



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 9, 2018

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

December 9— Join Pastors Susan & Leslie for an opportunity to honor the meaningful and powerful naming of gifts and growing edges shared at church retreat. Pastors Susan & Leslie will share the 12 growing edge themes that emerged from the retreat, and how these themes are and will continue to inform worship and community life. There will be opportunity to share and discuss.

MINUTES FROM CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — The minutes from the meeting on December 2 can be found on the CMCL website at <https://communitymennonite.org/congregational-resources/minutes-and-special-reports/>

DECEMBER SPECIAL SERVICES

Solstice Service— December 21, 7:00 p.m. An evening of music, prayer and poetry, featuring original poetry read by Lancaster poet Beth Weaver-Kreider.

Christmas Eve— December 23, 7:00 p.m. followed by cookies and hot drinks. Please bring cookies to share!

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.

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

WE NEED YOUR NATIVITY ORPHANS! Do you have any stray nativity scene figures, or similarly-sized toy figurines that need a new home? If so, please bring them to Pastor Susan so that they can be part of our Christmas Eve service.

Next Sunday, December 16

Worship Leader— Pam Brubaker

Sermon— Susan Gascho-Cooke

Song Leader— Louise Ranck

Prelude/Offertory— Choir

Sound Technician— Monte Garber

Greeter—Rosalina Wilson

Ushers— John Kanagy, David Lutz, Carolyn Weaver, Marian Good

Child Care—Addie Bird, John Thomas; Helper— Dulce Shenk-Zeager

CMCL Calendar

December 2018

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

Jarol Boan

Cheryl Weber & Jay Keener

Barb & Joseph Gascho

Grace Byler

Amelia Rauser, Michael, Henry & Agatha Clapper

YOUTH SAFE CHURCH TRAINING—If you are a youth interested in working with children at CMCL, we ask that you go through a safe church training similar to what our Approved Adults go through. Recently, there have been a number of youth asking for this training so they can help out in the Fish Bowl and during other activities. I would love to offer a training for everyone interested. Please contact Malinda by Dec 15 if you would like to be a part of this, and we will get a date set for all to attend. Thanks.

MOOS CHRISTMAS— It is that time of year again- time to share a little Christmas cheer with our MOOS children. You will find a tree downstairs, outside the Christian Education wing, that has tags on it. Please pull a tag off and purchase a present for the age of the child on the tag. We think a \$10-\$15 gift is appropriate. The gifts can be left with Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck, who will deliver them to the children just before Christmas. Thank you so much for your generosity.

PEACE SCHOOL COMMITTEE: RECRUITMENT TIME—Yes, it's that time if year again to get our Peace School Committee together. We will begin meeting in January, and go through Peace School in June 18, 19, 20. The commitment is short and we always have a lot of fun. We need committee members who are creative and visionary, as well as members who are organized and structurally minded. (So, yes, there is a place for you!). Contact Malinda if you are interested in being involved.

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!

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 Andre: drechubb@gmail.com

FROM DENNIS CLEMMER—At the church retreat I offered to make a funny cake for the first person who offered me \$50, proceeds to go to the CMCL youth fund. I can be contacted at dclemmer@northgroupconsultants.com or reached by phone at (717)278-4277 to make arrangements or answer any questions.

FROM CHERYL WEBER —Thanks so much for the cards, flowers, and notes after the death of my father. It was wonderful to feel the presence and support of CMCL.

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

CLAPPER/RAUSER FAMILY TRAVELS—Amelia Rauser, Michael Clapper, Henry and Agatha will be leaving on December 15 to travel to Kochi, India for the coming winter and spring, where Amelia will be a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers as they are far from us in the coming months.

"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

Due to an outstanding response, Abe's tree farm closed on Sunday, December 2. Many thanks to all who visited our farm. Lois Martin

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 mcccl@lancastermennonite.org or by calling [717- 455-7025](tel: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.mennonitechildrenchoir.org.

WOMEN'S 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>

Budget Report—November 30, 2018	Sep 2018–Aug 2019 Budget: \$518,701
Budget to Date	Income to Date
\$129,675	\$88,924
<i>Monthly budget reports for are available online under Congregational Resources</i>	

Church Report	
November 25	December 4
Attendance: 156	Attendance: 190
General Fund: \$8,999	General Fund: \$17,035
MOOS: \$1,160	MOOS: \$450
<i>Weekly offerings need to average \$9,744 to meet budget.</i>	