

Church Report

December 10, 2017

Attendance	165
General Fund	\$8,519

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

Next Sunday, December 24, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. service

Worship Leaders—Louise Ranck

Song Leader—Louise Ranck

Prelude/Offertory—CMCL Choir, led by Marty Kelley

Sharing Time—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook

Greeter—Diane Umble

Ushers—Beth Ann Good, Pauline Zimmerman, Linda Berger

Child Care

Michelle Meck, Kandace Helmuth

CMCL Calendar

December

- 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)



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 17, 2017
FOR DECEMBER 17, 2017 TO DECEMBER 23, 2017

CMCL

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.

NO ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - December 24

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—

9:30 a.m. -- "For you! Gifts of Christmas" service of music and readings, led by Louise Ranck, CMCL Christmas choir, and senior youth musicians.

7:00 p.m. -- Christmas Eve service of music and readings led by Christy Kauffman and Susan Gascho-Cooke; music by Christy and Ryan Kauffman, Dean Clemmer, Larry Penner and Roger Lentz.

COMMUNITY CIRCLES SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 - During worship on Sunday, December 31, we will spend some time sharing with one another in breakout groups. Small Group Committee: Ken Beam, Linda Berger, Sarah Fritz, Amelia Rauser.

DATE CHANGE FOR LUNCH GROUP FOR NEWCOMERS AND OTHERS—You're invited to Katy Heinzl's home on Sunday December 17, NOT December 10 as announced previously. 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.

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.

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.

WE HAVE MOVED—Karen, Dulce and Vanessa Shenk-Zeager have a new address: 22 South 12th Street, Akron, Pa 17501. Please make a note in your 2017 CMCL directory.

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.

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

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.

MCCL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS—The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is accepting registrations for the spring semester. MCCL has programs for kindergarten through grade 12. Singers meet Tuesday evenings January through April. For more information about

MCCL programs, see www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org, call 717-455-7025, or email mccl@lancastringmennonite.org.

LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS HOLDING AUDITIONS—Singers who have had vocal training and/or experience performing classical choral repertoire are encouraged to audition! To be placed on the audition schedule, please contact the Lancaster Chamber Singers via email at lancastringchambersingers@gmail.com or by phone at 717-330-9025.

ANNUAL MCC PA RELIEF SALE—The Craft Stand coordinators want to remind crafters to create for the 61st annual PA Relief Sale which will be held *the first full weekend of April*, Friday and Saturday, April 6 & 7, 2018, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. We are seeking crafters who work with fabric, wood, paper, yarn, thread, or jewelry to make and donate quality crafts. Yes, the sale is still three months away, but well-made crafts take lots of time! Please see the Craft Stand poster (on bulletin board) for additional details. Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring to the Craft Stand during the sale. Feel free to call or email us with your questions or comments. Remember: all proceeds benefit MCC. Janet Runion Patton: 717-272-1708, jcpatton99@gmail.com; Ruth Runion Slear: 717-533-9423, singchorale@hotmail.com Alternatively, if you would like to donate, please email Lynn Sommer at lynnjsommer@gmail.com and then bring your items to church on January 21st.

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>	