



# Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 3, 2017  
FOR DECEMBER 3, 2017 TO DECEMBER 9, 2017

## CMCL

**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!

**NO ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - December 10**—We'll be drinking tea & coffee in the Parrot Gallery since the children will be practicing in the sanctuary. So bring a book to read, talk to someone you don't know well, visit with friends, look at the art, or sit and relax!

**POTLUCK TODAY**—Please join us for our monthly congregational potluck today, 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.

**THANK YOU FOR ZWIEBACK/SWEIBACH**—Thank you to Judy Krebs for the special treat at coffee time on Sunday, November 19! 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 with this age old Russian Mennonite tradition. We really appreciate it - the environment committee.

**GIVING TREE PROJECT**—has dropped most of its leaves, thanks to your generosity. This Sunday, December 3, marks the end of the project. The youth will help put the kits together at the Christmas Jamboree on the 10th. They will be presented to the congregation on 12/17 and to RMO for Returning Citizens the following week. If you had hoped to buy something but ran out of time, please feel free to give a donation. PAX JC will be buying any items we are in need of to complete the kits. Donations can be given to any member of PAX JC: Zita Angelo, Marty Kelley, Amanda Jantzi, Amanda Merryman and Donna Milton

**MOOS CHRISTMAS GIFTS**—Please notice a White Christmas Tree in the Parrot Gallery set up with tags on it for our MOOS children's Christmas this year. There are only 14 children- ages 6-9, and a few other odds and ends that would be helpful to the MOOS program. Please take a tag and purchase the gift by December 17th. Thank you so much for your generosity and kindness.

**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](mailto:dpaulinez@msn.com) or (717) 560-9060 or (717) 940-1462.

## Church Report

November 26, 2017

Attendance	147
General Offering	\$9,120
MOOS	\$100

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

## Next Sunday, December 10, 2017

Worship Leader—Marcia Towers  
 Song Leader—Ron Umble  
 Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
 Prelude/Offertory—Agatha Clapper, Henry Clapper  
 Sound Technician—Daryl Snider  
 Greeter—Janet Lind  
 Ushers—John Kanagy, Luke Good, Steve Walter, Linda Berger

### Child Care

Christy Heatwole Kauffman, Lindsey Garber Deininger  
 Helper—Anika Hurst

## CMCL Calendar

### December

- 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](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org)*

Mary Jane Fox, Verna Miller  
 Doug Reesor, Jess Reesor (Mennonite Disaster Service, Texas)  
 Frank Carano  
 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)

**LARGE ROOM FOR RENT**—We are still looking for a quiet, single, non-smoking person to rent our large, furnished upstairs room with its own bathroom, microwave, mini-frig, cable and internet, utilities included for \$425 a month. One mile from CMCL. Sorry, no pets. For more information, contact Rachel Kraybill Stahl at [kraybillstahl@gmail.com](mailto:kraybillstahl@gmail.com) or 717-203-1155.

**THANK YOU SO MUCH**—for joyously welcoming Jack(son) Denlinger Bushong into the CMCL family. We have - and continue to be - humbled & grateful for the meals and support you've provided as we transition into this new role as parents. It takes a village, so glad to be part of yours! Julie, Tyler, and Jack

**THANK YOU**—When it came time for us to go around the table on Thanksgiving Day and share what we were thankful for, I did not have any trouble coming up with a response this year; I am thankful for my new knee! I am also deeply grateful for all the demonstrations of love and support that the CMCL community has provided for my family and I during this time of recovery from surgery. The meals were a constant source of wonder and delight, the visits, cards, and flowers bolstered our spirits along the way, and the prayer shawl provided tangible warmth that always reminded me of the interplay between the human and the divine. Thank you – Audrey Patterson

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OPPORTUNITY**—Spiritual Direction is an act of prayer ... a time of intentional openness to God on the part of the spiritual director and the one seeking direction for the sake of the deepening discernment of the person seeking direction. Spiritual Direction focuses on God’s loving presence and transforming work. In spiritual direction, the spiritual director and the person seeking direction pay close attention to what happens when the person deeply listens to and responds to a personally communicating God. As part of her training in spiritual direction through the Spiritual Direction Training Program of the Kairos School of Spiritual Formation, Christy Heatwole Kauffman is offering this spiritual companionship to a few persons who desire to deeply listen to God. Throughout this time of her training, Christy will be supervised by one of the Instructors in the Kairos training program. If you are interested, you may contact Christy Heatwole Kauffman at 717-471-0528 or by email [saxandviola@gmail.com](mailto:saxandviola@gmail.com).

**COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE**

**THE MENNONITE CHILDREN’S CHOIR OF LANCASTER**—will present the final concert of its 2017 Christmas Concert series at Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Sunday, December 3, at 4 p.m. The select auditioned choir will perform with special guest artists, Spark Brass. Tickets are not required; a freewill offering will be taken.

**DECEMBER 3, 2017 FORUM: STATE OF THE AIR REPORT**—Noon-1:00 p.m. Do you wonder why there is so much asthma in the Lancaster County region and why the Lancaster region has such a poor air quality ranking? Kevin Stewart, Director of Environmental Health, American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic will present a Forum on “the American Lung Association State of the Air Report” and will give an update on air quality issues for the Lancaster City/Harrisburg region. Kevin will give a 30-minute presentation and will then respond to questions on regional, state, and national air quality issues. The

presentation is sponsored by the Environmental Concerns Committee. Lancaster Friends Meeting (Quakers) 110 Tulane Terrace, Lancaster, PA 17603

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT TOURS**—Experience the holiday season at the 1719 Herr House & Museum this fall. Candlelight Tours run from 6 to 8 p.m. on December 7 and 8 (Thursday and Friday), and from 5 to 8:30 on December 9 (Saturday). This year the tour explores the role of weaving in early communities, both Native and immigrant. For registration, and to learn more go to [hansherr.org](http://hansherr.org), or call (717) 464-4438.

**3RD FRIDAY**—December 15, 7 p.m., Tellus 360 Rooftop Holiday Concert & Sing-along: Celebrate with MFE Community Chorus and Big Boy Brass for a festive Holiday Concert and Sing-a-Long under the stars on the rooftop of Tellus360, featuring world music and New Orleans style Big Brass sound. A traditional Holiday Sing-a-Long will immediately follow. All ages are welcome to this event sponsored by Music for Everyone. Free admission.

**GOFUNDME FOR KIDS**—Hi, my name is Denise Keeler & I attend West End Mennonite Fellowship on Charlotte St. I wanted to reach out to other churches within the city regarding a gofundme campaign that will benefit students at DASH, which is the alternative school for the School District of Lancaster, where my husband is a teacher. This is our 2nd year trying to make Christmas a little more special for these kids, many of whom are dealing with traumatic home lives, behavioral or mental illnesses...the "outcasts." Would you please consider donating &/or sharing with your congregation? If you need any further info, or need to verify the legitimacy of the campaign, please let me know. You can email here, or call/text: 717-413-4256. Thank you, Denise Keeler. <https://www.gofundme.com/hp7f2-a-merrier-christmas-for-some-kids>

**SERVING BREAKFAST**—CMCL serves breakfast at First Reformed Church UCC, 40 E. Orange Street every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the year. The last date in 2017 is December 30. The dates in 2018 are March 31, June 30, September 29 and December 29. There are many duties to perform, such as set-up, buying food, serving food, and cleanup. 15-20 people are needed each Saturday and, of course, the more the merrier. About 200 people are served breakfast from 9–10 a.m. We have a good list of CMCLers involved in serving breakfast and others are invited to sign up, as well. Contact Marty Kelley at 207-478-2684 or [martykelley4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com)

<b>Budget Report—November 30, 2017</b>	<b>Sep 2017–Aug 2018 Budget: \$448,275</b>
<b>Budget to Date</b>	<b>Income to Date</b>
<b>\$112,069</b>	<b>\$97,908</b>
<i>Budget reports for November are available online under Congregational Resources</i>	