



ANNOUNCEMENTS—NOVEMBER 25, 2018

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION— No Christian Ed on November 25!

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.

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.

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.

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!

LISTENING SESSION: Do you have an idea, a concern, a perspective about CMCL you would like to share? Pastoral Team has held Listening Sessions over the last year and they have felt meaningful and constructive. Starting December 2, these quarterly sessions will continue to be offered in the Sattler Room during Christian Ed, hosted by a

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

Church Report

November 11

Attendance: 1176
General Fund: \$9,985
MOOS: \$500

November 18

Attendance: 168
General Fund: \$13,332
MOOS: \$100

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

member of pastoral team and a member of council, as well as Leslie Homer-Cattell, Administrative Pastor. *Come join us, all are welcome!*

**SENIOR YOUTH CHRISTMAS WREATHS**— The CMCL Senior Youth are again offering their hand-decorated wreaths! 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!

**LISTENING AND SHARING WORKSHOP**—Teman Cooke and Rev. Sandy Strauss (PCC) offer an opportunity of discussion and reflection; a ground breaking workshop looking at wealth and class. Participants will share their experiences with vulnerability and hear other's experiences with compassion and respect. Possible workshop dates below; please send your interest and dates that suit to [martykelley4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Or sign up using the Doodle <https://doodle.com/poll/i6ykvqcidfxqtqy5> Questions about the workshop should be sent to Teman at [holding99@gmail.com](mailto:holding99@gmail.com). Monday, December 3, 5:30 – 8:30; Friday, December 7, 5:30 – 8:30; Sunday, December 9, Christian Ed hour – 2:30 p.m.

**Calling All Bakers**— MOOS will be holding its annual bake sale on Thursday, December 13th following Fulton Elementary School's winter concert at 6:30 pm. We are in need of individually packaged baked goods to be dropped off at the church office by 3pm on the day of the concert. Thanks for your baked good donations!

**FEATURED LIBRARY BOOKS**—Two children's books featured in CMCL's library are "I am Jazz" and "Red: A Crayon's Story". They center on exploring non-binary gender. Another, "Who are you, the Kid's Guide to Gender Identity", gives early readers and their parents/guardians or teachers a window to discussing gender. All 3 books are appropriate for any age reader who wants to learn more about themselves and those they love. Check them out!

**BOOKS! BOOKS! BOOKS!** Please remember if you have any books you want to recycle, you can donate them to our Lending Library. Our community members devour these books . Please share any you are willing to part with. You can place them outside Malinda's office, and she will keep the library filled.

**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.

**BOOK LAUNCH**—Join Donna Stoltzfus for a book launch on Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the CMCL sanctuary. *Captive* is a coming-of-age novel that explores unexpected challenges and friendships as a young teenaged boy works alongside German prisoners of war on a Mennonite farm during WWII. Donna will provide historical context and share personal connections that influenced her to write the novel.

**THANK YOU** —We want to express our great appreciation for the many cards, gifts and comforting words shown to us as we celebrate the full life of our dear mother, Ruth Beam. You have blessed us in many ways.  
Ken Beam , Ken Robinette.

**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.

**Free to a good home!** 20 month old lionhead/rex female rabbit. Comes with indoor cage and food and all toys etc. Lily is litter box trained. Friendly to all (including cats!) Please call Lisa Adams at 717-449-9500 if interested.

**Thank you from Common Humanity** to all who signed Christmas cards for Syria. One hundred and twenty-four cards were signed here at CMCL. soon to be handed to Christian and Muslim youth at two youth centers. Special thanks to the youth group for making cards.

### *Community/General Mennonite*

**WOMENS WINTER SHELTER**—The Winter Shelter for homeless women is opening December 3 and goes through April 7. It is at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Vine Street. Many volunteers are needed to keep this program running. If anyone or group from CMCL is interested in helping in this opportunity, check out the opportunities at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b48ada62ba0f94-friends>

**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

**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/>

**SHALOM PROJECT OPEN HOUSE** —Want to learn more about The Shalom Project, meet the participants, and eat some good food? On December 2, 3:00-5:00p at 627 High Street, Lancaster, get to know the "Shalomies," tour the Shalom house, and learn about the ways we are seeking God's wholeness and peace in Lancaster. Feel free to contact Nathan Grieser, director, if you have questions: [nathan@shalomlancaster.org](mailto:nathan@shalomlancaster.org) / 267-222-0730. You can also speak to CMCL attendees Margaret Krumm or Larry Groff who are board members. We hope to see you there!

**LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**—

**Christmas Candlelight Tours**—Experience the holiday season at the 1719 Herr House & Museum this fall. Candlelight Tours run from 6 to 8 p.m. on December 6 and 7 (Thursday and Friday), and from 5 to 8:30 on December 8 (Saturday). This year focuses on the history of printing. For registration, and to learn more go to [hansherr.org](http://hansherr.org), or call (717) 464-4438.