Church Report

February 19, 2017

1st service attendance 61 2nd service attendance 83 General Offering \$4,882

Next Sunday, March 5, 2017

Worship Leader—Malinda Clatterbuck

Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude/Offertory—Alena Clatterbuck, Hannah Clatterbuck

Song Leader—Marty Kelley

Sound Technicians—Anne Sensenig, Don Kulp

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

1st service Greeter—Carol Spicher

1st service Ushers—Beth Ann Good, Darrell Yoder

2nd service Greeter—Zita Angelo

2nd service Ushers—Margaret Krumm, David Lutz

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—No childcare

2nd Service—Deb Kraybill, Omer Brubaker

Helpers—Mara Kraybill, Raewyn 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

Mary Jane Fox and Verna Miller

Marty and Mike Dillon

Lamar and Carolyn Weaver

Jordan Helsel-Miles

Ryan Pirtle-McVeigh

Carol Spelman

Chantal and Remy Bongongo and Family

Prem and Janet Dick

Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt

Jim and Lois Blough



ANNOUNCEMENTS—FEBRUARY 26, 2017 FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2017 TO MARCH 4, 2017

CMCL

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED MARCH 5—General Check-In time facilitated by Daryl Snider.

ASH WEDNESDAY—Start Lent of this year by joining us for a service of Glitter Ash. Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Everyone is welcome to our monthly potluck held next Sunday, March 5, 2017, after second service! Please bring a dish and your own tableware, if possible.

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.

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.

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@verizion.net or calling 717-435-2791. A collection will be taken to help cover the costs.

MARCH VENTURE CLUB—Come join Venture Club The Castle Roller Skating Rink hosted by Karen and Merv Shenk Zeager. The event will be held on Sunday, March 19, 2-5 pm. Castle Roller Skating Rink is located at 1400 Elm Avenue, Lancaster, PA. The cost is \$6 admission and \$3 for roller skates/\$5 for inline skates. If you want to bring your own inline skates, please check the website for restrictions. Parents are welcome to stay and skate or hang out with each other, but it is not required. If your child will need your help to skate, then it is best that you stay. There is a small café there for snacks, and some fun arcade type games as well.

WORSHIP LEADER RESOURCES—On March 30 at 7 p.m., we will have a conversation for new and experienced worship leaders answering questions such as; Who does what? Where can I find resources? What language is important? This is an opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to our life together. Contact Susan Gascho-Cooke or Randy Newswanger if you plan to attend.

WE'VE MOVED—We are so happy to have made our official move to downtown! Our new address is 10 N. Market St., #502, Lancaster, PA 17603. When you're at Central Market, give us a call. We enjoy impromptu calls and visits. If you or anyone you know are looking to buy a great house in Lititz, we have one to show you! 4/5 BR, 2 1/2 baths on 1/3 acre. For more information, call Gerald Ressler at 717-368-9260 or Mary Alice Ressler at 717-413-8467.

SEEKING GOOD RENTER—I'm just finishing renovating my downtown Lancaster row house (and it is beautifully done!)—but I can't move back in quite yet. I'm looking for someone(s) who is/are seeking a short-term rental. Could be partially furnished or unfurnished. House has 3-4 BR, 1-1/2 baths, nice kitchen, W/D in basement, gardening if you want... 5 blocks from Central Market, in one of this fair city's racially, culturally, economically diverse neighborhoods. Interested? Know someone who might be? Contact me, Paul Brubaker, at *brubakerpa@lancastermennonite.org* or 717-299-0806.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—One bedroom apartment for rent at 28 E Walnut, available mid-March. \$665/month, includes water, sewage and trash. Call Carmalena at 717-371-6074 for more information.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

EVERENCE STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY—A ministry partnership between Everence and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, April 8, 2017. John Pletcher, lead pastor of Manor Church, will deliver our keynote message this year. His topic is *Gears, grease and glory: joining God's mission in your daily work.* For more information or to register, contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769, lynette.morales@everence.com or visit stewardshipuniversity.com.

"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.*

MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION (MBSR)—an 8 week program that combines ancient meditation techniques with modern cognitive science provides powerful tools for coping and personal growth. MBSR teaches participants to change the way they experience themselves and their world. Now registering for the spring class: Monday evenings, 6-8:30 p.m., April 3-May 22, cost \$200. Go to LGH/classes and events, or call 544-INFO to register. Contact Katy Heinzel (*katyheinzel@gmail.com*) for more information.