

## Church Report

March 18, 2018

Attendance	133
General Fund	\$5,328
MOOS	\$170

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

## Next Sunday, April 1, 2018 - Easter

Worship Leader—Louise Ranck  
Prelude/Offertory—CMCL Vocal Ensemble  
Preaching—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Song Leader—Louise Ranck  
Sound Technician—Anne Sensenig  
Greeter—Carol Spicher  
Ushers—Linford Good, Marian Good, Esther Becker, Larry Groff

### Child Care

Brenda Sauder, Omer Brubaker  
Amani Kaufman—Helper

## CMCL Calendar

### March 2018

- 25 Palm Sunday
- 25 Child Safety Training, 11 a.m.
- 29 Maundy Thursday—Meals in One Another's Homes
- 30 Good Friday—7 p.m. Service at CMCL
- 31 Lenten Practices: Journaling Space—Brenda Sauder, Conference Room, 9 am

### April 2018

- 1 Sunrise Service at Adorers of the Blood of Christ, Marietta, 7-8 a.m.  
3950 Columbia Ave, Columbia, PA 17512
- 1 Bagel Breakfast, 9 a.m.
- 1 Worship Service at CMCL, 10 a.m.
- 7 Lenten Practices: Memorization—Chris Longenecker, 9-11 a.m.
- 8 Congregational Meeting, 12 noon
- 13-15 Mennonite Women's Retreat, Charter Hall, Maryland

## 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)

Ada Hallman  
Jerry Gibbs and Donna Walton  
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 25, 2018  
FOR MARCH 25, 2018 TO MARCH 31, 2018

## CMCL

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - March 25**—*Main sanctuary* - Read & discuss an article in "The Mennonite" periodical focusing on Resilience. "A Malnourished Hope: God is with us in our greatest suffering". p. 21, Ben Tapper. If you want to read it ahead of time online, you can go to the website for a \$5 fee: <https://themennonite.org/the-magazine/current-issue/>

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - March 25**—*HAMLET* meets in the Conference Room again today. Our conversation: *How do I really want to live the rest of my life? What changes do I need to open myself to for this to happen?* HAMLET is an opportunity for us to deeply share in community, to connect with and hold as sacred what is shared. Visitors, new and "old" attendees are welcome!!!

**NO CHRISTIAN ED - April 1**—Easter Sunday.

**YOUTH GROUP CHRISTIAN ED - March 25<sup>th</sup>**—Ben Friesen, professional origami artist, who recently moved to Lancaster from Brooklyn, is joining the Youth Group Christian Ed class to demonstrate origami to help us prepare our environment for May–September. We hope to fold 1,000 paper cranes and Ben is volunteering to teach us! Adults are welcome to join the youth for this class. Information about Ben: [ben-friesen-05-unfolds-career-origami](mailto:ben-friesen-05-unfolds-career-origami) or <https://friesenfolding.com>

## HOLY WEEK AT CMCL

**Maundy Thursday, March 29**—gather for a simply meal in one another's homes

**Good Friday, March 30**—7 p.m. contemplative service at CMCL.

### EASTER, April 1

**7:00 a.m.**—Easter sunrise service at Adorers of the Blood of Christ, 3950 Columbia Ave, Columbia, PA 17512

**9:00 a.m.**— Bagel breakfast at CMCL

**10:00 a.m.**—Easter worship at CMCL

**MAUNDY THURSDAY INVITATION**—Pauline Zimmerman is opening her home to 5 people for Maundy Thursday, March 29, at 6 p.m. We will share the meal together. I will make soup. Someone will bring bread and wine. If interested call, text 717-940-1462 or email at [pzimme@msn.com](mailto:pzimme@msn.com).

**VENTURE CLUB**—Grades 3 to 5, are invited to the Gathering Place at CMCL today, Sunday, March 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. to decorate Easter eggs and cookies. Please bring 6 hard-boiled eggs for each child, and a container to take your cookies home in. Hosted by Brenda Sauder and her kids.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DATE**—Check your church mailbox and email accounts for the agenda and related documents for the congregational meeting to be held on Sunday, April 8 at 12 noon.

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS DINNER**—Interested in hearing more about membership and participation in the life of CMCL? We have just the thing for you. Please join pastoral team at the home of Carol Spicher on Tuesday, April 10, 6 p.m. for a shared meal and conversation. RSVP to the church office or any member of pastoral team.

**CMCL BABY DEDICATIONS**—On Sunday, May 20, we look forward to celebrating the newest CMCLers who have been born into our community in the last year or two. All families with infants and toddlers who would like to join in this parent-child blessing, please RSVP to Pastor Susan at [susan@communitymennonite.org](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org).

**SAVE THE DATE: PEACE SCHOOL**—Backyard Peace Explorers! Save the Date for June 19, 20, 21. Plan on bringing your children 4 years old through 5th grade. Invite your neighbors and grandchildren. And Peace School Sunday is June 24. Hope to see you all there.

