

Church Report

February 26, 2017

1 st service attendance	101
2 nd service attendance	151
General Offering	\$9,852
Refugee Support Fund	\$9,000
MOOS	\$ 50

Weekly offerings need to average \$9,150 to meet budget.

Next Sunday, March 19, 2017

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sermon—Naomi Washington Leapheart

Prelude/Offertory—t/b/a

Song Leader—Louise Ranck

Sound Technicians—Ken Kulp, Don Stoltzfus

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

1st service Greeter—Mary Jane Smith

1st service Ushers—Pauline Zimmerman, Mary Jane Smith

2nd service Greeter—Zita Angelo

2nd service Ushers—Esther Becker, Zita Angelo

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**

2nd Service—Kandace Helmuth, Rod Houser

Helper—Maia Shenk

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

Beth Graybill

Marty and Mike Dillon

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—MARCH 12, 2017
FOR MARCH 12, 2017 TO MARCH 18, 2017

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED March 12—Series entitled “All the Days of My Life”, will focus on youth. Looking at our own adolescence and what we're passing on to the next generation of youth in our lives. Everyone welcome.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED March 19—Focus on Thomas Cole's painting "Adulthood" in the Series entitled “All the Days of My Life”. Cole describes adulthood as a time of trouble. What do you think? Facilitated by Jerry Lee Miller.

GALLERY TALK: “A Story of a Garden”—Today, March 12, after second service around 12:30, Mary Lou Weaver Houser will give a slide presentation about the Wolf Museum Native Plant Garden. Soup will be served in the Parrot Gallery for those attending.

WRITING GROUP—The writing group will meet after second service this Sunday, March 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.

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT CMCL—Naomi Washington Leapheart will be preaching at CMCL for both services on March 19, Lent III. We are excited to welcome back Rev. Washington Leapheart, a Lancaster Seminary grad and social activist in Lancaster, who is currently living in Philadelphia with her wife and daughter, working as Faith Work Director for The National LGBTQ Task Force and teaching at Villanova University.

CMCL SOULCOLLAGE GROUP—meets this Thursday, March 16 at 6:30 in the conference room behind the sanctuary. If you are new to SoulCollage, be sure to come right at 6:30 for a quick tutorial, and email Pastor Susan (susan@communitymennonite.org) this week to let her know you'll be joining in.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!—The CMCL Easter Choir, codirected by Anne Sensenig and Marty Kelley, will rehearse in Randy Newswanger's office each Sunday beginning March 12 during Christian Ed. Everyone is welcome, especially children and youth. Mark your calendars and join the fun! If you'd like to listen to two of the pieces we'll be rehearsing, check out [Earth Song](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUPaoBZIGbM): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUPaoBZIGbM> and [Nzamuraanza / Glory to God](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc-5rMsMBTc): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc-5rMsMBTc> (only the 1st part of the 2nd youtube).

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.

JR. YOUTH—Join us on Saturday, March 25th from 2-4:30 p.m. for an afternoon of service at Willow Street Mennonite Church as we participate in the Feed My Starving Children service project! Space has been reserved for 15 participants so please RSVP to

Amanda Stoltzfus as you are able. Carpooling is encouraged (it is a 15-20 min drive from CMCL). Please note: *no jewelry wearing is allowed*. For more information on Feed My Starving Children & this project: <http://www.willowstreetmennonite.com/feed-my-starving-children/>

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.

MEN'S RETREAT—March 31-April 2 at Charter Hall in Perryville, MD. Theme for weekend "Speaking of Faith: Sharing our stories of spiritual and religious connection." CMCLer Dean Clemmer will lead conversations reflecting on where we find ourselves in our faith and spiritual practice and experience. Register on church website www.communitymennonite.org at link on newsfeed located in lower right portion of home page. Get your registration submitted by March 20.

EVERENCE SHARING—The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$2,250 in matching funds to support special needs in our congregation last year. Carol Spicher serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. These funds are made available to CMCL by virtue of the fact that 75% of our members own or participate in products and services from Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union. Purchase of these products and services help fund the Sharing Fund.

