

## Church Report

January 28, 2018

Attendance	135
General Fund	\$7,871

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

## Next Sunday, February 25, 2018

Worship Leaders—Pastoral Team  
Prelude/Offertory—t/b/a  
Preaching—Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Song Leader—Christy Kauffman  
Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook  
Greeter—Janet Lind  
Ushers—Jean Sensenig, Luke Good, Marian Good, Larry Groff  
**Child Care**  
Anne Sensenig, Laura Boll

## CMCL Calendar

### February 2018

- 17 Lenten Practices Group – SoulCollage—Susan Gascho-Cooke
- 17 Lenten Practices Group – Lenten Art Journaling—Brenda Sauder
- 21 Lenten Practices Group – Where we come from—Lisa Roth Walter
- 23 Community Circles, 7-9 p.m.
- 24 Lenten Practices Group – Lenten Art Journaling—Brenda Sauder
- 24 Lenten Practices Group – Engaged Mindfulness—John Blase
- 24 Lenten Practices Group – Sacred Creative Spaces—Mary Lou Weaver Houser and Ken Nissley
- 24 Mennonite Men, 7 p.m., bring a friend/spouse
- 25 Recovenanting Service
- 28 Community Circles, 7-9 p.m.

## 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)*

Marci Hostetler, Monte Garber, Maia Garber, Maddie Garber  
Ruth Hartzler Martin and Jay Martin  
Jose, Lucyann, Sergio and Alonso Boll-Borrero  
Ruth, Wayne, Nick and EmmaKate Martin  
Sonny Ditzler  
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—FEBRUARY 18, 2018  
FOR FEBRUARY 18, 2018 TO FEBRUARY 24, 2018

## CMCL

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OPTION ONE - February 18**—Kevin Ressler will introduce us to the book: “Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism” written by Drew Hart. Start reading the book if you can!

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OPTION TWO – February 18—CMCL**  
**HAMLET:** the topic today will revolve around our mortality. How does the knowledge that our lives will end affect our LIVING? Facilitated by Deb Napolitan. *We meet in the Conference Room directly behind the sanctuary.* **HAMLET** is a second option for Adult Christian Education and offers a different subject every week. The format is 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!

**ADULT Christian Ed - February 25**—Continue study of Drew Hart's book, “Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism”

**OFFICE CLOSED**—The Church office will be closed on Friday, 2/23/2018.

**GIVE SOMEONE AN OPPORTUNITY TO WALK A MILE IN YOUR SHOES**—This Lenten season, CMCL joins with St. John's Episcopal Church in the collection of new and used shoes, which will be distributed on a need basis within the US and overseas. They are also used to support a program for shoe making and repair. Between February 18th and March 25 our large giving basket will be at the back of the sanctuary. As we remove our shoes for Maundy Thursday, your donations will be sent to those who have none. All sizes are welcome. Shoes should be tied together with shoestrings. Please contact a member of PAXJC with any questions: Zita Angelo, Amanda Jantzi, Marty Kelley, Amanda Merryman, Donna Milton.

**EVERENCE SHARING FUND**—provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Carol Spicher serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

**PARROT GALLERY ART TALK**—Michael Clapper welcomes anyone interested in his artwork to join him in the Parrot Gallery at noon on Sunday, February 25, the last day of his exhibition. He'll say a little about the subject matter and technique of his paintings, and he'll be glad hear your observations or questions. Bring a brown bag lunch for the discussion.

**LOOKING FOR CHEST FREEZER**—I am looking for a chest freezer to borrow for several months. If you have any leads, please email [julandyler@gmail.com](mailto:julandyler@gmail.com) or 717-682-4406. Thank you! - Julie Bushong

## **COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE**

### **CONTRIBUTE TO RESONATE/NEW HYMNAL PROJECT—**

MennoMedia has been charged by Mennonite Church USA & Mennonite Church Canada to create a new worship and song collection by 2020. To do so, MennoMedia is trying to raise \$700,000 to support the Resonate team's efforts to create a new hymnal. Over half has already been raised, but \$300,000 is still needed in 2018 to bring the project to completion. Your generous financial support will ensure printed books and digital resources, when available, will be affordably priced for your congregation. For more info:

<http://hymnalproject606.com/>.

**REGISTRATION FOR MEN'S RETREAT—**opens February 12. Check your email or church mailbox for registration information. Happens March 16-18 at Charter Hall near Perryville, MD.

