

## Next Sunday, March 3

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke  
Song Leader— Jazz Sunday  
Prelude/Offertory— Jazz Ensemble  
Sound Technician— Daryl Snider/ Drew Brubaker  
Greeter— Steve Walter  
Ushers— André Chubb, Diane Umble, Dean Brubaker  
Child Care—Deb Kraybill, Adam Miller; Helper—Mara & Raewynn Kraybill

### 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](mailto:pam@communitymennonite.org).*

Anne Sensenig and Daniel Erdman  
Luke Bomberger  
Barb & Joseph Gascho  
Grace Byler  
Amelia Rauser, Michael, Henry & Agatha Clapper (in Kerala, India)  
Laurie, Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt

### Church Report

#### February 10

Attendance: 166  
General Fund: \$7,609  
MOOS: \$10

#### February 17

Attendance: 161  
General Fund: \$4,670

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



## Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—FEBRUARY 24, 2019

### CMCL

**CMCL ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY** — On Sunday, March 24, pastors and Pastoral Team will lead our annual re-covenanting service. We invite you to make a priority to be present on this Sunday of celebration of our commitment and connection to one another in this congregation.

**JAZZ SUNDAY** — Jazz Sunday will be next Sunday, March 3.

**SUNDAY MORNING REMINDER**— As the number of people worshipping together Sunday mornings increases, it would be helpful if congregants would fill in seats in the middle of the rows first and fill every available seat. This makes it easier for those arriving after you to be seated near the aisles and allows families to sit together.

### ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—

**2/24/19 in the Sanctuary:** "I LOVE YOU BIBLE...BUT JUST NOT THAT WAY" (Jan 27-Mar 3): Using Peter Enns's *The Bible Tells Me So* as a guide. "Enns releases scripture from the cage we've built for it and then teaches us to love it for what it is, not what we try to make it" [Rachel Held Evans]. Looking at chapter 6, how the earliest Christian writers (Paul and the gospel writers) both respected and transformed Israel's story. We will also experiment with "wrestling" with the Bible (and God and ourselves), looking at a text together.

**2/24/19 in the Parrot Gallery:** 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!

**2/24/19 in the Conference Room:** All are invited to attend Hamlet, offered each week in the Conference Room behind the Sanctuary. A hamlet is a small village, and this session offers conversation and a chance to connect with others in an intimate setting. **Today's topic:** Direction with Beauty. Share what is beauty, where do you find beauty, and how important is beauty. Facilitated by Pauline Zimmerman.

**2019-2020 CHURCH AID FOR EMU AND GOSHEN**— It's that time of year where we are letting Mennonite colleges know which young people from our church will be attending in the coming year. This is required before the deadline in order to receive financial aid from CMCL. Please email [sallie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:sallie@communitymennonite.org) by February 28 if you or your child are planning to attend.

## **DRAW OUT THY SOUL & DRAW DOWN THY CARBON: CLIMATE JUSTICE**

**LENTEN EMPHASIS**—You are invited to join us in a Lenten practice of fasting each Friday. Meet during the Friday lunch hour for conversation and prayer in Parrot Gallery. Read our weekly blog meditation ([faithandclimate.net](http://faithandclimate.net)) on climate change & hunger, homelessness and health. Be inspired by doing this in community. “The kind of fasting I have chosen...spend yourselves (draw out thy soul -KJV) in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed.” Isaiah 58 NIV. Let's see what mysteries will unfold. - Sponsored by Pax JC. All invited!

**UPCOMING TAIZE TRANSFIGURATION SERVICE**— CMCL will be holding a Taize service on Sunday evening, March 3, at 7:30 pm on the theme of Transfiguration, that Sunday's lectionary scripture. Come enjoy the candlelight, quiet readings, and sung responses at this meditative service. We are looking for interested singers and musicians; please contact Pam Brubaker c/o the church office to participate. All are welcome.

