



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 31, 2017
FOR DECEMBER 31, 2017 TO JANUARY 6, 2018

CMCL

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.

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 GASHO-COOKE—is on vacation. She will be back in the office on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

PLEASE REPLACE—last Sunday's blue January/February 2018 Worship Themes insert with today's yellow insert. It contains several corrections.

THE CMCL OFFICE—will be closed on Monday, January 1, 2018 for the New Year's holiday.

PASTORAL TEAM WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR

CONVERSATION—during Christian Ed on Sunday, January 7. We are interested in particular with hearing your views on recovenanting and membership as this is the month we devote ourselves to that process. But come and talk with us about anything you feel important to our sense of community and connection here at CMCL - we would love to sit with you!

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

Church Report

December 17, 2017

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

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

Next Sunday, January 7, 2018

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
 Song Leader—t/b/a
 Prelude/Offertory—Jerry Lee Miller
 Sermon—Steve Nolt
 Sound Technician—Cody Litwiller
 Greeter—Diane Umble
 Ushers—Beth Ann Good, Beth Crosby, Linda Berger, t/b/a

Child Care

Lori Bergey, Kandace Helmuth
 Helper—Ashton Clatterbuck

CMCL Calendar

January 2018

- 5 Parrot Gallery Reception
- 7 Christian Ed resumes
- 7 Monthly Potluck
- 8 Mennonite Men
- 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

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)

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

THE PARROT GALLERY—at 328 W. Orange Street in Lancaster kicks off the New Year with a First Friday oil painting exhibit by Michael Clapper, art history professor at Franklin and Marshall. The January 5, 2018 opening reception featuring Clapper's "trompe l'oeil" still life technique and runs from 5-9 p.m. (See communitymennonite.org for details and images)

PEACE SCHOOL DIRECTOR—Are you organized and creative? Administratively savvy and committed to Peace? Well I have a volunteer position for you. We are looking for a director for our Peace School 2018. Peace school will take place June 19, 20, 21. This person would work closely with Malinda in recruiting teachers and shepherds, organizing and purchasing supplies. Malinda will write all of the curriculum. If you feel like this is a possibility for you, call Malinda NOW (okay, after the service)- at 717.875.5066.

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

MONTHLY POTLUCK - Please join us for our next monthly congregational potluck on Sunday, January 7, 2018, 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. Our cleanup crew has been small after the last few potlucks so if you can, consider staying a bit after you eat to help clean up!

MENNONITE MEN—Get together with Andre Chubb & Linford Good at Tellus360 7 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2018 to join up with other CMCL men in conversation. 24 East King Street, downtown Lancaster. Should this attempt succeed, we plan to hang out the 2nd Monday of each month.

LOOKING FOR ROOM TO RENT—I am looking for a room to rent for one person. Willing to share kitchen and/or bathroom. Able to pay between \$400 to \$450/month. Please contact me, Julio Mendosa, men1962@yahoo.com or (347) 375-5938.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

FOREST HILLS MENNONITE CHURCH—100 Quarry Road, Leola, invites the public to its annual 4-week Winter Bible School Bible series focused on *Fruit of the poisonous tree: Conversations on race, faith and reconciliation*. Beginning January 10, Wednesday evening sessions, led by local pastors and community service leaders, will begin with a shared meal at 6 p.m., followed by teaching for adults and activities for children in grades K through 8 at 7 p.m. Please call the church at 717-656-6227 or email fhmc@foresthillschurch.org to reserve your space at the shared meal or register your child for participation. Further details can be found on the church's website at www.foresthillschurch.org.