



# Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 24, 2017  
FOR DECEMBER 24, 2017 TO DECEMBER 30, 2017

## CMCL

### NO ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - December 24

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - December 31**—Sharing from each other regarding the music and/or movies which have been meaningful to you this past year! All invited to contribute as you wish. IF you want part of a movie or CD shared, bring it along with your section marked and hopefully it can be played. Any questions email Sherry Groff [Lashgroff@gmail.com](mailto:Lashgroff@gmail.com).

### 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.

**PASTOR SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE**—will be out of the office this week, but will be local and available for urgent pastoral care concerns.

**RECRUITING COFFEE MAKERS**—Do you enjoy coffee hour? Hospitality Committee is seeking volunteers to join the coffee rotation on Sundays. Call or text Michael Eby-Good 717-344-8688.

**OUCH!**—In October the congregation approved a budget with projected income falling \$18,275 less than budgeted expenses. Only \$5,000 was allocated for facilities repairs & equipment (R & E) with the hope that significant repairs would not be required during the year. Unfortunately repairs to our alarm system, a furnace, and sump pump plus the insurance deductible will push our R & E expenses to \$9,400 before the end of December, 2017. At the next congregational meeting the congregation will be asked to increase the R & E budget line item to \$15,000. Please consider increasing your contributions to CMCL to help cover the revised projected income shortfall of \$28,000. Facilities Committee

**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.

## Church Report

December 17, 2017

Attendance	227+
General Fund	\$20,778
MOOS	\$213

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

### Next Sunday, December 31, 2017

Worship Leader—Jonathan Sauder  
Song Leader—Marty Kelley  
Prelude/Offertory—Congregational Singing  
Sound Technician—Cody Litwiller  
Greeter—Janet Lind  
Ushers—Carolyn Weaver, Jean Sensenig, t/b/a

#### Child Care

Denise Cope, Dan Schlegel  
Helper—Maia Shenk

### CMCL Calendar

#### December 2017

- 24 No Christian Ed
- 24 Christmas Eve Service—7 p.m.
- 31 Community Circles Sunday

#### January 2018

- 5 Parrot Gallery Reception
- 7 Christian Ed resumes
- 7 Monthly Potluck
- 14 Recovenanting Sunday
- 19 Mennonite Women
- 21 World Fellowship Sunday/Recovenanting 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](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org)*

Sonny Ditzler  
Luke and Mary Bomberger  
Ron Umble, Diane Umble, Kate Umble Smucker and Hans Smucker,  
Eric Umble  
Mary Jane Fox, Verna Miller  
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)

**A NOTE FROM MARY JANE FOX**—I give my deep and warm thanks for your prayers, visits, cards and food. I am making slow progress, have less pain, with continuing low appetite and energy. Your care has blessed and encouraged me as I deal with a broken upper left arm and torn rotator cuff. I have an appointment with an orthopedic doctor on December 28 and will learn when I begin physical therapy.

**DEAR CMCL COMMUNITY**—Thank you for the many thoughtful cards and kind words of comfort and support following the recent passing of Ron's mother Miriam Umble. Your prayers and expressions of love touched us deeply. Ron and Diane Umble

### **COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE**

**WINTER DANCE PARTY!**—(European & Middle Eastern etc.) Thursday 12/28, Mulberry Art Studios, 21 N. Mulberry St. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Potluck - bring something yummy (vegan options appreciated) to share. 7 to 10 p.m. - Dancing to the fantastic accordion music of John Matulis! \$20 Adults, \$10 Students, N/C under 13 (family rates available) Please come!  
Zita Angelo [zita.angelo712@gmail.com](mailto:zita.angelo712@gmail.com) 717-951-5152

**WITNESS AMID ENDLESS WAR**— Saturday, December 30, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the Horsham (PA) Air Guard Station. Commemorate the birth of the Prince of Peace by expressing opposition to this local militarized drone command center - part of the expanding international network of drone warfare operations. Lancaster County participants will leave Akron Mennonite Church parking lot (1311 Diamond St, Akron, PA) at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. RSVP to H.A. Penner at [penner@dejazzd.com](mailto:penner@dejazzd.com) or 717-859-3529 for sufficient transportation.

**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](http://www.mennonitechildrenschoir.org), call 717-455-7025, or email [mccl@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancastermennonite.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 [lancasterchambersingers@gmail.com](mailto:lancasterchambersingers@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](mailto:jcpatton99@gmail.com); Ruth Runion Slear: 717-533-9423, [singchorale@hotmail.com](mailto:singchorale@hotmail.com) Alternatively, if you would like to donate, please email Lynn Sommer at [lynnjsommer@gmail.com](mailto:lynnjsommer@gmail.com) and then bring your items to church on January 21st.