

Next Sunday, September 23

Worship Leader—Pam Brubaker
Sermon—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader—Marty Kelley
Prelude/Offertory—Roger Lentz
Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook, Ismail Salim
Greeter—Janet Lind
Ushers—Jim Spicher, Rod Houser, Marichelle Roque Lutz, Margaret Krumm
Child Care—Deb Kraybill, Michelle Meck; Helpers—Mara and Raewyn Kraybill

CMCL Calendar

September 2018

22 Glad We're Neighbors Fundraiser
23 Mountain Sunday
28–30 All Church Retreat at Camp Hebron

October 2018

4 Congregational Council

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 Pam Brubaker, pam@communitymennonite.org.

Anne Sensenig and Daniel Erdman
Laurie and Ron Vogt
Hal King
Luke and Mary Bomberger
Kristin, Michael, Ella and Madelyn Sharp (Mennonite Mission Network, London)



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—SEPTEMBER 16, 2018
FOR SEPTEMBER 16 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

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“HYMN SINGING BASICS WITH MARCI HOSTETLER”—Adult Christian Education Today. Does your heart start to beat fast from discomfort when we sing in four-part harmony? Would you like to know a little bit more about how to find your pitch when we sing hymns? All are welcome to the Christian Ed class on September 16 and 23, including experienced singers or pitch challenged. Join us for a fun time of singing together. Meets in sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL POTLUCK TODAY—All are welcome as we resume monthly potlucks after Christian Ed today. If you are visiting this Sunday we extend a special invitation to you to join us. We are particularly welcoming Susan back from her sabbatical and Leslie to her new position as Administrative Pastor. Starting in October, monthly potlucks will be on the first Sunday of the month.

SATURDAY BREAKFASTS—More volunteers are needed for breakfast serving on Saturday, September 22 and the 5th Saturdays during the year. If you ever thought you might want to do this, please contact Marty Kelley, martykelley4plus@gmail.com or (207) 478-2684. Thanks a lot.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held September 23 at noon immediately after Christian Ed. Childcare will be provided. Agenda includes approval of 2018–2019 budget and leadership slate. Follow link on newsfeed in lower right hand corner of CMCL home page to review documents.

FOOD AND TOILETRIES continue to be collected in the large basket at the back of the sanctuary. PAX JC members take these to local food cupboards. Information about food cupboards and free meals available across the city has been posted with the small library box outside CMCL.

BOOKS FOR FREE COMMUNITY LIBRARY—If you have old books at home that you are ready to get rid of, please bring them to Malinda's office so she can incrementally place them in our free library in the church courtyard.

BOOK LAUNCH—Marichelle Roque-Lutz will launch her book, *Keeping It Together: A Memoir of Familial Love and Acceptance*, on October 5, 6 p.m., in the sanctuary. The memoir chronicles her life and that of her four daughters in the Philippines, the three years she and husband, David, spent in Nigeria, and the family's immigrant experience in America.

MUSIC LOVERS AND COLLECTORS—We have phonograph records: folk music, classical, baroque, etc. Come to our home and take a look. Take what you want and make a donation to the church for the MOOS program. Come even if you don't have a record player but want to buy for someone else. Thanks. Milton & Lois Lehman, 24 N. Charlotte St.

Community/General Mennonite

HEALTHY SOILS, CLEAN WATER FILM PREVIEW—Join us AT CMCL October 11, 7 p.m. for "Lay of the Land," a 1/2 hour, local documentary about how no till farming and cover crops foster living soil. Reception at 6 p.m. followed by film and farmer panel discussion at 7. See stroudcenter.org/events for information and to rsvp—no charge.

CHILDCARE NEEDED—Family looking for an experienced part-time childcare provider eighteen years or older for two children, ages 3 and 5. The position is one day/week from about 5:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. usually Wednesdays. Transportation to and from Akron Mennonite Church Pre-School will be required; it is within 2 miles. If interested, please email hladkin@gmail.com or call/text 717-468-8671.

Glad We're Neighbors Fundraiser

YOU ARE INVITED—The Committee for the World Peace Day Celebration/Glad We're Neighbors Fundraiser welcomes you to join them for a special evening of music and poetry to benefit the fundraising efforts of the Islamic Community Center of Lancaster. The event is at CMCL this Saturday, September 22 at 7 p.m.

The Committee is also looking for help with finger foods such as baked goods, salty treats, fruit to be served after the concert of poetry and music. If you can provide a tasty-treat for this event, please let Marty Kelley, Doug Reesor or Darrell Yoder know. Thanks.

And don't forget to invite your friends on social media to the Glad We're Neighbors Fundraiser on September 22:

Calling all CMCLers on Facebook! Use the power of social media to help us spread the word about this event! It's easy as 1-2-3

1. Go to the CMCL Facebook page and find the event under EVENTS
2. Under SHARE, select INVITE FRIENDS.
3. Then, go through your friends list and invite, invite, invite! We even have an online link for donations so no friend is too far away!

We would also love if you could share this event on your Facebook page as well. Confused but willing to share this info? Look for Jenni Leister after church and she'll walk you through it personally.

Church Report

September 2, 2018

Attendance	133
General Fund	\$5,405

September 9, 2018

Attendance	189
General Fund	\$7,182

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

SABBATICAL GRATITUDE—From where I stand, at the end of three months of ministry sabbatical, my cup is overflowing with gratitude. I am so grateful for the care you have given me by supporting this sabbatical (supporting it as individuals, and supporting it as a congregation). The chance to be away this summer, to have an extended Sabbath rest, was so needed, and has been so healing. I look forward to sharing more stories and learnings from my sabbatical.

To Amanda, Malinda, Rod, Pam, Verna Miller and Worship Committee, Staff Relations, Pastoral Team – all of you who preached and led worship and coordinated services and visited each other on behalf of the congregation, and generally kept the home fires burning: I know that there was a cost beyond the church budget for my sabbatical, and “thank you” is inadequate, but I thank you all, nonetheless.

Here is a picture of Dar Williams at the songwriting retreat I attended in August, a highlight of my summer. And a picture of Eriselle during our family trip to Alaska in July, celebrating my parents' (Joseph and Barbara Gascho) 50th anniversary.

—Susan Gascho-Cooke

