

Church Report

February 25, 2018

Attendance	137
General Fund	\$9,061
MOOS	\$175

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

Next Sunday, March 11, 2018 – Daylight Savings Time begins!

Worship Leader—Matt Krebs
Prelude/Offertory—Henry Clapper
Children’s Time—Malinda Clatterbuck
Preaching—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader—Louise Ranck
Sound Technician—Daryl Snider
Greeter—Jean Sensenig
Ushers—John Kanagy, Beth Crosby, Phil Kreider, Laurel Martin

Child Care

Christy Kauffman, Michelle Meck
Hannah Clatterbuck—Helper

CMCL Calendar

March 2018

4	Monthly Potluck
7	Lenten Practices: Poetic Memoir—Lisa Roth Walter’s home, 7 p.m.
10	Lenten Practices: Art Journaling—Brenda Sauder, 9 a.m., CMCL
10	Lenten Practices: Mindfulness and Meditation—John Blase, 9 a.m., CMCL
12	Mennonite Men—Hangout at Tellus360, 7 p.m.
14	Lenten Practices: Poetic Memoir—Lisa Roth Walter’s home, 7 p.m.
16-18	Mennonite Men’s Retreat, Charter Hall, MD
25	Palm Sunday
25	Child Safety Training, 11 a.m.
29	Maundy Thursday
30	Good Friday

(More information can be found in flyer on table in sanctuary foyer.)

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

Kara and Kevin Longacre Hurst, Anika and Claire
Jerry Gibbs and Donna Walton
Marc Hostetler, Monte Garber, Maia Garber, Maddie Garber
Ruth Hartzler Martin and Jay Martin
Jose, Lucyann, Sergio and Alonso Boll-Borrero
Luke and Mary Bomberger
Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt
Kristin, Michael, Ella and Madelyn Sharp (Mennonite Mission
Network, London)



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 4, 2018
FOR MARCH 4, 2018 TO MARCH 9, 2018

CMCL

GUEST PREACHER TODAY—We are delighted to welcome back Naomi Washington-Leapheart as our preacher today. A daughter of Detroit, Naomi is the Faith Work Director for the National LGBTQ Task Force, the country's oldest national LGBTQ justice and equality group. She is also an adjunct faculty member in the Theology and Religious Studies department at Villanova University. Naomi delights in singing with the Philly Threshold Choir, a group whose mission is to bring audible comfort and kindness to people in hospice care. She is a board member of Roots of Justice, a collective of anti-racism trainers and organizers. Naomi shares her life with her wife, Kentina, a chaplain and religious educator. Together, they are raising a curious, energetic, future Oscar-winning 5th grader, Sophia.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - March 4 - Option 1—Main sanctuary - Take a pause during Lent to listen to and discuss parts of a podcast with Terry Gross interviewing Kate Bowler, a Mennonite who teaches at Duke University.

PASTORAL TEAM—will be available in the Sattler room today, Sunday, March 4 during Adult Christian Ed. We are available to hear your concerns, suggestions, and perspectives regarding our community here at CMCL. Please come and talk with us, we welcome you! Know we are available as well for personal conversation if needed and can be contacted by phone or email. (Pastoral Team members: Susan Gascho-Cooke, Malinda Clatterbuck, Amanda Stoltzfus, Carol Spicher, Naomi Paine, Luke Good, Monte Garber and Deb Napolitan)

HAMLET will not take place today, March 4, due to Pastoral Team's listening session during ACE. We return next week, March 11, and will follow ACE calendar through May.

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Join us today, March 4, for the monthly congregational potluck after Christian Ed to enjoy community time together. If you are visiting or are new to the congregation, we especially hope you will join us. We always need extra help with clean up, so we encourage you to stay a few minutes to help clean up if you can. The first Sunday in April is Easter Sunday, so we will have the annual bagel and muffin breakfast instead of a potluck. The last monthly potluck of this season will be May 6.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - March 11 - Option 1—Main sanctuary - Kevin Ressler will facilitate chapters 5 - 7 of the book study "Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism" by Drew Hart. Available for purchase at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society 717-393-9745. This week will cover the challenging topics of whiteness, blackness, and the consequences of an assimilation society. You are welcome even if you have not read previous chapters or attended previous weeks.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - March 11 - Option 2—Conference room - Ben Friesen, professional origami artist, who recently moved to Lancaster from Brooklyn, is joining us to help us prepare our environment for May–September. We hope to fold 1,000 paper cranes and Ben is volunteering to teach us! (March 25 - Senior Youth in *Gathering Place*. Adults may join youth class; advance notice requested). Information about Ben: ben-friesen-05-unfolds-career-origami or <https://friesenfolding.com>

MENNONITE WOMEN—Wednesday, March 14, 7-9 p.m. Join us for the annual 8th grade girls' blessing at Carolyn Weaver's house, 2660 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.

PASTORAL TEAM FOOD FOR THOUGHT #4—CMCL is most certainly a congregation in flux. Lots of changes are pending: the hiring of an administrative pastor, a new look at membership and recovenanting, as well as initiatives to better welcome visitors and to help long term attenders feel at home here. In the midst of this all, Pastoral Team hopes you feel welcomed and valued in both words and action. As a community, we sometimes need to pause, realizing we are human, we are imperfect. Our intention, though, is to listen and to care, to reach out and reassure each other. It is with that spirit that we navigate these changes.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CMCL?—You are invited to a dinner at the home of Carol Spicher on Tuesday, April 10, at 6 p.m. Anyone considering membership/engagement at CMCL is welcome. Please RSVP through the church office or to anyone on pastoral team. We welcome your presence.

