

Church Report

January 7, 2018

Attendance	143
General Fund	\$6,536
MOOS	\$100

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

Next Sunday, January 21, 2018

Worship Leader—Verna Miller
Song Leader—Matt Krebs
Prelude/Offertory—Cynthia Stayrook
Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Sound Technician—Ken Kulp
Greeter—Jean Sensenig
Ushers—Dean Brubaker, Leon Miller, Laurel Martin, Margaret Krumm

Child Care

Christine Kaufman, Rhea Miller
Helper—Amani Kaufman

CMCL Calendar

January 2018

- 19 Mennonite Women, Student Care Packages at CMCL
- 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

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 14, 2018
FOR JANUARY 14, 2018 TO JANUARY 20, 2018

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - January 14—Corey Franz-Eby, Marcy

Hostetter and Lynn Sommer will share stories about contemporary Anabaptist leaders during ACE.

CMCL HAMLET – January 14—A new offering for Adult Christian Ed begins today. Delving into a different subject each week (such as spirituality, theology, major life questions, etc.), the format will be conversational, a time for sharing and listening. TODAY'S TOPIC: Spiritual Practices that feed us, sustain us, help us through difficult times. Facilitator: Deb Napolitan. *CMCL HAMLET* will follow the Adult CE calendar. Welcome to all: visitors and regular attendees. A HAMLET is a small village. Come on in and further connect with yours.

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.

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 “Recovenanting” may look a little different this year as a result.

SOULCOLLAGE GROUP—meets next Thursday, January 18, 2018 in the Conference Room behind the sanctuary, beginning at 6:30 p.m. If you are new to SoulCollage, be sure to come right at 6:30 for a quick tutorial. RSVPs welcome, but not required. susan@communitymennonite.org

THANK YOU—Sonny Ditzler wishes to express his gratitude for the visits, cards, meals, physical help, and prayers during his recovery from surgery. He continues to feel incredibly blessed by this congregation and hopes to return to work and church soon.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES—A welcome to CMCL women and the youth group to join in the annual preparation of care packages for college students. We'll meet on Friday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parrot gallery. Please bring items to distribute for approximately 20 students. There will be time for mothers of college students to share a bit about where their kids are attending school and what they're up to. We will also have blank notes for saying hello and offering encouragement to our hard-working college students.

JUNIOR YOUTH—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.

CALLING MUSICIANS—(singers and players) to be part of the Taize Candlemas-Midwinter Service at CMCL. All accomplishment and age levels are welcome. Service is on Friday February 2 at 7 PM. There will be a rehearsal on Sunday January 28 from 1-3 PM in the Gathering Place at CMCL. The day of service musicians will meet for review/rehearsal at 5:15 PM. Service is typically about 1 hour long with 1/2 hour of silence in sanctuary before and after. Music will be distributed prior to first rehearsal if at all possible. Please RSVP with your voice part and/or instrument by Sunday January 14 to Cynthia Stayrook at cj.stayro@gmail.com. Feel free to send me any questions.

BUDGET REPORT—December 31, 2017 budget reports are available for your review on CMCL website under Congregational Resources.

ONE-BEDROOM APARTMENT FOR RENT—Newly renovated 1 bedroom apartment on West Lemon Street available Feb 1. Hardwood floors in bedroom and living room, entire basement is available for storage, includes small outdoor space. Full size microwave, fridge and gas range. Electric heat and hot water. Tenant is responsible for electric and gas. Pictures, layout and sample utility bills available upon request. \$650/month. Call Hans Smucker at (717) 419-7227 or email hanssmucker@gmail.com.

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

FOR SALE—2001 Toyota Corolla. 224,000 miles, “fair condition”, engine uses about 1 quart of oil per 1000 miles, no mechanical issues otherwise. The mechanic who has worked on this car for years says oil usage is normal for this engine at this age and operates perfectly otherwise. 2 owners. Repair records available. Body and interior have signs of wear. Three new tires, recent inspection. KBB value is \$1,300, asking for \$1,000. Perfect car for daily commute or run around car, inexpensive to operate. Call Hans Smucker at (717) 419-7227 or email hanssmucker@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

WOMEN'S MARCH ANNIVERSARY—Remembering, Reconnecting, Resisting. Bring a covered dish, memories, and stories to share as we explore our experiences at and since the March, and hear how the women of Lancaster are empowering each other and preparing to bring power to the polls. Friday, January 19th, 6 p.m. in the Gathering Place at Community Mennonite. Contact Melanie Yoder Salim at yodersalim@hotmail.com with questions.

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 505-459-0855.

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.

ANNUAL MUSIC NIGHT—Saturday, January 27 at 7 p.m. at Neffsville Mennonite Church. Performers include Ministers of Music, organist Gregory Gehman, the Radiettes, and Lancaster Mennonite School's alumni male ensemble. Tickets and more information are available at lmhs.org or by calling (717) 393-9745. Tickets are \$22 for individuals, \$15 per person for households of three or more. Register at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745.

A TASTE FOR FRAKTUR—Emily Smucker-Beidler will help you become acquainted with the imagery of fraktur in this folk art class. She will teach it on Saturday, February 3, from 9 a.m. until noon at Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa. The cost is \$70 members/\$80 nonmembers. Materials are included. Register by January 26 at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745.

EARL AND PAT HOSTETTER MARTIN—Storytellers Earl and Pat Hostetter Martin have been deeply shaped by their years in war-torn Vietnam. For five years during that war, as Mennonite Central Committee workers, they walked daily with their Vietnamese friends who were forced from their homes in the countryside because of the fighting. Being open to working with all people, they came to realize that the enemy was not one political party or the other, but the enemy was the war itself. Warm and engaging storytellers, the couple will share stories from their rich network of relationships with Vietnamese friends and colleagues during the very difficult years of the Vietnam War. Sponsored by Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness, the events are free and open to the public. Saturday, February 3 at 7 p.m., Grandview Methodist, 888 Pleasure Rd., Lancaster; Sunday, February 4, 2018 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Reformed United Church of Christ, 450 W. Main St., Mountville PA.

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.

ISRAEL/PALESTINE WITNESS TRIP, JUNE 17-30, 2018 TOUR—Old City Jerusalem; meet with awareness-raising Israeli & Palestinian groups; experience realities of life under Israeli occupation; visit Galilee, Nazareth, Bethlehem, the West Bank; a destroyed Palestinian village; a desert Bedouin village; a refugee camp; Mount of Beatitudes; Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Center; the Hebron Christian Peacemaker Team. Trip leaders: Kathy Bergen, Joy Lapp & Arnie Voigt. \$2,400 cost includes food and housing, but does not include airfare or travel to/from Tel Aviv. More info: bergenkathy@gmail.com (226-647-0120); lappj@earthlink.net (720-201-3697, or arnievoigt@msn.com (303-798-7887)