

Church Report

January 14, 2018

Attendance	148
General Fund	\$6,197

Weekly offerings need to average \$8,621 to meet budget.

Next Sunday, January 28, 2018

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader—Anne Sensenig

Prelude/Offertory—Larry Penner, Dean Clemmer

Sermon—Jonathan Sauder

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus

Greeter—Esther Becker

Ushers—Larry Groff, John Kanagy, Laurel Martin, Phil Kreider

Child Care

Adam Miller, Darcy Miller

CMCL Calendar

January 2018

30 Mennonite Men, Pottery demo at 560 S. Prince St., Lancaster

February 2018

2 Parrot Gallery Reception, 5-9 p.m.

2 Taizé/Candlemas Service, 7 p.m.

3 Mentor/Mentee Banquet, 2-5 p.m.

4 Recovenanting Service

4 Monthly Potluck

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

Louise Ranck

Jose, Lucyann, Sergio and Alonso Boll-Borrero

Sonny Ditzler

Luke and Mary Bomberger

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—JANUARY 21, 2018
FOR JANUARY 21, 2018 TO JANUARY 27, 2018

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - January 21—Lynn Sommer & Joel Nofziger will share about early Anabaptist prayer traditions and about Lynn's project to bring new life and color to them with her Amish Fraktur coloring book.

CMCL HAMLET - January 21—The topic today will be *Our Images of God, Past and Present*. Facilitated by Deb Napolitan. Come join us in the conference room (through doors on the right front of sanctuary) during Adult Christian Ed. **CMCL HAMLET** offers a different subject every week (such as spirituality, theology, major life questions, living in community, the environment, death and dying, living your values, etc.). The format will be conversational and a time of sharing and listening. A **HAMLET** is a small village. Come on in and further connect with yours. We welcome visitors, new and regular attendees.

PASTORAL TEAM FOOD FOR THOUGHT #3—We value all parts of our community at CMCL: visitors, newer attenders, seasoned attenders, members. Pastoral Team is discerning how to lead our annual process of membership and recovenanting; how we widen our arms to honor you who are new as well as you who are “old,” whether members or non-members. We value all participation and presence in our life together. Your input and engagement with Pastoral Team is important in this discernment process. We will be conducting a conversation during Adult Christian Ed on February 11 as to how we look at membership and recovenanting, and how to better value participation and presence. We also welcome you to contact any member of pastoral team and offer your thoughts on this. Our February 25 “Recovenanting” may look a little different this year as a result.

JUNIOR YOUTH—Today, January 21, at CMCL from 3 to 5, hosted by Brenda Sauder...DIY Essential Oils Locker Charm. We will each make our own locker charm, charge it with essential oils and learn about the basic how-to's of oils. \$10 per charm. Parents welcome to stay and participate! Snacks provided.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—January 28 Last year the youth came to Adult Christian Ed asking us questions regarding our Spiritual journeys, upbringing, certain topics etc. Sunday, January 28 is an opportunity for the Adults to inquire of the youth, so be thinking of what you would like to ask them!

CMCL RECOVENANTING—will take place on Sunday, February 25, NOT January 28, as previously announced.

SAVE THE DATES: SPRING CHILDREN & YOUTH RITUAL—Please note the following dates for upcoming rituals.

1st Grade Bible Presentation - March 25

8th Grade Bible Presentation - April 29

4th Grade Blessing - May 20

UPDATE FROM PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE—The committee is still in the process of receiving and reviewing information from potential candidates. An advertisement will be in The Mennonite in February. We will be happy to provide an update on the process at an upcoming congregational meeting, or you can speak with any of us. Katy Heinzl, chair, Bryan Martin, Ryan Kauffman, Julia Schrock Rosenfeld, Kay Reist.

LOST AND FOUND OVERFLOWING—The CMCL Lost and Found box, located in the closet to the left of the mailboxes (on the right-hand shelf) is overflowing. So are our coat racks with coats and jackets that have been here for months. Please check these locations for anything that is yours. Items not claimed will be donated to charity.

WINTER ADDRESS FOR JAY AND RUTH MARTIN—510 N. Villa Ct #214, Palm Springs CA, 92262. Phone is same as in Lancaster - 717-293-9892

MENNONITE MEN—Join us for a throwing demonstration by potter Phil Kreider at Kevin Lehman's Pottery, 560 South Prince Street. Opportunity for "hands-on" attempt at pulling some clay so dress accordingly. Happens Tuesday evening, January 30, at 7 p.m. More information contact Andre drechubb@gmail.com or Linford lingood@comcast.net

NEW HYMNAL PROJECT—Several CMCLers just returned from a worship & music weekend with some of the mostly volunteer "Resonate Team" in charge of shaping the new 2020 hymnal. They put out a call for donations to this project, as Mennonite Church USA as a denomination is financially unable to support it, the way it has in the past. The hymnal committee "aims to serve a broad spectrum of worshipers through stylistic variety and expansive & inclusive language. It strives to reflect and shape today's church in celebrating cultural diversity and engaging contemporary concerns...a collection that strengthens relationships within and beyond our denomination, as together we receive God's forgiveness and extend that grace to one another." MennoMedia, PO Box 866, Harrisonburg, VA 22803-0866.