MENNONITE MEN—Reminder to register for Men's Retreat by March 6. Check your email or church mailbox for registration information. Happens March 16-18 at Charter Hall near Perryville, MD. Daryl Snider will facilitate conversation Saturday and Sunday morning through Circle process. Come ready for sharing that enriches us all. Retreat provides us the opportunity to go a little deeper than we might on a Sunday morning or in the midst of hurried lives. Contact Linford lingood@comcast.net or Andre drechubb@gmail.com for more information.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE—continues to receive applications for the position of Administrative Pastor. We have several strong candidates, and we have at least one more initial interview planned for early April. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers as we move through this process.

PAX JC SEEKING AGENCY GRANT NOMINATIONS—Each year CMCL members/attendees have an opportunity to nominate agencies with missions of compassion and justice that they are connected with to receive grants of as much as \$500. Nomination forms are in mailboxes this morning. Please contact PAX JC members with questions: Zita Angelo, Amanda Jantzi, Marty Kelley, Amanda Merryman, Donna Milton.

FROM BORRERO FAMILY—We are most grateful for the outpouring of support that has accompanied us during Jose's health challenges. Many thanks for the prayers, cards, gifts, visits, and texts. We experienced the support at a deep level and thank you for your care and concern. Jose has been home from the hospital over two weeks and recovery continues with good reports from medical providers. Our deepest gratitude —Jose, Lucyann, Sergio and Alonso

FROM ROSALINA WILSON—I want to thank you all for your supportive prayers while I was in Cuba. I had a great time with my mother and relatives. We were so happy to be together for a month. Now I am back with you all, my American family, here at CMCL. I love you all. —Rosalina

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

THIS EVIL THING—Acclaimed drama about conscientious objection to war in WWI will be performed at Akron Mennonite Church, Tuesday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. This one-person drama, written and performed by Michael Mears offers a moving portrayal of the voices that said no to war 100 years ago. Admission is free. An offering will be received to help cover expenses. Sponsored by the Center on Conscience & War. See: <https://michaelmears.org/this-evil-thing/>

ANNUAL BANQUET—Learn and reflect on the intersection of Lancaster County Mennonite and African American history during this year's Annual Banquet of the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, featuring Leonard Dow. Melody Pannell will also share on her experience writing the history of 7th Avenue Mennonite Church in Harlem, and Ertell Whigham and his ensemble will perform black gospel American jazz. The banquet will be held at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 17, at the DoubleTree Resort Banquet Hall. Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased at lmhs.org or by calling 717-393-9745. The deadline for registration is Saturday, March 10.

APARTMENT FOR RENT—723 E. Orange St. See bulletin board for details.

THE ANNUAL LEOLA MOMS AUCTION—will be held at Forest Hills Mennonite Church, 100 Quarry Road, Leola, on Friday, March 23. Supper, including homemade soups, beef barbecue, homemade baked goods and other goodies, will be served starting at 5 p.m., and the auction will begin at 6:30 p.m. A variety of gift baskets, spa certificates, household goods, jewelry, handmade items, baked goods, sponsored outings and events, and homemade peanut butter Easter eggs will be auctioned off. For over 40 years, Leola MOMS has been offering friendship, support and a variety of interesting programs for women in the local community while their children are cared for in a loving, nurturing Christian environment. Call the church at 717-656-6227 if you have any questions.

WEAVING CLASS—Learn how to use a handloom to make woven tape in this class taught by Susan Weaver from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. The class costs \$90 for members/\$100 for non-members. Materials are included in the tuition. Register by March 16 at lmhs.org or by calling 717-393-9745.

CONNECTING FAMILIES EAST WEEKEND, May 18–20 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Carol Wise, Executive Director of Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, presents “Chosen Family: A Radical Queering.” Through listening and sharing stories, Connecting Families seeks to provide support for families whose children are coming out to them and to their church. To request registration materials email Linford Good at lingood@comcast.net or phone 717-898-3760.

TANZANIAN FUNDRAISER—Friends of Shirati is hosting the annual banquet to raise awareness and support for the Shirati Hospital started by Mennonite missionary's more than 50 years ago. If interested in learning more about this project and getting involved please call Kelvin Mack or Laura Boll and join us for dinner at the banquet March 10, 6 p.m. Call to RSVP by March 1. 717-517-4957 (mobile), lbollcrnp@gmail.com

FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE—Now more than ever, historic newspapers are becoming digitized and easily accessible to everyone everywhere. The 2018 Lancaster Family History Conference will examine how newspapers enhance family history. Writer and columnist James M. Beidler will share insights in his keynote speech, “Extra! Extra! Research All About It.” The conference runs April 19-21, 2018. For more information, see www.lmhs.org

SUB SALE—Crispus Attucks is holding a sub sale for the Crispus Attucks Food Bank. They are hoping to raise \$2,000. The subs are \$6.00/ea and will be available on Thursday, March 22. You can pick them up at Crispus Attucks or they will be delivered to your house/work. Orders and money are due Thursday, March 15. Please let Marty Kelley martykelley4plus@gmail.com know if you are interested in placing an order and how many and what kind. All subs are offered with or without onions. Please state your preference regarding that vegetable. The varieties are: American, Turkey, Ham, Italian, Roast Beef or Cheese.