**LILA GARBER ART EXHIBITION** — Announcing an exhibition of Lila Garber's artwork at the Parrot Gallery. The show will be up through the end of April. Please join Lila and her family and friends for the exhibition opening on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

**EVERENCE SHARING FUND** — The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Carol Spicher serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact her for more information.

**FROM BARBARA GASCHO**— I wish to express my deepest gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to me over the last difficult months. I am grateful that my back surgery was a success. However, as expected, I continue to deal with residual leg discomfort that I am told will go away. I am eager to return to church when I can.

**FROM ISAAC ESH**—Dear CMCL, Thank you for the care package. It was a great surprise and it was nice to have a little to share with my dorm mates. Thanks for remembering me. Love, Ike.

**FROM LOUISE RANCK** — Did you grow up on the "Roman Road?" I (Louise Ranck) am interested in hearing from folks who would be willing to Think Theological for a minute or two along these lines: 1) What was your understanding of the meaning of the book of Romans, as presented by your church or youth fellowships as you were growing up? 2) Has your understanding of Paul's message in Romans changed since? 3) What are your views of it now? *As you might guess, I am collecting voices for a seminary class assignment. I am especially interested in responses from Mennonite-always folks, but would be happy to hear from other streams, too. Please email me at this address: [lrack@lancasterseminary.edu](mailto:lrack@lancasterseminary.edu).*

**FROM AMELIA RAUSER** — Follow the Rauser Clapper family on their blog at [rauserclapperindia.blogspot.com](http://rauserclapperindia.blogspot.com)!

## ***Community/General Mennonite***

**FAMILY RETREAT** —Connecting Families-East Retreat May 17-19 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Mark Rupp presenting “Reclaiming the Gift of LGBTQ Identity.” Mark serves as Pastor of Christian Formation at Columbus Mennonite Church. The retreat aims to create a space of mutual support for families, friends, and those in the LGBTQI community with the opportunity to meet, share, and worship together. See the community bulletin board for the brochure. Email [connectingfam@gmail.com](mailto:connectingfam@gmail.com) or call 717.203.1170 to request registration materials.

**LOVE CROSSES BORDERS: AN IMMERSION EXPERIENCE** — July 28 through August 3, Atlantic Coast Conference's Mennonite Men will journey to Georgia and connect with Casa Alterna, a hospitality house devoted to faithful acts of mercy and justice alongside its first-ave immigrant neighbors, mostly from Guatemala. What can unwelcomed immigrants teach the Church about love? How can the legacy of the Civil Rights Movement inform and inspire us to a love that crosses borders? See information and registration on CMCL bulletin board.

**STEWARDSHIP UNIVERSITY** — On Saturday, March 2, 2019 Everence Lancaster will host Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between Everence and the local faith community. Courses will explore subjects ranging from retirement preparation and financial markets to de-cluttering your home. For registration information, contact Lynette Morales at 717-653-6662, [lynette.morales@everence.com](mailto:lynette.morales@everence.com) or visit [stewardshipuniversity.com](http://stewardshipuniversity.com)

## **LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Pennsylvania Dutch Grain Painting**—Learn grain painting, a painting style used to replicate wood graining, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, March 16 from local fancy painter Jim King. Students will learn by painting a mini chest and a picture frame. No experience necessary. Class costs \$85 for members, \$100 for nonmembers. Register at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or call (717) 393-9745. This class is held at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

**JOIN MEDA & BRIDGE** on March 1 from 5:30-8pm at the Junction Center in Manheim PA for a night of food, storytelling and connection as we bring the world to Lancaster's “backyard”! You can expect a delicious meal representing 3 different parts of the world, listening to the stories of 3-4 refugee families, a rousing game of trivia, and learning about Mennonite Economic Development Association's work around the world. Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased at <https://www.experiencebridge.com/events/meda-night-of-sharing-2/?bblinkid=134640044&bbemailid=11479055&bbejrid=901412230>