



Next Sunday, January 13

Worship Leader— Pam Brubaker/Leslie Homer-Cattell
Sermon— Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader— Marcy Hostetler
Prelude/Offertory— Dean Clemmer
Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good/Daryl Snider
Greeter— Jean Sensenig
Ushers— Carolyn Weaver, Jim Spicher, Margaret Krumm
Child Care— Laura Boll, Sherry Groff; Helper— Greta Shumaker

**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 (in Kerala, India)
- Laurie, Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt

Church Report

December 23

Attendance: 210
General Fund: \$\$14688
MOOS: \$250

December 30

Attendance: 142
General Fund: \$13,812
MOOS: \$325

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS—JANUARY 6, 2018

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ADULT CHRISTIAN ED— Adult Christian Ed will be offering another option most Sundays called "Hamlet" during the Christian Ed time starting 11:00 in the Conference room (right behind the pulpit). A HAMLET is a small village. This is an interactive time of sharing and listening. There is a different subject every week (such as living your values, spirituality, theology, major life questions, living in community, the environment, death and dying, etc.). Come on in and further connect with your village! We welcome visitors, new and regular attendees.

Hamlet for January 6 will be a time to look past one year and forward one year "How is the Spirit nudging as you face the open spaces of a new year? How about last year?" Facilitator: Sherry Groff

Hamlet for January 13 "How am I faring during this time of environmental decline?" Facilitator: Mary Lou Weaver Houser

MONTHLY POTLUCK: Today, Sunday January 6, please join in fellowship during our monthly congregational potluck after Christian Ed hour. Visitors and those new to the congregation are especially welcome! Parents, please help us follow Safe Church guidelines by keeping track of your kids during the potluck - if kids are outside the parrot gallery they should be supervised. A reminder to all to bring your plates and utensils so that we can use less plastic. And we love extra help cleaning up!

GATHERING THROUGH THE AGES — As the new year begins, you are warmly invited to gather together for an hour or so with others from your church family. Our hopes for these gatherings are to give Leslie a chance to get to know people better, to allow both Leslie and Susan to hear what people desire as part of this community in 2019, and to expand relational bonds in the congregation (a 2015-2020 CMCL goal).

Continuing with our recent *Wise Ones* theme, these gatherings are being planned by age-group:

- 70+ y/o - Monday, Jan. 7, 10 - 11:30 a.m. in the Parrot Gallery
- 50s & 60s - Saturday, Jan. 12, 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Carol & Jim Spicher's
- 50s & 60s - Tuesday, Jan. 22, 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Carol & Jim Spicher's
- 35 - 50 y/o - date & time TBD
- Under 35 - date & time TBD

It would be helpful to know how many are coming to each gathering, so please RSVP by clicking on the appropriate link in the announcement email. If you're

having trouble RSVPing via the Evite, feel free to call the office to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

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!

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

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT—Join us on Sunday, January 20th in historic downtown Lancaster for an evening of chamber music. Renowned Lancaster musicians Maria Corley, piano, and Sara Male, cello team up with Lancaster native and NYC based Clarinetist Eric Umble (Son of Ron and Diane Umble) to present a program of French, German, and American chamber music. The recital will be at Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster and begin at 5:30 pm on Sunday, January 20th and will last around 75 minutes. Tickets are available online or at the door starting at \$10. Buy tickets online at ericumble.com/20182019

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—

Annual Music Night—Join us for another great night of music on Saturday, January 26, at 7 p.m. at Neffsville Mennonite Church. Performers include the Aspire Chamber Choir, Sopa Sol, Joshua Good, and Rosemary Eberly Lebold. Tickets and more information are available at lmhs.org or by calling (717) 393-9745. Tickets are \$25, with complimentary admission for children under 12. Register at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745.

Fraktur Introduction— Emily Smucker-Beidler will help you become acquainted with the imagery of fraktur in this folk art class on Saturday, February 2, from 9 a.m. until noon. This class costs \$75 for members, and \$85 for nonmembers. Register by January 25 at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745. This class is held at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society— 2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

Winter Bookfest—Discover quality used books in categories such as children's books, fiction, and history. This sale runs from 3 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, February 14; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 15; and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 16.

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.