MOOS NEWS—Mornings on Orange Street (MOOS) has hired Jacob Farneth as new Program Director, starting January 29. Current Program Director Amber Rieger, will begin working from home as the new Vision and Development Director, focusing on finding funds to keep MOOS running and also making sure we have all the volunteers that we need. If you hear of any financial opportunities or know of any possible volunteers, please send that information to Amber at thomaar05@gmail.com

THANKS TO CMCL—from Melanie Snyder, Director of RMO for Returning Citizens: "What extraordinary generosity the CMCL congregation has poured out for our returning citizens! We are overwhelmed and so very grateful for your support." She included seven notes of thanks written by the first seven of the returning citizens in need of toiletry kits. These notes can be found on the PAX JC bulletin board in the center column in the Christian Ed wing entryway.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

END OF LIFE PLANNING VIDEO—Everence and the family of Lila and Daryl Garber invite you to the introductory showing of a short video presentation exploring the importance of end of life planning. Please join us today, Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 3 p.m. in the Westview Community Room at Landis Homes. This new presentation, based on the journey of Daryl Garber, reflects the value of making one's wishes known about one's final days. Everyone is welcome. Contact Monte at monte.garber@gmail.com.

VIGIL FOR ASYLUM SEEKERS—Central American women and children have been detained for months in Berks County after being denied asylum. Each month there is a vigil to support them so they know they are not forgotten. On January 21, the vigil will be led by Iglesia Resurrección of Lancaster, the Spanish-speaking Presbyterian fellowship led by Pastor Maria Mada and Daniel Erdman. We will carpool from Lancaster at 2:30 p.m., about a 45-minute drive, and should be back in Lancaster by 5:30 p.m. For those who want to travel their own, go to Berks County Residential Center, 1040 Berks Road, Leesport, PA. For more information, email derdman51@gmail.com or call 505-459-0855.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AND THE CHURCH: A PATH FORWARD—Monday, February 5, 7 - 8:30 pm, at the Parish Resource Center. FREE to PRC Member Churches (which CMCL is); \$15 for Non-member Churches. Led by Dr. Stacie Molnar-Main, Community Educational Consultant. It seems that each day there are reminders in the media of how pervasive sexual violence is in our world. What is the role of the church and how can people of faith talk about and engage with issues of gender-based violence in ways that are educational, productive and transformative?

EVENING OF POETRY & SONG—The Peace of Wild Things, Friday, February 9, 2018, 7 p.m. Come fill your soul with a serenade of *a cappella* and accompanied vocals while supporting Lancaster Against Pipelines' legal fund. Ensembles include Sisters of Light, "Pipe Dreams," and duo Daryl Snider & Dean Clemmer. Poetry offered by Lancaster County's former Poet Laureate Chris Longenecker & Rick Shoup. Community Mennonite Church, 328 W. Orange St., Lancaster PA.

STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY—On Saturday, March 3, 2018, Everence® Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and financial markets to de-cluttering your home. For registration information, contact Lynette Morales at (717) 394-0769, lynette.morales@everence.com or visit stewardshipuniversity.com.

CHOIR MEMBERS—Is your fantasy to appear on stage at a Fulton production? Your opportunity is at hand. See information on bulletin board in Parrot Gallery for auditions to be in a 50-voice choir as part of an upcoming summer production of The Hunchback of Notre Dame.

5TH SATURDAY BREAKFAST COMMITTEE—We received a note of thanks from Rev. Wade Pond of 1st Reformed Church. From the letter: "On behalf of the staff, leadership and congregation of First Reformed Church, I would like to say thank you so very much for being such wonderfully hospitable church neighbors. Your efforts to reach out and creatively provide a meal for our regular Saturday morning guests was a gracious and kind act of compassion and our gratitude cannot be measured." He also adds that the repairs to their pipes is completed and heat has been restored.

JOB OPENING—Executive Director - Lancaster Downtowners, a non-profit Village of seniors desiring to age successfully in the homes of their choice, seeks a part-time Executive Director to assess and respond to member needs, develop resource information bank, build community presence. (CMCLers Rod Houser, Ken Nissley, John Kanagy and Kim Van Donk are heavily involved in Lancaster Downtowners as volunteers.) Hire will be in collaboration with partner organization Landis Communities. Resumes accepted at apply@lancasterdowntowners.org; full job description at lancasterdowntowners.org.