

Church Report

February 12, 2017

1 st service attendance	72
2 nd service attendance	101
General Offering	\$8,185

Next Sunday, February 26, 2017 – Jazz Sunday

Worship Leader—Randy Newswanger

Prelude/Offertory—Jazz Ensemble

Song Leader—Christy Kauffman

Sound Technician—Monte Garber

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

1st service Greeter—Ruth Mellinger Martin

1st service Ushers—Mary Jane Smith, Luke Good

2nd service Greeter—Lois Lehman

2nd service Ushers—Joanne Kreider, David Lutz

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**

2nd Service—Eric Hoover, t/b/a

Helper—Hannah Clatterbuck

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

Marty and Mike Dillon

Lamar and Carolyn Weaver

Jordan Helsel-Miles

Ryan Pirtle-McVeigh

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—FEBRUARY 19, 2017

FOR FEBRUARY 19, 2017 TO FEBRUARY 25, 2017

CMCL

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED FEBRUARY 26—Second part of a series entitled “All the Days of My Life”, will focus on childhood. Looking at our childhoods and what we’re passing on to the children in our lives. We’ll examine closely the famous artist Thomas Cole’s (1801 - 1848) painting entitled Childhood.

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), Julia Schrock Rosenfeld (jmschrockrosenfeld@gmail.com), or Anne Bingaman (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. We will agree upon a date together. Thanks.

THANK YOU—to quite a few of you who were asked and participated in Susan's evaluation which is conducted just every three years. The evaluation process is now complete, and Susan has received information about the themes from the feedback. Many positives and much appreciation was received and communicated along with some areas for continued attention and improvement. If you have any further comments or questions related to this process, please follow up with a member of Staff Relations Committee - Darcy Miller, Verna Miller, Gerald Ressler, or Julia Schrock Rosenfeld.

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

ANNUAL SR. YOUTH CHILI DINNER—This year's fundraiser will take place on Saturday March 4th from 5-7 p.m. Join us for a delicious meal of chili, cornbread, salad and desserts as we raise money for our summer service trip. Three options will be available, including vegetarian, gluten free and Janet Lind's special Chorizo and Black Bean chili. Chili will also be available for purchase. We hope to see you there!

CMCL WOMEN'S RETREAT—March 17-19 at Charter Hall in Perryville, MD. All women of the congregation, especially millennials and newcomers are invited to join us for a weekend of relaxation, visiting and informal input on Embracing the "Self." There will be time for hiking, kayaking, birding and good coffee. If you can't make the entire weekend, you can sign up for whatever part of the weekend you can make. A sign-up table will be in the coffee area during coffee time February 19, 26 and March 5th. Your deposit will allow you to preselect your room! Don't miss it! Questions? Please contact Anne Bingaman, Lynn Sommer, Julia Rosenfeld, or Emily Stedneck.

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. Malinda@communitymennonite.org. Hope to see you there!

MENNONITE MEN—The men's group March meeting will be a wine & food tasting event at 6:30 PM, Friday March 3 at Ron Umble's home at 336D North Christian Street. In order for us to plan for the food please sign up by emailing kenkulp@verizon.net or calling 717-435-2791. A collection will be taken to help cover the costs.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

"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>)

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 for more information. RSVP to 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY is sponsoring the following programs. Check their website, lmhs.org, for more information. **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 or visit 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.wearelanastercounty.org>, or 717.284.4940.

ACTIVE BYSTANDER NONVIOLENCE TRAINING—Saturday, February 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m., East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church. This training teaches us mindfulness to unjust situations where we can focus on empowering the targets of racist, sexist, ageist, religious, and/or nationalist incidents. It was designed to empower onlookers in these situations to deescalate the attack as quickly as possible. By focusing exclusively on the target of the attack, giving them empathy and any help they request, the situation is often defused. While honoring and acknowledging each participants' own hesitations, limitations and fears, the training draws upon the collective wisdom of the great nonviolent movements of Gandhi, King, Chavez and Huerta and the Standing Rock Water Protectors. The objective of the workshop is that: "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." Trainers: Jonathan Rudy, Peacemaker-in-Residence at Elizabethtown College's Center for Global Understanding and Peacemaking and Kristen Hoffman, Church of the Brethren Program Assistant, Children's Disaster Services

"DUTCHIRICAN" EXHIBIT OPENS—"Dutchirican: History of Latinos of Central Pennsylvania," featuring the long history of Hispanics in Central Pennsylvania which includes the history of Hispanics in Mennonite churches in the region is now open at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society Library. This free exhibit is open Tuesday through Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:40 p.m., through May 10.

ANNUAL BANQUET—Learn and reflect on Lancaster County history and culture during this year's Annual Banquet of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, featuring Jack Brubaker, author of the "The Scribbler" column in the Lancaster Newspapers. He will share on the topic "Ten of My Favorite Historical Anecdotes about Lancaster County." The banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 25. Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745. The deadline for registration is Saturday, March 18.

UNOFFICIAL SYRIAN RESTAURANT—The Syrian family sponsored by East Chestnut St. Mennonite Church hopes to earn income while they are looking for jobs by selling delicious Syrian fare. Here is a list of possible items: rice (with spices and veggies); lentils; cabbage rolls (with rice and lemon inside); chicken; meat samosas; meat & onion bread pockets; stuffed grape leaves; hummus; falafel; salad; tomato soup; lentil soup; a green vegetable soup; pita bread; baklava; chocolate cake. Alternatively, paying for a cooking class/lesson is another option. For more info, contact Laura Kanagy at laurakanagy@yahoo.com

RACIAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP—Talking about race is never easy. Most of us need a trusted space to reflect on current events and to sort through our feelings. In an upcoming Lancaster workshop, Dr. Amanda Kemp will share five "Strategies of the Heart" for racial justice AND community unity. She will help participants both speak up for justice and extend unconditional love in the midst of disagreement. The workshops are based on her book, *Say the Wrong Thing: Stories and Strategies for Racial Justice and Authentic Community*. The course will meet Tuesday evenings, March 21 & 28, April 18 & 25, and May 9, from 6-8:30 pm at Fruition (24 W. Walnut St., Lancaster). Preregistration is required. Early Bird registration for \$249 is available until Feb. 28. Full registration is \$349 after that. Scholarships are available. Register at goo.gl/Bo4Cjk or on the main website, dramandakemp.com.