

Church Report

January 21, 2018

Attendance	178
General Fund	\$30,518
MOOS	\$1,000

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

Next Sunday, February 4, 2018

Worship Leaders—Marty Kelley, Louise Ranck,
Anne Sensenig, Joe Miller, Stock Weinstock
Song Leader—Beth Graybill
Sound Technician—Daryl Snider
Greeter—Carol Spicher
Ushers—Carolyn Weaver, Pauline Zimmerman, Marian Good, Frank Carano
Child Care
Denise Cope, Dan Schlegel
Helper—Anika Hurst

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

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 28, 2018
FOR JANUARY 28, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 3, 2018

CMCL

SUSAN GASCHO-COOKE—will be on vacation February 3 – 11, 2018.

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

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

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OPTION TWO – January 28 – CMCL
HAMLET: This week we will engage in Council Practice, a circle form of communication and wisdom sharing practiced by virtually all indigenous peoples around the world. In the practice of Council, each person learns to offer their personal story from their heart, not their head, and to listen with full attention. *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.). It is 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. Meeting room will be announced.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED - February 4—Sharing from participants of The Shalom Project, a voluntary service program in Lancaster that is focused on spiritual formation, professional development, and intentional community.

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

- 1st Grade Bible Presentation - March 25
- 4th Grade Blessing - May 20
- 8th Grade Bible Presentation - April 29
- Senior Hymnal Presentation - May 6

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.

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

SEWING PROJECT FOR SANCTUARY CURTAIN—There is a need for a curtain to cover the alcove on the front wall of our sanctuary. The environment created for our services is not always appropriate for other parties that use the space for gatherings such as weddings, memorials, etc. and the Facilities Team is looking to install a curtain to cover the alcove area when needed. We are short on funding and are looking for some volunteers to construct the curtain from fabric that has been graciously donated. Please contact Karen Davis at redqueen42@hotmail.com for more details.

SENIOR YOUTH CHILI DINNER—Come one, come all! It's time once again for the annual Chili Dinner Fundraiser. Join us in the Parrot Gallery on Saturday, February 10th, from 5-7 p.m. and enjoy homemade chili, cornbread and desserts. Chili will also be available for purchase on Sunday, February 11th, after the worship service. Thank you for supporting your Senior Youth!

JUNIOR YOUTH—Christine Kaufman and Maia Shenk and Gwen Eberly and Greta Shumaker invite you to join them at Pottery Works on *Sunday February 11th*. The space is reserved from 1-3 p.m. We will get the group rate and kids can choose from an item from \$10, \$12 or \$15. Parents: please determine ahead of time with your child what amount you are willing to spend. We need to give a final count the week before so *please RSVP by February 5th*.

OREGAMI CRANES—Do you know how to fold origami paper cranes? If so, please contact the environment committee . . . We may simply see if you are willing to show a few others how to fold. Thanks - Lynn Sommer lynnjsommer@gmail.com

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

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

FREEDOM OF RELIGION—January 29, (6:00-7:30 pm) Overview of 1st Amendment Religious Freedom Guarantee. In light of recent decisions by the US Supreme Court regarding the Constitution's protection of religious freedom, Dwight Yoder, Justin Bollinger and Sheila O'Rourke of Gibbel, Kraybill & Hess law firm will discuss the free exercise of religion & its protection of churches and religious organizations from governmental interference, including a review of federal and state laws. Learn how the Court has resolved conflicts between an individual's religious beliefs and the mandates of public laws; also how the Court applies the 1st Amendment to secular institutions. Tellus 360, 24 East King Street, Lancaster; free; no pre-registration required.

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?

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*.

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.

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 are completed and heat has been restored.

JOB OPENING—Executive Director - Lancaster Dntowners, 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 Dntowners as volunteers.) Hire will be in collaboration with partner organization Landis Communities. Resumes accepted at apply@lancasterdntowners.org; full job description at lancasterdntowners.org.