



# Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 2, 2018

## CMCL

### ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

**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.

**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.

**MONTHLY POTLUCK**— Join us today, December 2, for the monthly congregational potluck after Christian Ed and the congregational meeting to enjoy community time together. If you are visiting or are new to the congregation, we especially hope you will join us. We always need extra help with clean up, so we encourage you to stay a few minutes to help clean up if you can.

**CHURCH CLEANING DAY**— December 15th 8:00-12:00 is church cleaning and repair day at CMCL. There will be coffee and donuts there for you. Hopefully you can find sometime to help and make it a lighter load for everyone. Thank you, Facilities Committee

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

**WREATH PICKUP TODAY**— If you placed an order for a wreath from Senior Youth, it can be picked up TODAY after the service! Thank you for supporting the Senior Youth!

**3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE: DEC 16**—On Sunday between 1 and 4 you can drop your children off in the Parrot Gallery for 3 hours of Gingerbread House making, cooking baking, tree ornament creating and lots of other fun fun fun. Hope yours can join us- and you get an afternoon off to do whatever you need/want to do.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**—On Sunday December 23 our children and youth will be offering the Christmas Program during our regular service hour. In CE leading up to the 23rd, we will be preparing our children for their roles in the presentation. There will be no Christian Education on the 23rd.

## Next Sunday, December 9

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke  
 Sermon— Leslie Homer-Cattell  
 Song Leader— Ron Umble  
 Prelude/Offertory— Kim van Donk, Christy Kauffman & Stock Weinstock  
 Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good  
 Greeter— Janet Lind  
 Ushers— John Kanagy, Linda Berger, Luke Good, Jean Sensenig  
 Child Care—Brenda Sauder, Rod Houser; Helper—Maia Shenk

## CMCL Calendar

### December 2018

2 — Senior Youth Wreath Pickup

### 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 18

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

### November 25

Attendance: 156  
 General Fund: \$8,999  
 MOOS: \$1,160

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

**Key Fob Holders (and anyone else interested)- SAFE CHURCH TRAINING DEC 6**

For those of you who have keys to the church and have not yet gone through the safe church training, please consider joining us on Dec 6 at 6PM. We will go through the highlights of the Safe Church Policy that you need to know since you have access to the building 24/7. These expectations are to ensure the safety of our children and all of our adults. If you cannot make that date, I will be reaching out to individuals to set other dates in the near future that work, including 1-1 meetings as necessary. Contact Malinda with questions or concerns. Thanks.

**FROM CAROLYN AND LAMAR WEAVER**—Thank you for the many cards and words of comfort following my mother's recent death. CMCL truly knows the meaning of congregational care and does it well. With gratitude, Lamar and Carolyn Weaver

**FROM KEN BEAM AND KEN ROBINETTE** —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.

**LISTENING AND SHARING WORKSHOP DATE CHOSEN** —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. The date for the workshop has been chosen - and is right around the corner - December 3, 5:30 - 8:30 at CMCL. Sign up on Doodle <https://doodle.com/poll/i6ykvqcidfxqtqy5> or email [martykelley4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com). Questions about the workshop should be sent to Teman at [holding99@gmail.com](mailto:holding99@gmail.com)

**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.

**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.

**MENNONITE MEN**—Join us at 7pm for **Second Monday Hangout on December 10 at Tellus360**, 24 E King St, 2nd Floor, Downtown Lancaster. Food and non-alcoholic

as well as alcoholic beverages available for purchase, not required to have a seat at the table. Hanging out is about the conversation. **Save the Date**, April 12-14 2019, Men's Retreat at Charter Hall, MD. Linford: [lingood@comcast.net](mailto:lingood@comcast.net) Andre: [drechubb@gmail.com](mailto:drechubb@gmail.com)

**FREE RABBIT** — 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.

**"AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW"** -- a Christmas concert by the Heritage Chorale of Lancaster with CMCLers Charmayne Brubaker and Ron Umble — Dec. 2 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran 308 Petersburg Road, Lititz, Dec 9 at E. Chestnut St. MC 432 E. Chestnut St., Lancaster, and Jan 6 at Holy Spirit Lutheran 3131 Columbia Ave., Lancaster. Concerts begin at 4:00 p.m. Admission is free with a goodwill offering.

### *Community/General Mennonite*

**SPONTANEOUS SINGING OF THE HALLELUJAH CHORUS**—Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster invites you to participate in a spontaneous singing of the Hallelujah Chorus on Saturday, December 8 at 11 a.m. in the food court at Park City Shopping Center, Lancaster. If you would like to sing, please respond by sending your name and voice part to [mccl@lancastermennonite.org](mailto:mccl@lancastermennonite.org) or by calling 717-455-7025. An optional rehearsal will be held on Tuesday, December 4 from 7 - 8 p.m. at Neffsville Mennonite Church. To review your voice part, please visit [www.mennonitechilrenschoir.org](http://www.mennonitechilrenschoir.org).

**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>

**SHALOM PROJECT OPEN HOUSE** —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. Parking available in the Head Start lot, 651 High Street. 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 Zack Stoltzfus, 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.