THANK YOU—Thanks so much for your care and support around the death of my Mother. Your thoughts, prayers, kind words, and thoughtful cards meant a lot to me. Laurel Martin

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

CHORAL MUSIC—Tuesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. Choral music by the East Bay Singers, flagship choir of California State University East Bay (CSUEB), and Lancaster's own Music For Everyone Community Chorus. Admission free, but tickets required. Eventbrite registration at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/east-bay-chorale-with-mfe-community-chorus-tickets-32272742642>. Pay-what-you-will offering at door. (Trust Performing Arts Center, 37 North Market Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 (near Central Market) Daniel Erdman, Jerry Lee Miller, Anne Sensenig

UPCOMING WORKSHOP—"Becoming Your Best Self: Introduction to the Enneagram" is a day-long program on April 8, 2017 at Samaritan Counseling Center being presented by Rhonda Myers and Ellen Kanagy. This event will be for those with little prior experience with the enneagram, or wanting a refresher on the basics, similar to the Christian Ed class offered at CMCL last year. Early registration (by 3/24) is \$80. For more info and to register, go to <http://scclanc.org/event/becoming-your-best-self-an-introduction-to-the-enneagram/>

EVERENCE STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY—On Saturday, April 8, 2017, Everence Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. One of our workshops will focus on senior fraud prevention. Darryl Dahlheimer of LSS Financial Counseling will explain how to recognize the most common forms of fraud and the tactics con artists use, especially when trying to get money from older adults. For more information or to register, contact Lynette Morales at 717-394-0769, lynette.morales@everence.com or visit stewardshipuniversity.com.

CONNECTING FAMILIES-EAST RETREAT—May 19-21 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Hear Amy Yoder McGloughlin present "Healing Along The Way: Church At Its Best." Amy pastors Germantown Mennonite Church. Connecting Families

welcomes LGBT people and their families and allies to a weekend of sharing common thoughts regarding sexual minority concerns as they affect families, friends, and churches. Email connectingfam@gmail.com to request registration materials or contact Linford Good at 717-203-1170 for more information.

LANCASTER FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE—The Thirty-eighth Annual Lancaster Family History Conference presents "New Arrivals in a New Land: A Tribute to Our 1717 Immigrant Families" with a keynote by John L. Ruth. It takes place from May 18-20 at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center. Register at <http://www.lmhs.org/events/history-conference/>.

FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION OPEN—Registration is open for four of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society's 2017 field trips. Join a bicycle tour of Native American historical sites, learn about Pennsylvania German barns, hear the story of Christian Burkholder, and celebrate 300 years of Mellinger Mennonite Church. To register and learn more, visit <http://www.lmhs.org/events/field-trips/>.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE WITNESS TRIP, MAY 9-22, 2017—led by Kathy Bergen and Joy Lapp, Friends of Sabeel North America and Canadian Friends of Sabeel. Trip Objectives: Visit Jewish, Christian, Muslim holy places; learn about the impact of the Israeli occupation on Palestinian life; become an advocate for a just peace. For more information, contact: Joy Lapp: 720-201-3697, lappj@earthlink.net; Kathy Bergen: 226-647-0120, bergenkathy@gmail.com, <http://www.fosna.org/event/come-and-see-israelpalestine-witness-trip>.

SUMMER PEACEBUILDING INSTITUTE—is offering New Courses: Responding to the current situation, SPI has added several new courses for people and their communities to gain skills to face issues that arise, emphasizing case studies from the US. Adaptive Action: Nonviolent Resistance for the 21st Century Restorative Justice Organizing for Communities Engaging Polarized Communities for Shared Action Tough Conversations: Turning Conflict into Connectedness Building Resilience in Body, Mind, and Spirit Spotlight on Sexual Harms: Institutional Best Practices. For more information, see <http://www.emu.edu/cjp/spi/>

WELCOMING DIALOGUE GROUP—is sponsoring the Acclaimed Canadian Theatre Of The Beat Troupe which uses drama to engage communities on difficult issues. After playing across Canada the troupe will now cross the border to bring their show to the USA. Their play, *This Will Lead To Dancing* (written by Johnny Wideman) will debut in the USA at Akron Mennonite Church on Thursday, April 27, at 7:00 PM. A repeat performance will occur on Friday, April 28, at Akron Church, at 7 p.m. See poster on the church bulletin board for more details. The story follows two teenagers, Sam and Alex, who are tired of their church's exclusive stance on homosexuality. After a week-long hunger strike, word gets out and it becomes clear that their cause has struck a chord in their small Mennonite community. This play was enthusiastically received by a large audience after the Mennonite Church Canada assembly in Saskatoon in July, 2016.

COLOR RUN/WALK—The McCaskey Track and Field team is having their first annual Color Run/Walk 5k on Saturday March 25 at 11 am. The Race includes an amazing experience of running through 4 color explosion stations, festive music, a hip Tornado Color Run t-shirt (if you register by March 13th), and supporting public education. You may register as an individual or as part of a team. Benefits of team registration: your registration is only \$20 and you will contribute to your team possibly winning the \$200 prize for the largest team! Here is the link: <http://www.mccaskeytrack.myfunrun.com> for registration. (deadline is March 17 for online registration); may register up to race day by cash or check. Individual registration is \$25. Amanda Fowler