



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 26, 2017
FOR MARCH 26, 2017 TO APRIL 1, 2017

CMCL

Church Report

March 12, 2017

1 st service attendance	41
2 nd service attendance	141
General Offering	\$10,933

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

Next Sunday, April 2, 2017

Worship Leader—Marcia Towers
 Sermon—Randy Newswanger
 Prelude/Offertory—Rhea Miller, Sarah Shirk
 Song Leader—Beth Graybill
 Sound Technicians—Anne Sensenig, Don Kulp
 Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum
 1st service Greeter—Carol Spicher
 1st service Ushers—Linford Good, Luke Good
 2nd service Greeter—Steve Walter
 2nd service Ushers—Linda Berger, Esther Becker

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**
 2nd Service—Christy Kauffman, Anne Sensenig

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

Alexis Gessner and Natalie Strickler
 Lindsey, Wes, Kellen and Lila Jane Deininger
 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

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED March 26—Child Safety Committee will be offering a training on Safe Church Steps at CMCL. This training can count toward your status as an Approved Adult, to allow you to work with the children at CMCL. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Malinda at Malinda@communitymennonite.org.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED April 2—Check-in facilitated by Randy Newswanger.

SHOULD CMCL BE A SANCTUARY CHURCH?—Join us for an initial meeting to discern how we as a congregation can support our immigrant neighbors. We will provide information about other initiatives and possible local partners. Come and share your ideas and willingness to form a response team within CMCL. Saturday, April 8 from 10-noon in the Parrot Gallery. Light brunch provided. Contact Erin Freeman erinmonicafreeman@gmail.com or Susan Gascho-Cooke.

CMCL'S PASTORS AND PASTORAL TEAM—have been invited to meet with the Ministerial Leadership Committee of the Atlantic Coast Conference of MCUSA. They have asked "to hear our story" and "learn about the congregational understandings and processes" that preceded the wedding between two persons of the same gender that Susan officiated in January. The meeting will take place Thursday afternoon, March 30.

PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE—will be out of town next weekend. She and her family are traveling to visit family in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, and Susan will be preaching at Rockway Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 2.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!—Join us for a half-traditional/half-untraditional Easter Choir. We'll sing two Easter hymns, as well as a short African piece and a haunting Eric Whitacre-esque song about light amidst dark times. To sample, see youtubes: Nzamuranza / Glory to God: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zc-5rMsMBTc> (just the 1st section) and [Earth Song](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUPaoBZ1Gbm): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UUPaoBZ1Gbm>. Marty Kelley directs rehearsals in Randy Newswanger's office (piano room off back lobby) each Sunday till Easter, during Christian Ed. Anne Sensenig

MAUNDY THURSDAY—CMCLers are invited to share Maundy Thursday (April 13) in one another's homes this year. If you would like to participate in this evening of shared simple meal, communion and optional footwashing, please contact Carolyn Weaver by April 2 at cweaver@tcwcomputers.com, and she will match up guests and hosts. Each gathering will receive suggested instructions for the evening.

NO PARKING AT GROFF'S ON SUNDAY, APRIL 9—Please do not park in the Fred F. Groff parking lot on Sunday, April 9, 2017, for either first or second service. The memorial service for Carmen and David Garcia Hommel's son Max is scheduled for that time, and Fred F. Groff's needs all of their available spaces.

BENEFIT CONCERT—CMCL is holding a benefit concert on April 22, 2017, 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. Donations will support the Bongongo refugee family from the Democratic Republic of Congo. Music provided by local musicians as well as the Bongongo family. Please join us! CMCL address: 328 W. Orange Street, parking available in the Covenant UMC lot across the street.

PAX JC NEWS—1. Forms for SEND grant nominations are in church mailboxes. Deadline is May 7. 2. Adult underwear and day bus passes will be collected all year long for RMO. PAX JC is willing to buy bus passes if folks prefer. Please put money and directions to purchase in the mailbox of Deb Halsey. 3. Opportunity to support S. June Smith Center: May 18 is Sips, Sweets and Support night at Tellus 360. Details at www.ourexcenia.org

LOST AND FOUND TABLE—What do an empty picture frame, a Chinese jacket, a water bottle and a pair of sneakers have in common? They are all on the Lost and Found Table in the Parrot Gallery! Please stop by and claim what is yours. What is not claimed will be given to charity.

