



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—NOVEMBER 26, 2017
FOR NOVEMBER 26, 2017 TO DECEMBER 2, 2017

CMCL

NO ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - November 26.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED – December 3—Come and share or just hear from others about the meaningful books which you/others read this past year. It is interesting to hear from the deep readers we have at this church!

CHILDREN & YOUTH—UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 26: We WILL be having Senior Youth- Christian today, though there is no CE for children/adults. It's just nice to see each other, so why skip a week if we don't have to.

Friday Dec 1st, 8-9:30pm: Wreath Making Set-Up Night. We will be setting up tables and laying down all the necessary tarps.

Saturday Dec 2nd, 9am-3pm: Wreath Making Fundraiser

- It's okay if you can't stay all day, just come when you can!
- We will have a Chili lunch at midday
- Please bring work gloves and wire cutter/small pruners for trimming greens

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Please join us for our next monthly congregational potluck on Sunday, December 3, after Christian Ed hour! New attenders are especially encouraged to join. You can put monthly potlucks on your calendar for the first Sunday of the month through May.

PASTORAL TEAM FOOD FOR THOUGHT #2—Every week there are people who enter our sanctuary, maybe for the first time, feeling a bit out of place and precarious, seeking a spiritual home for themselves. They may be sitting next to you, behind you. Maybe you see them on the stairs, maybe they introduce themselves during the service. We have all been there, that place of newness and vulnerability. And sometimes it is just ONE thing, one kindness, one hand extended, one gesture of welcome, that helps someone new step a second time into our sanctuary. *We encourage you to keep your eyes open – embrace the new among us.* They bring gifts: new energy, new learnings, new relationships. Pastoral Team will be working on more structured ways we can welcome and include newcomers into the life of our community; CMCL does not get awards for this. But, for now, this is your charge: **LOOK. KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN. KEEP YOUR HEART OPEN. REACH OUT.**

THANK YOU FOR ZWIEBACK/SWEIBACH—Thank you to Judy Krebs for the special treat at coffee time last Sunday! Please read the description on the back of the bulletin about Zwieback/Sweibach and the Russian Mennonite tradition of Faspa. Our own Judy Krebs spent countless hours in the kitchen preparing and baking homemade Zwieback/Sweibach. Thank you Judy for building community

Church Report

November 19, 2017

Attendance	144
General Offering	\$7,260

Weekly offerings need to average \$8621 to meet budget.

Next Sunday, December 3, 2017

Worship Leader—Pam Brubaker
 Song Leader—Beth Graybill
 Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke
 Prelude/Offertory—Christy Kauffman, Ryan Kauffman
 Sound Technician—Anne Sensenig
 Greeter—Diane Umble
 Ushers—Jim Spicher, Linford Good, Larry Groff, André Chubb

Child Care

Deb Kraybill, John Thomas
 Helpers—Mara Kraybill, Raewyn Kraybill

CMCL Calendar

December

- 1 Wreath-Making Set-Up in Parrot Gallery—8-9:30 p.m.
- 2 Wreath-Making Fundraiser—9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- 3 Monthly Potluck—after worship service
- 3 Venture Club at Candy Factory—1-4 p.m.
- 7 Council Meeting—7 p.m.
- 10 Christmas Program Rehearsal—11 a.m.
- 10 Christmas Jamboree—1-4 p.m.
- 17 Children's Christmas Program—9:30 a.m.
- 17 Youth Christmas Party—11 a.m.
- 24 Christmas Eve Service—7 p.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

Doug Reesor, Jess Reesor (Mennonite Disaster Service, Texas)
 Frank Carano
 Paul Brubaker, Julian Graybill Brubaker, the Brubaker Family
 Grace Byler
 Carol Spelman
 Marty and Mike Dillon
 Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt
 Kristin, Michael, Ella and Madelyn Sharp (Mennonite Mission Network, London)

with this age old Russian Mennonite tradition. We really appreciate it - the environment committee.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS MADE BY SR. YOUTH— The CMCL Senior Youth are again offering their beautiful, hand-decorated wreaths, uniquely designed for you to enjoy throughout the holidays. Get a head start on the season and reserve your wreaths now. Each 22-inch Douglas Fir wreath costs \$30 and may be picked up at the church on Saturday December 2 between 1-3 or on Sunday morning (Dec 3) after the service. To reserve your wreath online, click on the link below or place your order with a Senior Youth member after the worship service beginning this Sunday Nov 5. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4ba5a923aafa7-senior1>

MENNONITE MEN MUSIC NIGHT—Come celebrate Jim Bowman's retirement from TCW-GAV on Thursday, November 30th at 7 pm. Location: TCW-GAV showroom, 254 S. Esbenshade Road, Manheim, 17545. Bring your preference of music to share with the gathering of men. Favorite format would be vinyl. The old standby CD's are welcome. And there is digital playback available. Learn the music taste of others and be tempted by fine audio gear. For more information, contact Linford Good at lingood@comcast.net

