



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—NOVEMBER 18, 2018

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION— Adam Lake continues his three week series this week, and we plan to hear from community agencies.

Nov 18— Stigma, health, and the welcoming church: A broader look at the LGBTQ+ experience through a social justice lens, and how we as a church can respond.

Dec 2 — CMCL supported nine agencies this year through the Agency Grant program. December 2 we will hear from Advoz, LIPW, Lancaster TreeTenders, S. June Smith Center, The Shalom Project and Reach Out and Read. Please join us to learn more about these good agencies and their important work in helping our community.

JUNIOR YOUTH will be roller skating at The Castle today from 2-5pm. The entry fee is \$8.00, skate rental is \$3.50. Families of the youth are welcome to join us for this Sunday Funday!

SINGING BEFORE CHURCH— Marcy Hostetler will be meeting at 9:15 a.m. every Sunday to teach that morning's hymns. Meet in the conference room behind the sanctuary. For all lovers and learners of four-part singing.

COUNCIL REPORT NOVEMBER 2018

STAFFING—We are now two months into our church year and off to a running start as we are fully staffed for the first time in two years. Susan returned from sabbatical on September 5th and Leslie started the following week on September 10th. Soon after that Sallie started as the Office Coordinator on October 15th.

FINANCIAL REPORT — On the financial side we are off to a slower start. As we complete the first two months of the budget year we are lagging behind income expectations. Our offerings for the first two months were \$45,460. This amount is a bit over half of the amount needed to meet budget and \$14,000 less than last year at this same time. Please consider this as you plan your giving. For more budget detail please check the CMCL website under Congregational Resources.

PIANO — We are excited to share with you that Jay Martin would like to gift his grand piano to CMCL. In keeping with CMCL's gift policy, the Congregational Council recommends that the congregation accept this generous gift. In order to receive this gift, CMCL will need to pay approximately \$1,000 to move the piano and to tune the piano after moving. These funds are not budgeted for, so special designated gifts over and above regular giving are being requested by the congregation. *continued on next page*

Next Sunday, November 25

Worship Leader— Leslie Homer-Cattell
This I Believe — David Reynard, Dean Clemmer, Jonathan Sauder
Song Leader— Marty Kelley
Prelude/Offertory— Stock & the Yards
Sound Technician— Steve Stayrook & Ismail Salim
Greeter— Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Ushers— Dean Brubaker, Larry Groff, Jean Sensenig, André Chubb
Child Care—Lindsey Deininger, Michelle Meck; Helper—Amani Kauffman

CMCL Calendar

November 2018

November Worship series “This I Believe”

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
Luke and Mary Bomberger
Laurel Martin
Jarol Boan
Ken Beam & Ken Robinette
Cheryl Weber & Jay Keener
Ken & Elizabeth Nissley
Pam & Drew Brubaker
Barb & Joseph Gascho
Grace Byler

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—The next congregational meeting will be held on **December 2nd at 12:00** immediately after Christian Ed and before the fellowship meal. There will be two agenda items. Childcare will be provided.

1. Take action on proposal to approve the piano gift.
2. Receive the first quarter financial reports.

OUT OF OFFICE—Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke and her family will be traveling to Ohio to spend Thanksgiving with the Cooke family. She will be out of the office starting Monday, November 19, and back to work on Monday, November 25.

SUPPORTING LANCASTER'S JEWISH COMMUNITY—CMCL pastors co-signed a letter written by fellow ACC Mennonite pastors in Lancaster that was sent to local Jewish congregations following the mass shooting at the Pittsburgh Tree of Life Synagogue. CMCL also sent a package of our own, including some of the origami birds that were in our sanctuary all summer.

CHURCH KEY FOB HOLDERS: Safe Church Training—Do you hold a church key fob, and yet are not an approved adult? You are now required by council to go through our Safe Church Training, so you know the expectations of interactions with children according to our policy at CMCL. You can attend any ONE of the three following training sessions, but please RSVP. If you are interested in working with our children at CMCL, you can also attend any of these trainings in order to become an approved adult. Contact Malinda with any questions and to reserve a spot. If none of these days/times works for you, Malinda can set up a 1-1 meetings. Sunday November 25, 12:15-1:15; Monday November 26, 6-7PM; Thursday December 6, 6-7PM

CHILDREN OF CMCL (AND PARENTS)— remember to bring your extra change to church on Sunday for the Children's offering. We now have a dinosaur who will take a coin or two as well as the colorful tub!

CALLING ALL THOSE THAT ENJOY SINGING! Rehearsals for the CMCL Christmas choir continue to be held in the CMCL basement at 8:15am on Sundays and will continue until the Christmas service. Please join us! Marty Kelley and Ron Umble.

SENIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS WREATHS— The CMCL Senior Youth are again offering their hand-decorated wreaths, uniquely designed for you to enjoy throughout the holidays! Get a head start on the season and reserve your wreaths now. Each 22-inch Douglas Fir wreath costs \$30 and may be picked up at the church on Saturday December 1 between 1-3 or on Sunday morning (Dec 2) after the service. Place an order at the Senior Youth table in the Parrot Gallery after the worship service or check your CMCL Mid-Week announcements for a link to the Sign-Up Genius. All proceeds will help fund our

summer trip to the MCUSA Convention in Kansas City. Thank you for your continued support!

MENNONITE MEN MOVIE NIGHT in Steve Walter's Downstairs Home Theatre on Thursday Nov 29 at 7pm. Steve's place is at 1825 Brubaker Run Road, Lancaster.

Community/General Mennonite

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE —We will begin selling Christmas trees at Abe's Tree Farm, 2305 Butter Rd. on Friday, November 23. Hours will be 9-5 Friday and Saturday and 12-5 on Sunday continuing through December. Hot cider will be served in the springhouse. Hope to see you. Lois Martin

VIGIL AT DRONE COMMAND CENTER —During Thanksgiving weekend, you are invited to join others opposing the militarized drone command center at the Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station—part of the expanding international network of drone warfare operations. On Saturday, Nov. 24, participants in this “witness amid endless war” will leave Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at 717-859-3529 or penner@dejazzd.com to be included in carpooling.

63RD ANNUAL PA RELIEF SALE —A reminder to begin creating for the 63rd annual Sale on Friday and Saturday, April 5&6, 2019, at the Farm Show Building in Harrisburg, PA. Drop offs: anytime at Ephrata MCC Material Resources Center or bring to the Craft Stand during the sale. Please call or email us your questions or comments. Janet Runion Patton: 717-926-4008, jcpatton99@gmail.com; Ruth Runion Slear: 717-533-9423, singchorale@hotmail.com

CHAOS TO CALM — A Yoga Workshop by the Parish Resource Center on Thursdays, November 29 - December 20 (four consecutive Thursdays), 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Led by Donna Cross, Certified Yoga Instructor. Come learn the chaos-to-calm yoga practice, as well as methods for tapping into the rest and release system that is already in your body. For more info and to register visit: <https://parishresourcecenter.org/events/chaos-to-calm-yoga-series/>

Church Report

November 4

Attendance: 182

General Fund: \$8,499

MOOS: \$825

November 11

Attendance: 176

Weekly offerings need to average \$9,744 to meet budget.