



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 10, 2017
FOR DECEMBER 10, 2017 TO DECEMBER 16, 2017

CMCL

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!

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - DECEMBER 17—Discussion on relating to one another in meaningful ways over the holidays. Melanie Salim Yoder will guide us in discussion on how to navigate gatherings with people having a variety of perspectives.

CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE - December 10—Christmas activities for kids, 1-4 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - December 17—Service at 9:30 a.m. Children will be presenting their program at the beginning of the service.

A WINTER SOLSTICE SERVICE - December 21—will be held at CMCL the evening of Thursday, December 21 at 7 p.m. Come, enter the darkness and the quiet of this longest night. Come, rest your fractured soul. Music by Daryl Snider and others, poetry recitations by Rick Shoup and Chris Longenecker. Worship leading by Randy Newswanger and Deb Napolitan

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES - December 24—Services at 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

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.

DATE CHANGE FOR LUNCH GROUP FOR NEWCOMERS AND OTHERS—You're invited to Katy Heinzel's home on Sunday December 17, NOT December 10 as announced on Sunday. Please come for a bowl of soup and conversation as we grow in community together. We'll meet right after Christian Ed at: 1023 W. New Street, Lancaster.

THANK YOU—This year's Senior Youth Christmas Wreath Fundraiser was an absolute success because of *you*, our church community. Your contributions will allow us to continue to provide summer service trip opportunities for the youth group. Last year's trip to Detroit with Mennonite Disaster Service was *fully funded* by Wreath Making and the Chili Dinner.

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 17, 2017

Worship Leaders—Malinda Clatterbuck, Amanda Stoltzfus
 Song Leader—Louise Ranck
 Prelude/Offertory—Recorder Ensemble
 Sound Technician—Ken Kulp
 Greeter—Rosalina Wilson
 Ushers—John Kanagy, Carolyn Weaver, Larry Groff, André Chubb
Child Care
 Sherry Groff, Kandace Helmuth/Michelle Meck

CMCL Calendar

December

- 10 Christmas Program Rehearsal—11 a.m.
- 10 No Adult Christian Ed
- 10 Christmas Jamboree—1-4 p.m.
- 17 Children's Christmas Program—9:30 a.m.
- 17 Youth Christmas Party—11 a.m.
- 21 Winter Solstice Program—7 p.m.
- 24 No Christian Ed
- 24 Christmas Eve Service—7 p.m.
- 31 Community Circles Sunday

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

Ron Umble, Diane Umble, Kate Umble Smucker and Hans Smucker,
 Eric Umble
 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)

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY NEEDS BOOKS—Our Little Free Library could use some new books. If you have any to share, please drop them off at Malinda Clatterbuck's office.

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 or 717-203-1155.

NOVEMBER BUDGET REPORTS—are available online for your review. They are posted on the CMCL website under Congregational Resources/Minutes and Special Reports. Use the password “parrot” to access these documents.

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 & 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.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

MBSR (MINDFULNESS BASED STRESS REDUCTION)—is an 8-week program that teaches tools to use to recognize our reactive patterns that lead to stress and a less satisfying life using meditation to learn to pay attention to what's happening in the present moment. For more information, contact Katy Heinzl at katyheinzl@gmail.com. Classes beginning in early January are now open for enrollment. Call 717-544-4636 or go to

<http://www.lghealthevents.org/?cal=mind-body-fitness> to register. Cost for 8-week class is \$200.

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE—Matt and Landry Krebs will be providing piano and vocals for the Third Annual Contemplative Christmas Eve Service at Sadsbury Meeting House on Sunday, December 24, from 4-5 PM. All are welcome to a contemplative hour of music, silence and poetry by the fireplace at 1089 Simmontown Road (1/2 mile east of Rt. 41), Gap, PA. Questions: contact Sadsbury Friends Meeting at info@sadsburyfriendsmeeting.org

GOFUNDME FOR KIDS—West End Mennonite Fellowship is asking local churches to join them in supporting a gofundme campaign that will benefit students at DASH, which is the alternative school for the School District of Lancaster. The goal is to make Christmas a little more special for these kids, many of whom are dealing with traumatic home lives, behavioral or mental illnesses. For info, contact Denise Keeler at supermimz.mamad@gmail.com

SERVING BREAKFAST—CMCL serves breakfast at First Reformed Church UCC, 40 E. Orange Street every 5th 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

THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN FOR A PEACE TAX FUND (NCPTF) will hold a gathering for Pennsylvania residents interested in supporting The Religious Freedom Peace Tax Fund Bill of 2017, H.R. 1947. Malachy Kilbride, Executive Director of NCPTF, will speak at Akron Mennonite Church at 2 p.m. on Sunday, December 31, 2017.

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