

Next Sunday, March 10

Worship Leader— Christy Heatwole-Kauffman
Sermon — Susan Gascho-Cooke
Song Leader— Ron Umble
Prelude/Offertory— Luke Good, Ken Nissley, Dale Umble, Ron Umble
Sound Technician— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good
Greeter— Carol Spicher
Ushers— Luke Good, Jim Spicher, Margaret Krumm
Child Care—Sherry Groff, John Thomas; Helper— Anika Hurst



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 3, 2019

CMCL

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.

MONTHLY POTLUCK TODAY— Today, Sunday March 3, please join in fellowship during our monthly congregational potluck after Christian Ed hour. Visitors and those new to the congregation are especially encouraged to attend! 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 the Hospitality Committee loves extra help cleaning up!

NAME TAG SUNDAY — The past several months we have been using name tags during our pot luck meal together. The name tag have been well received and we have decided to offer permanent tags. On the table as you wait in line you will be able to put your name on either a permanent name tag or a disposable tag. Thank you all for participating in this way of getting to know each other better.

LISTENING SESSION SUNDAY, MARCH 3 — Do you have a concern, an idea, a need to process something that pertains to our community here at CMCL? If so, please come and join us in the SATTLE ROOM during ACE - we are here to listen to you and attempt to find a home for your perspectives. Hosted by a member of both Council and Pastoral Team along with our Administrative Pastor, Leslie Homer-Cattell. *Please note that members of pastoral team are always available for matters of more personal concern - the listening session is a public forum.*

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—

3/3/19 in the Sanctuary: "I LOVE YOU BIBLE...BUT JUST NOT THAT WAY" (Jan 27-Mar 3): Phyllis Tickle says about Peter Enns's *The Bible Tells Me So*, "The question of how to read, inwardly digest, and eventually 'live' the Bible is probably the most divisive one among Christians today." She lauds "the simplicity and clarity of its answer to that question" and "the humor and confessional belief with which [this] is offered." In this last session, we will look at what do we do with all this?—find a surprise—and try the practice of "lectio divina" with a Scripture passage, listening for God's word to us, here, now. Welcome, even if for the first time.

3/3/19 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!

3/3/19 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. **This**

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 Bomberger
Barb & Joseph Gascho
Grace Byler
Amelia Rauser, Michael, Henry & Agatha Clapper (in Kerala, India)
Laurie, Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt
Beth Crosby
Aggie Perilli and Michael Evans
Kevin, Cara, Anika and Claire Hurst

Church Report

February 17

Attendance: 161

General Fund: \$4,670

February 24

Attendance: 128

General Fund: \$8,340

MOOS: \$500

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

week's topic: Taking from the first question encouraging reflection on our church covenant, we'll discuss What does participation in worship look like for me? What are the benefits for me, for the church of my participation? Facilitated by Sherry Groff. **Next week's topic:** Is there life after death? Be prepared to share your thoughts, questions, beliefs and comments about life after death. Led by Verna Miller & Mary Jane Fox.

LENT: A SEASON OF UNFOLDING HONESTY AND TRUTH-TELLING—CMCL pastors invite you to journey with CMCL friends through the 2019 season of Lent. This year we'll be offering the opportunity to share with one another our short reflections, poems, or art related to the daily lectionary readings. These will be emailed every morning (Mondays - Saturdays) during Lent to the Announcements e-mail list.

Here's how it will work:

1. Visit the link below to choose one of the daily texts listed (three choices for each day) and sign up next to that day. <https://tinyurl.com/y6q14smm>
 2. Read the text and write/create a short reflection (about 250 words), poem or visual image that connects with the text in some way.
 3. Email your submission to sallie@communitymennonite.org at least one week before the date you choose so we have plenty of time to format it.
- People of all ages are invited to contribute! We hope all will consider reflecting together this Lent.

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. All are welcome.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE— Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. at CMCL.

INVITATION TO A WEEKLY TIME OF SILENCE AND STILLNESS DURING LENT— Do you long for more centered-ness and connection to God? As a part of my internship at CMCL, I am offering an invitation to a weekly time of centering prayer/silent meditation during the season of Lent. Those interested would meet once a week for a total of 30 minutes, 20 minutes of this time would be spent in centering prayer or silent meditation. All are welcome: those with much experience in centering prayer/meditation and those who are new to this practice. We would meet on Tuesday or Thursday at 8:00 am or on a weekday evening, depending on interest and availability. If you are interested or have questions, call Pam at 717-917-8719 or email to pam@communitymennonite.org.

DRAW OUT THY SOUL & DRAW DOWN THY CARBON: CLIMATE JUSTICE LENTEN EMPHASIS —All are invited to join in a Lenten Fast (practice or discipline) each Friday of Lent, beginning March 8. We will meet in Parrot Gallery from noon - 1 p.m. for conversation and prayer. In preparation, you can read a weekly blog meditation 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, CCL, and allies- All are welcome to join.

SEEKING HAMLET FACILITATORS —Looking for 7 people to fill the remaining openings for Hamlet sessions the end of March - May 19. If you are interested in this let Sherry Groff know Lashgroff@gmail.com or phone 717-492-6250.

GATHERING THROUGH THE AGES — If you didn't get to attend an age group gathering, or if you thought of something you wish you would have said during the gathering you did attend, you can tell us your thoughts at <https://goo.gl/forms/2N0ZhZIDD1888Djz1>

MENNONITE MEN — Join the CMCL Mennonite Men for a wine tasting at 6:30 PM on Wednesday March 13 in the tasting room of Grandview Vineyard, 1489 Grandview Rd., Mt. Joy, as Ken Kulp leads an exploration into some of the health aspects of wine as well as the celebratory side of wine. RSVP to lingood@comcast.net by 3/8/2019 if you would like to attend. A suggested contribution of \$10 can be made at the event to help cover costs.

ROSALINA WILSON'S CAR — While Rosalina Wilson is in Cuba caring for her mother, there's a need for somewhere to park her car long term. If anyone lives in the country and has a space where the car can stay until she returns, please contact sallie@communitymennonite.org. This will also be a favor to the broader CMCL community by opening up a parking spot in our lot!

FROM EAST CHESTNUT STREET MENNONITE CHURCH — Dear brothers and sisters, we are deeply grateful for the way you have brought David Barton, Jasmine Friesen and Aden Weybright into your youth group! They have loved participating in Sunday School classes, retreats, Saturday gatherings, and fundraisers. We are deeply grateful for their sense of *belonging* to a faith community at this crucial stage in their faith development!

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 AMELIA RAUSER — Follow the Rauser Clapper family on their blog at 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 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.

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 or call (717) 393-9745. This class is held at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.