3 PARROT GALLERY EVENTS—The Parrot Gallery at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster features three events on First Friday, December 1, 2017, running from 5-8 p.m. Downstairs in the gallery, Lancaster Country Day art teacher Beky Weidner hosts her watercolor exhibit, "Branches." Upstairs an author's book signing/reading with Joseph Gascho at 7:00 precedes a concert of festive holiday music with Spark Brass at 8:00. Cornfields, Cottonwoods, Seagulls, and Sermons: Growing up in Nebraska, the title of Joseph Gascho's collection of poems, is an apt summary of his subject matter. The opening poem, "Nebraska," powerfully illustrates how Gascho, a cardiologist from Hershey Medical Center, spins magic from the ordinary. The poem tells of those who, hearing he is from Nebraska, recall only the "flat flat land." But "The boy wonders / how they missed / the Platte, / the clouds, / the sky, / irrigation wells, / windmills/pumping water / to the steers, / the giant combines / gobbling up the wheat. Spark Brass is a quintet (trumpets, horn, trombones) of professional musicians and educators from across the United States. Group hornist Ashley Cumming explains "it is the mission of Spark Brass to present exciting programming for brass quintet alongside bringing new perspectives on music education to the community." Their Lancaster residency includes collaboration with The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster and outreach concerts in several area schools. For more information, see www.sparkbrass.com. This will be a great concert for all ages. A freewill offering will be taken to support their educational outreach programs.

OFFICE FURNITURE FOR SALE—Pauline Zimmerman is retiring and closing her office. Various items are for sale: HON chairs, desk, love seat, stuffed chair. 3 panel divider, end table, lamp, coat rack, scales, wooden rocker, battery run clocks, air cleaner, small microwave. The only requirement is that you pick them up. Contact information: dpaulinez@msn.com or (717) 560-9060 or (717) 940-1462.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

ABE'S TREE FARM—Lois Martin reports that Abe's Tree Farm, 2305 Butter Road, will begin selling Christmas trees again this season. Abe's will be open Friday and Sunday afternoons, noon–5 p.m., and Saturdays, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. through

December. Hot cider, donuts and hot chocolate will be served in the springhouse.

SHALOM PROJECT—Want to learn more about The Shalom Project, meet the participants, and eat some good food? Stop by our winter open house on December 3 from 3-5 p.m., at our house at 36 North Shippen Street. Get to know the "Shalomees," tour the historic house, (owned by Marty Dutcher) and learn about the ways we are seeking God's wholeness and peace in Lancaster. We hope to see you there! CMCL was one of the founding congregations, along with Sunnyside and James Street.

THE WALKING ROOTS BAND—a well-loved folk band out of Harrisonburg, VA will be opening its CD Release Tour at Neffsville Mennonite Church on Saturday, December 9 at 7 p.m. There's no cover charge but a free-will offering will be taken. Some of the proceeds from the sale of their new Christmas album, Hark!, will be donated to MCC to support relief and development work around the world. Back the album's Kickstarted project and pre-order your copy at <https://www.kickstarter.com/projects/thewalkingrootsband/hark-a-walking-roots-band-christmas>

MOOS BAKE SALE—Mornings on Orange Street (MOOS) is collecting baked goods for our bake sale to be held in conjunction with Fulton's winter concert on Thursday, December 14th. Baked goods can be dropped off at the church office on the day of the concert, no later than 4 p.m. Thanks for your contribution.

MORNINGS ON ORANGE STREET—a before school childcare program sponsored by Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster and Covenant United Methodist Church, serves Fulton Elementary School students K-5 in Lancaster city. MOOS is seeking a part-time (12 hr/week) director, childcare from 6:15-8:15 a.m. weekdays, plus plan and coordinate daily activities, collect supplies, work with volunteers, and other administrative duties. Director will be required to have background checks (PA Criminal History, PA Child Abuse, and FBI fingerprinting). A degree in Early Childhood or Elementary Education is preferred; however, equivalent experience in a childcare setting will be considered. A full list of the job description will be provided at the applicant's request. For consideration, please attach cover letter, resume, as well as 3 references and send to the following email address: fezdez@pa.net

SUPPORT MENNO CHILDREN'S CHOIR—Ava Bird is selling jar mixes to support the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster. Choices are Friendship Soup Mix, Peppermint Brownie Mix, or Cranberry Chocolate Chip Cookie Mix. Jars are \$7 each. You can place an order by emailing Addie at addiebird@gmail.com.

CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING ROOM FOR MCC!—Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room. For a detailed list of items, see the flier posted on the bulletin board in the Parrot Café. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop at 707 W. Main Street in New Holland, PA. Please clearly mark items: *Quilter's Attic*. Donations accepted during business hours, all year long!