter coats help for the spring weather. Underwear for adults and day bus passes for RMO are welcome all year long.

**A NEW PEACE GROUP IS STARTING**—Peace Action Network (PAN) is meeting at Friends Meeting House (110 Tulane Terrace), Monday, February 13, 6 p.m. for a potluck and discussion of peace action. All are welcome. -Marty Kelley

**SAVE THE DATE**—Peace School will be held June 20 - June 22 this year. More details to come- but working on a curriculum around Superheroes of Peace. For more information, contact Malinda Clatterback at [Malinda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Malinda@communitymennonite.org). Hope to see you there!

**KRISTA TIPPETT LINK**—Last Sunday David Lutz shared during Chr. Ed. about a Krista Tippett program interviewing John Lewis and recommended it to the congregation in light of our struggling with feelings of how to love the “enemy”. To listen to the interview, go to [onbeing.org](http://onbeing.org) and search John Lewis.

**PASTORAL CARE**—CMCL Pastoral Intern Randy Newswanger will be on-call for pastoral care emergencies on Wednesdays, Susan's day off. Randy can be contacted through the church office (717) 392-7567 or [cmcl@communitymennonite.org](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org) or by contacting Randy directly at [randnews@aol.com](mailto:randnews@aol.com).

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE** will receive \$5 for each Welcome Neighbor sign that we sell. The first payment of \$1500 was made this past week.

**HOUSE FOR RENT**—Large three-bedroom farmhouse for rent. Some renter responsibilities expected. Contact Magdalen Hess, [magdaleneve@gmail.com](mailto:magdaleneve@gmail.com) or 717-898-8787 for details.

**GOT STUFF?**—Please consider donating items to my annual benefit yard sale! We take anything except clothing, items that are broken, or old TVs. We also have a storage space just half a block from church that I can easily give you access to at any time to drop things off. This will be our 11th year, and we've donated almost \$50,000 to several different causes. This year, the proceeds will go to girls' homes in India that I've volunteered with for many years. We are able to provide a tax-deductible receipt. Contact Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar at 717-371-6074 or [carmalena@hotmail.com](mailto:carmalena@hotmail.com) to donate.

## ***COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE***

**ACTIVE BYSTANDER NONVIOLENCE TRAINING**— Free workshop on Saturday, February 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m. led by PeaceBuilding Global Consultant Jonathan Rudy at Landisville Mennonite Church. Please call the church office at 717-898-0071 to register. Participants will learn how to deescalate hate speech and harassment and better understand what it means to (safely) stick up for our neighbor with compassion and resolve.

**BOOK RELEASE**—Come celebrate the release of *A Vietnam Presence: Mennonites in Vietnam During the American War!* This 600-page book is a significant accomplishment by Luke S. Martin, a former missionary in Vietnam during the Vietnam War. Place: EMM meetinghouse, 53 W Brandt Blvd, Salunga, PA 17538. Time: Friday, February 17, 6:30 p.m. This event is open to the public; registration not required. Questions? Email Jessica Fellenger at [jessicaf@emm.org](mailto:jessicaf@emm.org) or call 717 898-2251 ext. 235.

**"HOW U.S. CHRISTIANS CAN HELP ACHIEVE PEACE WITH JUSTICE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE"**—will be presented by attorney Jonathan Kuttub, a Palestinian Christian graduate of Messiah College, during Akron Mennonite Church's adult Discipleship Hour class beginning at 10:40 a.m. on February 19, 2017. Four

subsequent Sunday adult Discipleship Hour classes will engage the "Kairos Palestine" study guide, ) and the booklet entitled "MCC and Palestine and Israel: Commonly Asked Questions." (<https://mcc.org/learn/where/middle-east/palestine-israel/faq>)

**KAIROS SCHOOL OF SPIRITUAL FORMATION**—In celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Kairos School of Spiritual Formation is hosting internationally-known speaker and author, Shane Claiborne on Friday, February 24, 2017, 7-9 p.m., at Calvary Church, 1051 Landis Valley Road.

**LANCASTER MEDA CHAPTER TOUR**—Join us for breakfast and a tour of M.H. Eby on Saturday, February 25 at 8:00 a.m. at Shady Maple Smorgasbord, East Earl. Tour follows at M.H. Eby, New Holland. 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).

**PARISH RESOURCE CENTER TO HOST KRISTA TIPPETT**—Beloved for her “On Being” podcast, Krista Tippett will speak on Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m. at an event hosted by the Parish Resource Center. The event will be held at Lancaster Mennonite School's Fine Arts Center. Each ticket includes a free copy of Tippett's latest book, *Becoming Wise*. Tickets at \$29 each can be purchased at [www.parishresourcecenter.org](http://www.parishresourcecenter.org). CMCL is a PRC member church.

**LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is sponsoring the Winter Bookfest—3 to 8 p.m. 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. Check their website, [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org), for more information.

**LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY** is sponsoring the following programs. Check their website, [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org), for more information. **Grain Painting**—Jim King, local painter, will teach how to false-grain a small box with ball feet Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. **The Promise and Challenge of Nonresistance**—Titus Peachey, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, and Kevin Ressler will discuss how the practice of nonresistance has both changed and stayed the same over the years. Monday, February 20, 7 p.m., Blossom Hill Mennonite Church. **Change of Date for Fraktur Classes**—A “Taste for Fraktur,” 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, March 4. “The Illuminated Letter,” focusing on the calligraphy of fraktur, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, March 18.

**EVERENCE STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY**—On Saturday, April 8, 2017, Everence Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and better budgeting to health and fitness. For registration information, contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769, [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto:lynette.morales@everence.com) or visit [stewardshipuniversity.com](http://stewardshipuniversity.com).

**SUPPORT LANCASTER AGAINST PIPELINES AT THE STAND**—Friday, Feb. 3 FERC approved Atlantic Sunrise pipeline construction in southern Lancaster County. Friday, Feb. 10, LAP planned to open an encampment at The Stand on Conestoga Blvd. This weekend they are holding nonviolent-action trainings. Ways to help: Donate any of the following: • large RV/camper • camping equipment (especially winterized) • military surplus tents/outdoor-meetings structures • building supplies (e.g. posts, cement) • firewood • money, via: <https://www.gofundme.com/thelancasterstand?ssid=904135456&pos=2>. For more info: <http://www.wearrelancastercounty.org>, or 717.284.4940.

**GIRLS SOCCER**—The Mennonite Sports Organization is a part of Lancaster Mennonite School. The program exists to provide a sport experience that is positive, developmental and Christ-centered. Girls Soccer season begins April 1, 2017, for pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Registration is available online at [www.mennonitesports.org](http://www.mennonitesports.org). Deadline for registering is 2/28/2017.