**THE MIDDLE EAST INTEREST GROUP—**of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness invites you to Pilgrimage to Peace, Sunday, February 18, 2018, 3-5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church for a conversation with -- Rev. Dr. Mae Elise Cannon, Churches for Middle East Peace, Washington DC, Rabbi Dr. Daniel Roth, Pardes Center for Judaism and Conflict Resolution in Jerusalem Aziz Abu Sarah, Palestinian MEJDI Tours in Jerusalem focusing on multi-narrative cultural education. "How people of faith can play a positive role in pursuing a just peace in the Holy Land." Fondersmith Auditorium, across the alley from the Sanctuary.

**WIZARD OF OZ—**Lancaster Mennonite High School will be presenting the musical version of L. Frank Baum's classic story "The Wizard Of Oz" February 22-24, 7 p.m. all nights plus a 2 p.m. Saturday matinee. The stage version closely follows the classic 1939 MGM film starring Judy Garland. More information at [www.lancastermennonite.org/events/lmh-musical-the-wizard-of-oz](http://www.lancastermennonite.org/events/lmh-musical-the-wizard-of-oz).

**BEING PROACTIVE: TALKING TOGETHER ABOUT THE REALITIES OF PORNOGRAPHY IN OUR FAMILIES AS PEOPLE OF FAITH—**Dove's Nest: Faith Communities Keeping Children & Youth Safe and Atlantic Coast Conference are co-sponsoring "Being Proactive: Talking Together about the Realities of Pornography in our Families as People of Faith," Sunday, February 25, from 3-5 p.m. at East Chestnut Street Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The event will include a panel discussion and practical resources. Panelists include Jon Carlson, Brenda Martin Hurst, and Linda Gehman Peachey. There will be refreshments, and parking is available onsite. This event is free, but participants will be invited to contribute to an offering to support the ministry of Dove's Nest ([www.dovesnest.net](http://www.dovesnest.net)). Email [kathy@dovesnest.net](mailto:kathy@dovesnest.net) for more information or register online at <https://dn-proactive.eventbrite.com>.

**STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY—**a ministry partnership between Everence® and our local faith community, is coming to Lancaster on Saturday, March 3, 2018. One of our workshops is about improving your credit score, which can impact your financial interactions with lenders, landlords and others. Tonia Brinston of LSS Financial Counseling will show you practical steps you can

take to help build your credit score – and learn how to spot errors on your credit reports. For more information or to register, contact Lynette Morales at (717) 394-0769, [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto:lynette.morales@everence.com) or visit [stewardshipuniversity.com](http://stewardshipuniversity.com).

### **LANCASTER CHAMBER SINGERS BENEFIT CONCERT FOR MDS—**

Join the Lancaster Chamber Singers on Sunday, March 4 at 6 p.m. at Blossom Hill Mennonite Church for an evening of beautiful music in support of Mennonite Disaster Service's continued hurricane relief efforts. Local mezzo-soprano, Amy Yovanovich, will be a featured soloist. Free Admission! A free-will offering will be taken. Blossom Hill Mennonite Church is located at 333 Delp Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601.

**THE ILLUMINATED LETTER—**Learn how to write in the distinctive style of fraktur in this class taught by Emily Smucker-Beidler from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, March 3 at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society. The class costs \$70 for members /\$80 for non-members. Materials are included in the tuition. Register by February 23 at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling (717) 393-9745.

**THE PATHWAYS CENTER FOR GRIEF & LOSS—**understands that loss impacts the entire family. Coping Kids & Teens is a series for children, teens and adults who are coping with the death of a loved one. Families gather for a light supper prior to each session before breaking into age-specific groups to provide peer support. The next 7-week series is: Thursdays, March 15 – April 26, 2018, 6-7:30 p.m. at Pathways Center for Grief & Loss, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA 17552. Families meet with a Coping Kids & Teens counselor to determine if the group would be the best support option for them. Call (717) 391-2413 or (800) 924-7610 by March 2 to schedule an appointment.

**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. He will share on the topic "This Is My Story, This Is My Song," relating stories from his life. 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. on Saturday, March 17, at the DoubleTree Resort Banquet Hall. Tickets cost \$30 and can be purchased at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling (717) 393-9745. The deadline for registration is Saturday, March 10.

**WEAVING CLASS—**Learn how to use a hand loom to make woven tape in this class taught by Susan Weaver from 9 a.m. to 4:30 on 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](http://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." Her experience has deepened her awareness that one of the many gifts that the lgbtq community offers to the wider church is a profound understanding and practice of chosen family. Through listening and sharing stories, Connecting Families seeks to provide support for families whose children are coming out to them and to their church. Those attending the weekend are committed to maintaining confidentiality within the group, to providing a place to speak in safety or to remain silent and to sharing in a non-judgmental atmosphere. To request registration materials email Linford Good at [lingood@comcast.net](mailto:lingood@comcast.net) or phone (717) 898-3760.