

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 18, 2018

Worship Leader—Deb Cone Halsey
Prelude/Offertory—Voices for Peace, led by Marty Kelley
Children's Time—Malinda Clatterbuck
Preaching—Malinda Clatterbuck
Song Leader—Anne Sensenig
Sound Technician—Monte Garber
Greeter—Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Ushers—Carolyn Weaver, Pauline Zimmerman, Larry Groff, Rod Houser

Child Care

Deb Kraybill, Kim Van Donk
Mara Kraybill, Raewyn Kraybill—Helpers

CMCL Calendar

March 2018

- 12 Mennonite Men—Hangout at Tellus360, 7 p.m.
- 14 Lenten Practices: Poetic Memoir—Lisa Roth Walter's home, 7 p.m.
- 14 Mennonite Women: Girls' Blessing, at Carolyn Weaver's home, 7 p.m.
- 16-18 Mennonite Men's Retreat, Charter Hall, MD
- 17 Lenten Practices: Memorization—Chris Longenecker, 9-11 a.m.
- 21 Lenten Practices: Poetic Memoir—Lisa Roth Walter's home, 7 p.m.
- 24 Lenten Practices: Journaling Space—Brenda Sauder, Conference Room, 9 am
- 24 Lenten Practices: Mary Lou Weaver Houser: garden, 9 a.m.; studio, 9:45 a.m.; Ken Nissley's Workshop, 10:45 a.m.
- 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

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

Jill Stemple
Cara and Kevin Longacre Hurst, Anika and Claire
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 11, 2018
FOR MARCH 11, 2018 TO MARCH 17, 2018

CMCL

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>

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OPTION - March 11 – Option 3—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 - March 18—Main sanctuary - Final session on the book "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. Kevin Ressler will facilitate the final two chapters 8 & 9. All welcome.

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.

LENTEN GROUP CANCELLATION—The remaining two SoulCollage sessions, on March 17 and April 7, are cancelled due to lack of interest.

MAUNDY THURSDAY—You are invited to gather in one another's homes this year -- either with your official small group, or with a small gathering of your choosing.

MENNONITE MEN—Reminder to register for Men's Retreat by Monday, March 12. (*Hurry!*) 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.

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

FROM LONGACRE HURST FAMILY—Thank you so very much for all of the prayers, cards, and support from the CMCL family we received in light of the passing of Cara's father, Paul Mowere Longacre on February 19. Cara, Kevin, Anika, and Claire Longacre Hurst

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 SHOOTS—September 8 & 22, 2018!

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

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/>

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

POETRY READING AND BOOK SIGNING—Dr. Joseph Gascho will read original poetry from his recently released book “Cornfields, Cottonwoods, Seagulls and Sermons: Growing Up in Nebraska,” from 7 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, in West Bethany Chapel at Landis Homes. Gascho has combined writing and publishing poetry with decades of service as a medical doctor at Hershey Medical Center. He will be available to

sign copies of his book after the reading.

BEYOND THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD—Take a virtual tour of places and sites like the Stevens/Smith site in Lancaster City, the Mifflin House, and Columbia Crossings as well as various lesser-known homes that were part of the Underground Railroad. This event will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 19, at Landisville Mennonite Church, 3320 Bowman Road, Landisville, Pennsylvania.

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.

ENJOY FREE MUSIC AT MUSIC FOR EVERYONE'S FESTIVAL OF VOICES, March 23-25—Concert, Fri., 3-23-18, 6:00 p.m. (Lancaster Combined Elementary Chorus, Linden Hall Chamber Choir, Ephrata HS Camerata Singers, Pequea Valley HS Chamber Singers; Millersville U. Chromatic Expansion, MFE); Concert, Sat., 3-24-18, 7:00 p.m. (TestosterTones - 2017 Acappellus winners; Chromatic Expansion; Orfeia - women's ensemble, Bulgarian & Eastern European folk music; Parkside Harmony - award-winning male barbershop ensemble; MFE); Free Workshops: Sat. 3-24-18. 3:15-4:00 by Orfeia (learn 2-3 traditional Bulgarian songs in 2-part harmony); 4:15-5:15 by Parkside Harmony (learn about & try out vocal techniques); Sun. 3-24, 3:00 p.m. Sing-along led by Sasha Hsuczyc. Concerts & workshops at McCaskey East (1051 Lehigh Ave., Lancaster), Community Sing at Tellus360 (24 E. King St., Lancaster). Register for workshops: <http://lancasterfestivalofvoices.com/workshop-registration/>

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.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED—Do you live in the Lancaster County area? Enjoy driving and meeting new people? If so, please consider being a volunteer driver for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Volunteer drivers pick up and drop off staff and guests at airports and bus/train terminals, most often in Harrisburg, Philadelphia and Lancaster. If you volunteer, you do only as many trips as you want and select the trips that suit your schedule. We are open to volunteers who only want trips to Lancaster and Harrisburg, and we would also value a few volunteers who are open to taking the occasional trip to airports in Baltimore, Washington and NYC. Volunteers drive MCC vehicles. Contact Marisa Sawatzky, receptionist at the MCC office in Akron PA, 717-859-1151, or at mailbox@mcc.org.