



Next Sunday, January 6

Worship Leader— Amanda Stoltzfus
Sermon— Olivia Shumaker
Song Leader— Faith Sauder
Prelude/Offertory— Senior Youth
Sound Technician— Aaron Eby-Good
Greeter—Steve Walter
Ushers— André Chubb, Beth Crosby, Luke Good
Child Care—Adam Miller, Michelle Meck; Helper— Anika Hurst

**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

Church Report

December 9

Attendance: 191
General Fund: \$10,610
MOOS: \$25

December 16

Attendance: 194
General Fund: \$36,302.88
MOOS: \$809

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—DECEMBER 30, 2018

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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!

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!

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?"

BAPTISM STORIES? In January, we will take two Sundays to focus our worship services on baptism. Do you have a story to share about your own baptism? Thoughts about what baptism means to you now, or how your understanding of it has changed throughout your life? Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke would love to hear from you as she prepares for those services.

HYMNALS AT HOME? Do you have any long-ago borrowed CMCL hymnals lurking at home on your bookshelf or on your piano? If so, please help our Sunday morning hymnal shortage by returning your borrowed hymnals to CMCL!

FIRST FRIDAY PARROT GALLERY SHOW—"Playful Eye, Playful I," featuring collages by Susan Gascho-Cooke. Friday, January 5, 2018, 5-8 p.m. These works combine collage and elements of quilting. Collage and quilting both have elements of the absurd — cutting up beautiful things just to sew them or glue them back together again. These images have in common themes of seeing and being seen, of seeking and being sought, of gateways into discovery beyond and within.

MENNONITE MEN— Come out [January 9th at 6:00pm](#) for *Beer and Beljiks: Fair Trade Rugs & Fine Brews*. Did you ever think about how good brews needs good, quality materials? Rugs are no different! Yousaf Chaman will tell us more about the hand knotted rugs at the Ten Thousand Villages Rug Room, [240 North Reading Road, Ephrata](#)... and of course, have some fine brews to enjoy as well (finding the right beer to pair with samosas). Bring along some of your drink suggestions as well.

FROM TRISTAN BOYER — To the CMCL congregation, Thank you for all the care packages, checks, and well wishes that you have sent during my first few years as a college student. Your kindness and generosity is very much appreciated and I feel very blessed to continue to have the love and support of CMCL even away from home. Thank you!! Best, Tristan Boyer

Community/General Mennonite

CORRECTION: FREE RANGE HYMNS INTERACTIVE CONCERT AND HYMN SING WITH SOPA SOL AND KEN NAFZIGER: Saturday, January 5 at **6:30 pm (previously listed as 6pm)**, 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. Sopa Sol “skillfully employ an extensive cache of classical and global folk instruments in this... meditation on the gifts of communal song,” Bradley Kauffman, *The Mennonite*. 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

CLEAN OUT YOUR QUILT ROOM FOR MCC — Quilter’s Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items – the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. For a detailed list of items please see the flier posted on the bulletin board. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop at 707 W Main in New Holland PA. Please clearly mark items: Quilter’s Attic.

HWB#370 O day of God, draw night
to the tune of HWB#384 We give thee but thine own

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O day of God, draw night" (HWB#370). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five staves, each with a vocal line and lyrics. The lyrics are: "1. O day of God, draw night; 2. Bring to our troubles, our minds, that strife; 3. Bring to our world of God, draw night; 4. Bring to our world of God, draw night; 5. O day of God, draw night." The second system has two staves with lyrics: "with your time - less / qui - et of a / fine - ly build / war may haunt the / there be light a - / judg - ment now / fast faith, calm / to come foun - / no more and / and set your / match our pres - ent / of a call o - / da - tions that en - / des - o - la - tion the / judge - ments in the / hour. / beyed. / dure. / cease. / earth." The music is in a key with two flats and a 2/2 time signature.

Text: Robert B. Y. Scott, 1937, "Hymns for Worship," 1939, alt.
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Music: "Cantica Laudis," 1850