



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 23, 2018

CMCL

NO CHRISTIAN ED TODAY!

DECEMBER SPECIAL SERVICES

Christmas Eve— December 24, 7:00 p.m. followed by cookies and hot drinks. *Please bring cookies to share!*

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED SERMON DISCUSSION: Starting December 30, The Adult Christian Ed committee is designating table in the Parrot Gallery (downstairs with the tea & coffee) for informal post sermon conversation each Sunday. Starting time is whenever there are two or more people sitting there together! You may come and go as you please!

CHRISTMAS WEEK—The church office will be open between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. every day this week except Christmas Day. In addition, pastors will be on-site and/or doing pastoral care visits. Please let us know if you'd welcome a contact:

- Monday, 12/24 - Leslie (leslie@communitymennonite.org)
- Tuesday, 12/25 - Susan (susan@communitymennonite.org for emergencies)
- Wednesday, 12/26 - Malinda (717-875-5066 or malinda@communitymennonite.org)
- Thursday, 12/27 - Amanda (amanda@communitymennonite.org)
- Friday, 12/28 - Susan (susan@communitymennonite.org)

STILL NEED A WREATH? There are still Senior Youth Christmas Wreaths still available so pick one up this Sunday! Your \$30 purchase will be put towards the upcoming summer trip to the MCUSA Convention in Kansas City. Thank you!

MENNONITE MEN—Save the Date, April 12-14 2019, Men's Retreat at Charter Hall, MD. Linford: lingood@comcast.net Andre: drechubb@gmail.com

PICK UP PURCHASED ART —Persons who have purchased items from Ken Nissley's woodworking display in the Parrot Gallery, contact Ken directly to make arrangements. If anyone has interest in the larger furniture items, please note that any reasonable offer will be considered - just call Ken. (717-808-2624)

Next Sunday, December 30

Worship Leader— Leslie Homer-Cattell
 Sermon— Urbane Peachey
 Song Leader— Beth Graybill
 Prelude/Offertory— Brenda Sauder, Faith Sauder, Louise Ranck
 Sound Technician— Cody Litwiller
 Greeter—Jean Sensenig
 Ushers— Carolyn Weaver, Rod Houser, Phil Kreider
 Child Care—Lindsey Deininger, Christy Heatwole-Kauffman; Helper— Hannah Clatterbuck

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
 Barb & Joseph Gascho
 Grace Byler
 Amelia Rauser, Michael, Henry & Agatha Clapper
 Jack Shope & Karl Mumma
 Jean Sensenig & Daryl Snider
 Laurie, Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt

Calling Artists for Lent: The environment committee is inviting 10 artists in the congregation to interpret the following in 2D art for the walls of the sanctuary for the season of Lent (beginning March 6th). We invite you to prayerfully interpret the theme in your medium. The first 11 artists to contact the environment committee will be included. Please email lynnjsommer@gmail.com if interested.

"Lent is a season of unfolding honesty and truth-telling about our lives and our world. ... In boldly acknowledging our humanity while embracing God's love, we become immune to the virus of fear on which systems of domination continue to depend in order to maintain power and control. We live in a time when truth is questioned, yet the need for the truth-telling of Lent remains greater than ever. The journey of Lent begins by engaging us with the theological and interpretive question: Which God of scripture will we follow?" from *Seasons of the Spirit*

For those who have been on sometimes decades-long Lenten journeys of picking out the chaff we have been handed in faith and community, we turn this Lent to the wheat. We focus on what we hold on to, rather than what we lay aside. What is the faith we long to say yes to? Who is the God we follow?"

FROM PAM BRUBAKER— I want to share my thanks to those who spoke words of encouragement to me or said a prayer or sent a card. I felt the love and support of CMCL during this season of surgery and recovery and it really mattered. I am truly grateful!

FROM LAUREL MARTIN—Thank you for your warm thoughts, prayers, and thoughtful cards during the passing of my Dad. It means so much to me to be part of this supportive congregation.

LALALUNA CONCERT—Mark your calendars for Saturday December 29 at 7 PM for a holiday vocal concert by the women's ensemble, LaLaLuna, being held here in CMCL sanctuary. Admission is free. A suggested donation of 1 or more of the following items will help us pay it forward: individually packaged adult-sized toothbrush, large wrapped bar bath soap, quality nail clipper, medium weight hand towel in dark or bright colors, or a wide-toothed comb. After our musical selections, we will work together to pack Hygiene Kits for MCC to distribute around the world. Look for a flyer on the basement bulletin board. Questions may be directed to LaLaLuna member, Cyd Stayrook at cj.stayro@gmail.com.

Community/General Mennonite

SAT. DEC. 29 VIGIL, AT HORSHAM AIR GUARD STATION, DRONE-WARFARE SITE —While commemorating the birth of the Prince of Peace, you are invited to join Lancaster County participants in a “witness amid endless war” at this site of an expanding international network of drone warfare operations. To carpool, contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 717-859-3529 to leave from the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m.

FREE RANGE HYMNS INTERACTIVE CONCERT AND HYMN SING WITH SOPA SOL AND KEN NAFZIGER: Saturday, January 5 at 6:00 pm, East Chestnut St. Mennonite Church. Ken Nafziger—longtime music director at EMU and beloved song leader—will lead singing accompanied by Sopa Sol: Daryl Snider, Frances Miller and Nathan Bontrager. Sopa Sol will also perform selections from the *Free Range Hymns* album released in 2017: re-imagined hymns featuring their unique instrumental and vocal combinations. CDs will be available. All are welcome to enjoy the evening. Entry is free, with donations appreciated. Website: sopasol.com/events – Email: contact@sopasol.com

SILENT AUCTION FOR MCC- Have you recently downsized and have art, pottery, beautiful vases or small furniture that needs a new home? Do you have an experience you could offer such as an international meal or house concert? Do you knit, work with wood or paint? Do you have a beach/mountain get-a-way that you could donate for a weekend? Please contact Lynn by the end of January if you have an item/event/service to offer for the silent auction. Our congregation has been so generous in the past and helped to raise \$10,000 last year in the silent auction. Thanks- Lynn. lynnjsommer@gmail.com

Church Report

December 2

Attendance: 190

General Fund: \$17,035

MOOS: \$450

December 9

Attendance: 191

General Fund: \$10,610

MOOS: \$25

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