

Next Sunday, March 17

Worship Leader— Matt Krebs
Sermon — Amanda Stoltzfus
Song Leader— Louise Ranck
Prelude/Offertory— Roger Lentz
Sound Technician— Ken Kulp/Monte Garber
Greeter— Janet Lind
Ushers— Phil Kreider, John Kanagy, Laurel Martin
Child Care—Lindsey Deininger, Addie Bird; Helper— Maia Shenk

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 24

Attendance: 128
General Fund: \$8,340
MOOS: \$500

March 3

Attendance: 187
General Fund: \$7,052

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



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 10, 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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—

3/10/19 in the Sanctuary: Seminary Sharing — Pam Brubaker, Louise Ranck and Teman Cooke will spend about 10 minutes each talking about what has stood out in their seminary experience this year, and the last 30 minutes will be open for questions.

3/10/19 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!

3/10/19 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 week's topic:** Is there life after death? Be prepared to share your thoughts, questions, beliefs and comments about life after death. Facilitated by Sherry Groff.

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/y6ql4srm>
 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.

LENTEN MEDITATION —Please join us for a time of centering prayer/silent meditation on Tuesday mornings in Lent (March 12 through April 16) from 8:00 am to 8:30 am at CMCL. We will meet in the library (which is connected to the Parrot Gallery); the Parrot Gallery door will be open by 7:55. All are welcome.

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 CHILDREN & YOUTH CHRISTIAN ED FEEDBACK—The Children & Youth Committee is looking for feedback from our community as we revamp our Christian Education program for our children and youth here at CMCL. Please follow this link to the survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/j1fMTjXPfabZnyF3>. All are invited to participate.

SEND NOMINATIONS — It is that time of year again to nominate churches and church projects for the 2019 SEND Fund (Sharing Enthusiastically Near and Distant). SEND projects should involve churches with growth needs that cannot be met without assistance. The project may be building a structure, building community or both. Proposals are due to Marty Kelley by April 28. Forms will be placed in your mailbox or can be requested by email at martykelley4plus@gmail.com

CMCL EASTER CHOIR — Choir rehearsal for Easter Sunday begins March 10th, 8:15 a.m., in the basement, where MOOS meets. All welcome.

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.

MENNONITE WOMEN RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN — To register for the Mennonite Women's Retreat on March 15-17, please see the flyer in your church mailbox or register online with the link in the bottom right of the CMCL Home page.

MENNONITE MEN RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN — Registration open for men's retreat April 12-14 at Charter Hall. Register online by going to the CMCL website. You will find a link to the registration page on the newfeed in the lower right hand corner of the home page. Or contact Linford Good at 717.203.1170, lingood@comcast.net. You will have an option when registering to bring food along to supplement our meals. Not required, but if you do prepare food, your costs can be deducted from your weekend fee. *Get your registrations in no later than Friday, April 5.*

MENNONITE MEN EVENT — 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.

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 SAVANNAH WALTER — Dear CMCL, thank you so much for your wonderful care package. It put a big smile on my face to know you guys are thinking of me. I appreciate the time and love put into the box. © This church will always have a special place in my heart. I look up to you all and I feel lucky to be part of this church. Thank you thank you! Savannah

FROM KEEGHAN McLANE — Dear CMCL congregation, thank you so much for the incredibly generous and thoughtful care package you sent me. I received it just in time for midterms and the kind words and yummy snacks are most definitely going to come in handy. I hope everyone at CMCL is doing well and staying strong through the end of winter. Thank you for your continued support of me and my family! We are all immensely and eternally grateful. Love, and may God bless, each and every one of you! Love, Keeghan McLane

FROM THE SHENK-ZEAGERS — Thank you so much for the generous, and thoughtfully selected, and beautifully wrapped gifts for our family at Christmas. You brought Christmas cheer to our home and under our tree, and put a smile in our hearts! A thank you note for our anonymous “CMCL friend” is at the church office. Please claim it. You gave us hope and gladness in December when things were quite bleak. Love Karen, Dulce, and Vanessa

Community/General Mennonite

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Illuminated Letter— Emily Smucker-Beidler will teach how to add lettering and calligraphy to fraktur designs in this folk art class on Saturday, March 16, from 9 a.m. until noon. Class costs \$75 for members, \$85 for nonmembers. Register by March 8 at lmhs.org, or by calling (717) 393-9745. This class is held at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society—2215 Millstream Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

KAREN MUSIC BENEFIT CONCERT: Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 6 pm. You are invited to an uplifting evening of singing with the local Karen community. Enjoy various ensembles of youth and young adults that will sing traditional Karen songs as well as acapella hymns in English and Karen. A free-will offering will be received to help support youth from the Habecker congregation who sing in the Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster. Seven of our nine MCCL singers are raising funds to go on tour with the concert and chamber choirs this summer. Website: <http://habeckerchurch.com/>. Flyer on the CMCL Community bulletin board

MARCH 22-24, FREE, 2019 FESTIVAL OF VOICES— Performances are Fri, 3/22/19, at 6:30 pm concert (including McCaskey Gospel Choir, LaLaLuna, Music for Everyone Community Chorus), Sat. 3/23/19, at 7 p.m. (including Chromatic Expansion, Testostertones, Anything but Quiet, MFE); Saturday 3/23/19 workshops, 3:15 & 4:15pm: “Adding Depth Expression, and Meaning to your Performance;” and “Singing for Healing.” Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S Duke St, Lancaster. Sun., 3/24/19, 3:00 – 5:00: Big Community Sing - Tellus 360, 24 E King St, Lancaster. lancasterfestivalofvoices.com

MINDFULNESS PRACTICE & THE PRESENCE OF GOD — Tuesdays, March 19 and 26, April 2 and 9, from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Led by Marygrace Lomboy. Looking for a spiritual practice during Lent? In this series, you will learn to practice Christian mindfulness. You will also engage all of your senses while stepping back from the chaos of everyday life, and stepping into the present moment. You will experience viewing the world and ourselves as God sees us—with truthfulness, compassion, and love. Find more info at <https://parishresourcecenter.org/events-all/>