

Church Report

April 2, 2017

1 st service attendance	58
2 nd service attendance	90
General Offering	\$6,250

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

Next Sunday, April 16, 2017 - Easter

Worship Leader—Randy Newswanger

Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Prelude/Offertory—Easter Choir

Song Leader—Ron Umble

Sound Technicians—Ken Kulp, Don Stoltzfus

Environment—Nancy Baum, Tim Baum

1st service Greeter—Diane Umble

1st service Ushers—Beth Ann Good, Beth Crosby

2nd service Greeter—Mary Jane Fox

2nd service Ushers—Linda Berger, Esther Becker

Child Care

Christian Ed Hour—**No childcare**

2nd Service—Christine Kaufman, Mary Lou Weaver Houser

Helper—Maya 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

Alexis Gessner and Natalie Strickler

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—APRIL 9, 2017
FOR APRIL 9, 2017 TO APRIL 15, 2017

CMCL

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!

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

MAUNDY THURSDAY

CMCLers are gathering in each other's homes on Maundy Thursday. E-mail Susan Gascho-Cooke (susan@communitymennonite.org) if you have questions.

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.

JR. YOUTH—Please join us for a Trash Cleanup at the Lancaster County Conservancy's Holtwood Nature Preserve *today*, April 9th from 1-3 p.m. Meet at the Kelly's Run/Holtwood Park parking lot off of Old Holtwood Road. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. What to bring / wear: Long pants and long sleeves; please wear bright clothes or a reflective vest since we will be doing some trash pick up along the road. Also, if you are interested in doing some extra manual labor, bring garden gloves and a pair of hand clippers, loppers, etc. to help remove the invasive Japanese honeysuckle. Parents and siblings are welcome to attend!

APRIL VENTURE CLUB—Venture Clubbers will hike through Kelly's Run with Jerry Lapp and Mary Ellen Francescani *today*, 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!

EASTER FLOWERS FOR SALE—The flowers in the sanctuary will be for sale on Easter Sunday, April 16--\$4 for one; 3 for \$10. Put your money in the offering plate and be sure to take the flowers home after the service on Easter Sunday!

CMCL PASTORS AND PASTORAL TEAM—met with ACC leaders last Thursday, March 30, 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.

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.

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

PIANO FOR SALE—A Decker & Son upright piano needs a new home. Keys, pedals, and soundboard are in great condition. It has a rich tone, and has been tuned yearly. Price is negotiable. If interested, please contact Ruth Ann Kulp, at 717-951-9871.

CORPORATIONS AND FOSSIL FUELS—Monday April 10 7-9 p.m. at UU Church of Lancaster - Speakers Ken Ward (Valve Turner- environmentalist) and Thomas Linzey (founder of Community Legal Defense Fund) and three individuals from communities across PA and OH working to protect the environment and community rights from corporate overreach- particularly regarding fossil fuels. Malinda Harnish Clatterback hosts as board member of PA Community Rights Network.

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.

JOIN US FOR EARTH DAY LIVE!—at Tellus 360, April 22, 12-4 pm, immediately following March for Science rally (10-12 on Penn Square) - a celebration of arts and science: family-friendly kids' activities; science workshops; artwork by local visual artists; and performance art: music by Charlie Muench (Stray Birds), Los Monstruos, Big Boy Brass, & more; performance artist Amanda Kemp and Lancaster Poet Laureate emeritus Chris Longenecker. Suggested donation: \$5/person; \$10/family to support local students' environmental field trips to Lancaster Conservancy's Climber's Run. (Sponsored by Citizens' Climate Lobby - Lancaster)

MUSIC IN WORSHIP—Amish, Church of the Brethren, River Brethren, Groffdale, Weaverland, and Lancaster Conference Mennonites will gather together at the Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center and sing each other's favorite hymns on Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. This evening is free and open to the public. Martindale Mennonite Fellowship Center is located at 352 Martindale Road, Ephrata, Pennsylvania.

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.