

Church Report

September 16, 2018

Attendance	146
General Fund	\$2,502
MOOS	\$66.45

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

Next Sunday, September 30

All church retreat at Camp Hebron

CMCL Calendar

September 2018

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 23, 2018

FOR SEPTEMBER 23 TO SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

CMCL

“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 MEETING will be held today at noon immediately after Christian Ed. Childcare will be provided. Agenda includes approval of 2018–2019 budget and leadership slate.

BOOK LAUNCH—Marichelle Roque-Lutz will launch her book, *Keeping It Together: A Memoir of Familial Love and Acceptance*, on October 5, 6:30 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Rachel Sommer and husband Matt Sware on the birth of their daughter, Rhoda Jane Sommer Sware, named after Grandpa Scott Weaver’s mother, Rhoda. The proud grandparents are Lynn Sommer and Scott Weaver. Born Wednesday, September 5. 570 Westminster Rd APT B8 Brooklyn, NY 11230.

NEW ADDRESS, Karen Shenk Zeager, Dulce and Vanessa—654 Bentley Ridge Blvd, Lancaster, PA 17602.

FROST POETRY RECITATIONS—Beginning Saturday morning, October 27, 7:45 a.m. and on a weekly basis thereafter, I invite anyone interested to come to the Gathering Place (ground level of Christian Ed wing) to listen to one-hour recitations of Robert Frost poetry. I’ll begin at the beginning of book one and end at the end of book four for as many weeks as it takes or when there’s no longer an audience, whichever comes first. There are plenty of couches. Come at 7:30 if you want coffee or tea. Feel free to BYOB (Breakfast, Bagel, Banana, etc.). No need to make a commitment to attend all of them, just come when/if you can. RSVP to me at richardchris1@verizon.net or (717) 575-

5736 if you want to be notified of any possible changes to the weekly schedule.
Feel free to invite interested non-CMCLers. —Chris Longenecker

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL UPDATES

- Council extends a thank you to Sue Stoesz, Sarah Shirk, Cynthia Stayrook and Katy Heinzl for serving on council; we wish them the best as they move on to other opportunities. At the same time we are excited about four new members. Welcome to Ada Hallman, Audrey Patterson, Jonathan Sauder, and Marian Good. Other council members for 2018-19 include Cal Esh, Carol Eby-Good and Jim Spicher. Larry Groff is chair and Carol Eby-Good is vice chair.
- All past council minutes are posted on the CMCL website; you can find them under Congregational Resources/Minutes and Special Reports. The password is parrot.
- Financial update—CMCL ended the year with higher than expected income by \$14,000. Expenses were lower than expected providing a surplus for the 2017–18 budget year of approximately \$70,000. For more detailed financial reports you can go to Congregational Resources/Policies, Forms, Guidelines and Budget and scroll down to Budget and Budget Reports. Financial reports are uploaded here each month.

Community/General Mennonite

HEALTHY SOILS, CLEANWATER 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. If interested, please email hladkin@gmail.com or call/text (717) 468-8671.

ESSAY CONTEST FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS—The MCC Washington Office is now accepting submissions for its annual high school essay contest. This year's topics include gun violence, immigration and North Korea. Anabaptist youth who are of high school age are eligible to enter and win up to \$750. Deadline: January 25, 2019. Info at mcc.org/essay-contest.

UPCOMING LANCASTER INTERCHURCH PEACE EVENTS

- September 28: Film "Occupation 101," 2008 documentary on root causes of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. 7 p.m. at St. John's Episcopal Church parish hall, 321 W. Chestnut St
- October 4: Tori Goebel, communications director for Young Evangelicals for Climate Action, will speak on "Climate Change: The Reality and the Church's Response." 6:30 p.m. at Lancaster Bible College's Teague Learning Commons. Free tickets are needed, go to www.lbc.edu/events/

ACC ANNUAL ASSEMBLY WEEKEND, OCTOBER 26–27

Leadership Resource Day, Friday, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Akron Mennonite

Healthy Boundaries 101 with Joanne Dietzel

Mennonite Women's Banquet, Friday, 6 p.m. Akron Mennonite

Where I go to find fresh bread? A collection of poems, songs and thoughts with Marilyn Henderson. \$15.

Mennonite Men's Dinner, Friday, 6:30 p.m., Neffsville Mennonite

Featuring Tim Moyer, a board member of the bi-national MC USA/MC Canada Mennonite Men organization. Program also includes a panel discussion on men's groups and music by Spare Parts, a local acappella men's quartet. \$20.00.

Annual Assembly Celebration, Saturday, 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m., Akron Mennonite

Centering, Building, Sharing: Celebrating 40 years of walking with God.

Register for these events: www.atlanticcoastconference.net/assembly

RESPOND TO FLOODING IN KERALA STATE OF INDIA—The worst monsoon flooding in a century has damaged roads, homes and sources of income for hundreds of thousands of people in the Kerala state of India. MCC is working with Gilgal Mission Trust in India to provide tarps, food baskets, cooking utensils and cleaning and hygiene items. Donations to support the response can be given online at mcc.org/india-flooding; by phone at (888) 563-4676; or by mail to MCC U.S., 21 S. 12th St., PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501.

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.

—Susan Gascho-Cooke