APRIL VENTURE CLUB—Venture Clubbers will hike through Kelly's Run with Jerry Lapp and Mary Ellen Francescani on April 9th. Please meet at CMCL at 12:30 p.m. or at Kelly's Run at 1:00 p.m. This is a 4-mile kid-friendly hike. Kids should wear shoes that can get wet, if possible. It would also be good to bring a water bottle - snacks will be provided. Parents are, of course, welcome to hike with us, but not necessary. Support is needed only for driving kids from CMCL . . . Jerry and Mary Ellen can drive two or three extra kids from CMCL; if there are more kids, we'll need another parent driver or two. If you need directions to Kelly's Run, please contact Jerry, Mary Ellen or Kirsten Hoover. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU—I would like to thank everyone for the cards, calls, and kind words following the death of my mother. Each gesture of kindness has been appreciated. It is wonderful to be a part of a loving, caring church community. Carolyn Weaver

SUMMER BEACH RENTAL—Two bedroom condo on the beach at 520 Ocean Place, 146th Street in Ocean City, Md. Is available for rent during the months of July and August. Half week rentals can also be arranged.. For further details: call Levina Huber at 717 940 9858 or Lois Martin at 717 397 0109.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

TOWN MEETING—Peace Action Network of Lancaster and 1040 for Peace invite the public to hear former CIA Analyst Ray McGovern speak Sunday, March 26 at 3 p.m. on “Russia, Refugees, Pipelines and Greed—The Blowback of War and Imperialism” at Tellus 360, 24 E King St, Lancaster, PA 17602. Corty Byron and friends will provide music before and after McGovern’s remarks. Suggested donation of \$10. McGovern's visit is sponsored by Tell the Word, a ministry of Church of the Saviour in Washington, D.C. For more information, contact Berry Friesen, (717) 471-9691 or go to www.1040forpeace.org/.

WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH MEDA—(Mennonite Economic Development Associates): Come join us to learn about issues facing women entrepreneurs in Libya and the ways that MEDA is empowering them to build strong families and communities! Women Empowering Women meets quarterly to promote the importance of women's economic empowerment as a catalyst for positive change in the world. For more information visit our website www.meda.org/wew. Next event: March 28, 6:30-8 p.m. at The Candy Factory (342 N. Queen St. Lancaster, PA 17603). RSVP to Allison Nafziger: anafziger@meda.org, 717-560-6546.

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE (MFE) FESTIVAL OF VOICES—Fri. 3-31-17 6:30 p.m. free concert (J.P. McCaskey H.S.): New School of Lancaster, Mennonite Children's Choir, Manheim Township H.S. Troubadours; McCaskey Chamber Choir; Lancaster School District Combined Elementary Chorus; MFE Community Chorus; **Sat. 4-1-17 7:00 p.m. free concert** (Trust Building, 37 N Market St. Lanc.): Lancaster Bible College Chamber Singers; MFE Community Chorus; Declan O'Rourke; **Sat. 4-1-17 Free**

community workshops, 11–12:30 & 1-2:30 (Tellus360, 24 E. King St. Lanc.), including barbershop & Sacred Harp singing, voice work/exercises, and audition prep. (register: <http://lancasterfestivalofvoices.com/workshop-registration>); **Sun. 4-2-17 3 p.m. ticketed concert** (Tellus360): Blue Jupiter, Declan O'Rourke, Break From Blue Collar, Popovsky Performing Arts Singers, Red Rose Chorus (tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/>)

SINGLE REED SYMPOSIUM—The Millersville University Single Reed Society is pleased to host the 12th annual MU Single Reed Symposium Saturday, April 1, featuring headlining guest artist DAVID KRAKAUER. Concert at 7:30 p.m., Biemesderfer Concert Hall, Winter Center for Visual & Performing Arts. \$15 General Admission, \$5 with MU ID. Reserve tickets by visiting “Events” at Millersville.edu. For the past decade, Krakauer has emerged as an electrifying symphonic soloist who brings his powerful approach to the concert stage. Widely considered one of the greatest clarinetists in the world, Krakauer has been internationally praised as an innovator in modern klezmer and a major voice in classical music.

HYMN SING—Sunday, April 2, 6:30 pm at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church (333 Delp Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601) Sing favorites at the 12th annual traditional singing, led by experienced songs leaders such as Mike Burkholder, Stan Godshall, Glenn Lehman, David Sauder, and Gretchen Thomas. A free-will offering will benefit the ministry of Harmonies Workshop. See details at www.harmonies.org.

MOVING INTO THE CITY, MOVING OUT OF THE CITY: What Makes People Move—Join the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society at New Holland Mennonite Church at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 3, for an evening looking at migration. Steve Nolt, Senior Scholar at the Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, will explore the movement of Lancaster Mennonites from the country into the city in the 50s and 60s. Christine Baer of Church World Service, will lead an accompanying panel discussing the current movement of Mennonite-connected immigrants from the city to the country.

BOOK SIGNING AT THE MENNO TEA CAFÉ—Tuesday, April 4th, 6-8 p.m., Herald Press is sponsoring a book signing at the Menno Tea Cafe, for their most recent faith based coloring book titled *Amish Prayers*, illustrated by Lynn Sommer. The designs are inspired by traditional PA German fraktur folk art motifs. Bring your colored pencils! Books will be available for \$12 at the book signing. More information can be found at <http://mennobytes.com>. Menno Tea Cafe, 2727 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bird-in-Hand, PA 17505

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/>

TAMAR SPEAKS—A SafeChurch Retreat for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, April 22, 2017, 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m., Greta Glen Retreat Center, 87 Old Mine Road, Lebanon, PA. Registration forms available at: <http://scclanc.org/event/tamar-speaks/> or email Pastor Susan if interested.