**SAVE THE DATES: PHOTO DIRECTORY SHOOT**—September 6 and 7, 2018!

**SAVE THE DATE: FALL RETREAT**—Fall retreat at Camp Hebron is September 28-30. Online registration will open August 1.

**NOMINATE AN AGENCY**—that does good work and which you are connected with for the agency to receive \$500.00. If you need a form for this, contact Marty Kelley at [martykelley4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com)

**LMS SCHOLARSHIP**—CMCL includes Lancaster Mennonite Schools in its general budget which qualifies each student from CMCL who attends one of the K-12 schools under the LMS umbrella to a modest \$200 yearly scholarship. We must report a list of all students who will be or who might be enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year. Our deadline is April 1. If your child will be returning or enrolling for the first time in one of these schools, please inform the church office by Wednesday, March 28 so that his/her name is included in this report.

**ENJOY TIME WITH OUR LITTLE ONES!**—We are looking for youth (ages 13 and older) and adult volunteers to care for children ages 0-4 during the church service. Please email Michelle Meck at [childcare@communitymennonite.org](mailto:childcare@communitymennonite.org) to express interest and ask questions regarding what would be entailed. We truly appreciate your support and help!

**CALLING ALL DANCERS!**—There have been a couple of requests to have a dance component included in upcoming services; April 1 (Easter Sunday – not choreographed, just ribbon-swirling), May 20 (baby dedication), and August 12 (The Art of Dance). Please contact Zita Angelo ASAP if you're the least bit interested in participating in this way. [zita.angelo712@gmail.com](mailto:zita.angelo712@gmail.com), or call/text 717-951-5152. Thank you in advance for considering swirling with me!

**THE MENNONITE RENEWAL**—It is time to renew our group subscription to *The Mennonite* magazine. *The Mennonite* is a monthly magazine featuring voices from across the Anabaptist-Mennonite world. Through Bible studies, feature articles, columns and more, *The Mennonite* is hosting a robust conversation about what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Christ today. If you are interested in joining our group plan, please contact Rachel in the office at [Rachel@communitymennonite.org](mailto:Rachel@communitymennonite.org) before April 30. **New subscribers** can receive a one-year subscription for the discounted rate of \$30.

## COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

**GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30, PRAYER WALK**—At noon: ecumenical prayer walk around Lancaster County Prison, starting at the corner of E. King & N. Frederick (SE corner), processing with a cross around the prison, stopping at 12 “stations” to hear the story of Jesus’ crucifixion according to the Gospel of John, pray and sing.

**MARCH 31, HOLY SATURDAY DRONES PROTEST**—You are invited to decry a culture of death during Holy Week by expressing opposition to the militarized drone command center at the Horsham (PA) Air Guard Station. Philadelphia’s Circle of Hope Church will lead the liturgy for this “witness amid endless war.” To carpool, meet at the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m.; return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at [penner@dejazzd.com](mailto:penner@dejazzd.com) or 717-859-3529 so sufficient transportation can be arranged.

**SPIRITUALS: SONGS OF STRUGGLE AND HOPE**—Anthony Brown, Pittsburgh, will present a program of spirituals at CMCL on Friday, April 6 at 7 p.m. There is no cost to attend. A free will offering to support Anthony’s peacemaking trip to Colombia this spring will be collected. Join us to expand your network of justice and peace activists and learn how to get involved in the PA Poor People’s Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival.

**HEALING NEEN - FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION**—This inspiring and hopeful film examines the intersections of trauma, addiction, mental health, and criminal justice system involvement, and most importantly, the power and possibilities for resilience and healing. After surviving a childhood of abuse and neglect, followed by 19 years of homelessness and 66 criminal convictions, Tonier “Neen” Cain finally received treatment for her lifetime of trauma, which offered her a way out... and up. Limited Seating \* Cost: By Donation (Cash Or Check). Screenings: Friday, April 13, 2018, 7 p.m. St Thomas Episcopal Church, 301 St Thomas Rd, Lancaster, PA. Reserve your seat at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3354251>; Wednesday, Apr 25, 2018, 11 a.m., LCBC Lancaster City, 313 West Liberty St, Lancaster, PA. Reserve your seat at: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3356260>

**FEEDBACK WANTED RE SELECTIVE SERVICE**—The National Commission on Military, National and Public Service welcomes feedback on specific questions related to registration and how to inspire young people to serve. The commission, established by Congress last year (partly in response to a debate about whether women should be required to register), will make recommendations about the future of military and national service, after getting feedback from the U.S. public over the next year. The result could be anything from the elimination of Selective Service to mandatory military or community service for young persons. To comment: <http://www.inspire2serve.gov/content/share-your-thoughts> - Anne Sensenig

**A NIGHT OF MOOSIC AND THE ARTS**— Please join us for “A Night of MOOSic and the Arts” a fundraiser supporting Mornings On Orange Street (MOOS) on June 2, 2018 from 5–8 p.m. at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster in their Parrot Gallery featuring local musicians, artists, and cuisine. Enjoy a buffet style dinner as well as entertainers like hula hoop extraordinaire Jenny Hill and Maranatha Productions “Bringing scripture to life through drama”. The night will also include a silent auction showcasing Sight and Sound Theaters, Zoetropolis Movie Theater, Jimmy John’s, and much more! To catch the early bird discounted rate: \$15 adults and \$5 students (children 5 and under are free), then RSVP before April 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Amber Rieger, MOOS Vision and Development Director, via phone: (717) 368-7319 or email: [thomaar05@gmail.com](mailto:thomaar05@gmail.com) to make your reservations.