



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—APRIL 2, 2017
FOR APRIL 2, 2017 TO APRIL 8, 2017

CMCL

Adult Christian Ed April 2—Randy Newswanger will facilitate the session as we check in with ourselves and each other.

Adult Christian Ed April 9—Frank Muse will lead a discussion on the stage of life the painter Thomas Cole entitled "Old Age" in his series of paintings. All adults welcome, no matter your age!

Church Report

March 19, 2017

1 st service attendance	57
2 nd service attendance	83
General Offering	\$5,435

March 26, 2017

1 st service attendance	74
2 nd service attendance	123
General Offering	\$6,676
MOOS	150

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

Next Sunday, April 9, 2017

Worship Leader—Jay Martin

Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude/Offertory—Tim Baum

Song Leader—Sarah Shirk

Sound Technicians—Daryl Snider, Michael/Aaron Eby-Good

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

1st service Greeter—Mary Lou Weaver Houser

1st service Ushers—John Kanagy, Carolyn Weaver

2nd service Greeter—Zita Angelo

2nd service Ushers—Larry Groff, André Chubb

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**

2nd Service—Lynn Sommer, Kim Van Donk

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

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

MONTHLY POTLUCK TODAY—We will be having our monthly potluck today, April 2, after second service. All are welcome! Visitors especially are invited.

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.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY—

CMCL Evening Tenebrae Service—7 p.m. The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of Holy Week from the triumphant entry through Jesus' burial.

Prayer Walk at Lancaster County Prison—A "Way of the Cross," the community walks together around the prison, following a processional cross, stopping 14 times to hear the passion of Christ and to pray for the criminal justice system and all who are impacted by it. Led by Zion Lutheran Church, Akron PA. Begins at the corner of E. King and N. Frederick Streets, at noon.

St. James Episcopal's Service of the Seven Last Words—noon - 3:00. This year's service will feature preaching by seven local women pastors. Susan Gascho-Cooke will be preaching the seventh word. All are welcome to come and go throughout the three hour service. 119 N. Duke Street.

EASTER AT CMCL—*NEW EASTER MORNING SCHEDULE*

7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service at The Stand—All are welcome to gather at The Stand for a service of prayer and song, where Lancaster County residents including the Clatterbucks, are preparing to block the Atlantic Sunrise pipeline from disturbing the river and farmland. The Stand will provide hot drinks. 325 Conestoga Blvd, Conestoga.

9:00 a.m. CMCL's Annual Bagel Breakfast—in the Parrot Gallery, hosted by CMCL's Hospitality Committee.

10:00 a.m. Easter worship service—CMCL sanctuary. Celebrate Easter together. CMCL choir will sing.

CMCL PASTORS AND PASTORAL TEAM—met with ACC leaders this Thursday to share our story of congregational discernment around being a welcoming and affirming church (their specific concern is the officiating of marriages for same gender couples). They will likely be following up with us further as they review our congregation's stance on this.

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.

BENEFIT CONCERT—Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is holding a concert on April 22, 2017, 7 p.m. to benefit its Refugee Support Fund. CMCL is currently sponsoring it's 4th refugee family, who joined the Lancaster community December, 2015. The evening of celebration will feature music of various styles from local musicians and possibly the refugee family. Please join us! CMCL address: 328 W. Orange St., parking available in the Covenant UMC lot across the street.

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—David and Carmen Garcia Hommel wish to thank CMCL for all of your kind thoughts, cards and calls at this time as they mourn the loss of their son, Max. If you wish to send them a note, their address is 132 N. Mulberry St., Lancaster 17603.

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

MUSIC FOR EVERYONE (MFE) FESTIVAL OF VOICES—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/>)

CHOICE BOOKS OF PENNSYLVANIA—is having a 70% OFF, inventory reduction sale on Saturday April 8, 2017, from 8 AM – Noon. They are located at 121 S. Main St, in Manheim PA. (Parking at rear of building) There will be thousands of books and several hundred titles offered, providing enjoyment for all ages. It will be a wonderful opportunity to stock up on your inspirational reading at great bargain prices. Call (717) 665-3933 if you have questions. Payment by cash and checks only. Check us out at... www.choicebooks.org

HINKLETOWN MENNONITE SCHOOL—**Tuesday, April 11:** Open House for Prospective Families & Students in PreK-Grade 12; 1 pm-8 pm; **Thursday, April 20:** HMS Business Networking Breakfast at Sight & Sound Theatres; 6:45-9 am (reservations required); **Wednesday, May 10:** Open House for Prospective Families & Students in PreK-Grade 12; 9 am-1 pm; **Tuesday, June 13:** HMS Benefit Golf Tournament at LedgeRock Golf Club. *For more information about HMS and these events, contact 717-354-7100 or office@hmsk8.org, or check out www.hmsk8.org.*

MEDA CHAPTER BREAKFAST AND TOUR—at Clark Associates, one of Central PA's fastest growing companies. Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 am for Breakfast and Q & A with Steve Leaman of The Restaurant Store. Tour follows. 2207 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster. Cost: by donation, accepted at the door. RSVP by April 18: Allison Nafziger at 717-560-6546 or chapters@meda.org.

WORLD NIGHT MARKET—Live music, international food, tuktuk rides and much, much more! Join us for MEDA's (Mennonite Economic Development Associates) first World Night Market on May 19th from 6:00 - 10:00 p.m. in Binns Park (Lancaster City). This family-friendly event is free to the public and will feature MEDA's business solutions to poverty as well as the cultures, foods, and music of the countries MEDA works in. For more information, visit meda.org/wnm. We hope to see you there! *If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Laura Bomberger at laura.bomberger@gmail.com.

THE CHESTNUT HOUSING CORPORATION—(affiliated with East Chestnut St. Mennonite Church) seeks to provide affordable housing to those who would otherwise be homeless, partnering with organizations such as Tabor Community Services. Currently, a new property on the corner of Chestnut and Marshall is being renovated and your help is needed! If you are interested in volunteering your time and/or getting a small group together, please contact site coordinator Amy Stewart at earth3amy@gmail.com. Work times are currently Thursdays 12-8, Fridays 10-6, and Saturdays 9-3.