



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—JULY 30, 2017
FOR JULY 30, 2017 TO AUGUST 5, 2017

CMCL

MCUSA CONVENTION Q&A -- Stay in the sanctuary after worship this morning to hear from CMCLers who were present at Mennonite convention in Orlanda earlier this month. We'll be sharing perspectives on the delegate sessions, Future Church Summit and seminars, and allowing time for questions and discussion.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

RELIEF KITS NEEDED—Mennonite Central Committee's partners in the Middle East and Ukraine are asking for more relief kits than MCC has on-hand so we need your help! Our goal is to ship 83,000 relief kits by March 2018. Visit mcc.org/ephrata-mrc for kit information, shipping information or additional drop-off locations. For more information, contact the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center at EastCoastMRC@mcc.org or (717) 733-2847.

DRONE PROTEST—Invitation to join in a public witness against the militarized drone base at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station. This "witness in a time of endless war" on the grassy corner of County Line & Easton Roads (Route 611) is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 29. Lancaster County participants can carpool from the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m.; return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 717-859-3529 so sufficient transportation can be arranged.

MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR—The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is still accepting registrations for Prelude Music (grades 1-2) and Choristers (grades 3-7). These non-auditioned programs meet on Tuesday evenings September through April. Contact mccl@lancaستمennonite.org for registration forms.

HOUSE PARENTS NEEDED—The YES Program, funded through the State Department, is looking for a family to house a Muslim high school student for the academic year of 2017-18. If you are interested, please contact Marty Kelley (martykelley4plus@gmail.com).

STUDENT HOUSING NEEDED—Jolly-Noble International Education is an organization that works to assist Chinese high school students who are interested in studying overseas. They are looking for Host Parents and Local Coordinators for students who will study one year at Lancaster Mennonite High. They provide training and some support funding. If you are interested, please contact Marty Kelley (martykelley4plus@gmail.com).

Church Report

July 16, 2017

Attendance	89
General Offering	\$9,218

July 23, 2017

Attendance	109
General Offering	\$9,148

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

Next Sunday, August 6, 2017

Worship Leader—Joseph Gascho
Prelude/Offertory—Roger Lentz
Sermon—Daniel Erdman
Song Leader—Anne Sensenig
Sound Technician—Don Kulp
Environment—Melanie Yoder-Salim
Greeter—Linda Berger
Ushers—John Kanagy, Carolyn Weaver

Child Care

Worship Service—Kelvin Mack, Laura Boll
Helper—Hannah Clatterbuck

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

Britany, Ryan, Kinston and Jaspen Hoover
Pat Strub
Verna Miller
Adam Lake, Jennifer Payne, Johnny and Eli
Grace Byler
Carol Spelman
Marty and Mike Dillon
Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt
Barb Gascho

Scripture Reading

Romans 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.