

Next Sunday, March 24

Worship Leader— Deb Napolitan
Sermon — Core values readings
Song Leader— Marty Kelley
Prelude/Offertory—
Sound Technician— Steve Staybrook/Ismail Salim
Greeter— Mary Jane Fox
Ushers— Rod Houser, Mary Lou Weaver Houser, Larry Groff
Child Care—Michael Eby-Good, Mary Lou Weaver Houser

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

March 3

Attendance: 187
General Fund: \$7,052

March 10

Attendance: 131
General Fund: \$5,975
MOOS: \$25

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



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 17, 2019

CMCL

PASTORS OUT OF OFFICE—Leslie Homer-Cattell is in Colorado with family this weekend. Susan Gascho-Cooke and family are in North Carolina for a friend's wedding this weekend and will be back in the office on Tuesday, March 19. Malinda Clatterbuck is traveling in Eritrea for two weeks, and will be gone until March 25. Please contact Amanda Stoltzfus, Pam Brubaker or Pastoral Team with urgent pastoral concerns this weekend.

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/j1tFMTjXPFabZnyF3>. All are invited to participate.

OUR ANNUAL SERVICE: HONORING SACRED COMMUNITY will take place next Sunday, March 24, led by pastoral team. We will spend time with each other in a different seating formation, one that better signifies community and connection. This service honors our being together and what we honor and hold true. Looking forward to seeing you there!

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—Upcoming Series “Aging: Beliefs, Collaboration & Determination by Leon Kraybill. March 24—Ageism: What we think and say matters; March 31— Understanding our maturing selves: A doctor’s prescription for healthy aging; April 7— Supporting others during aging; April 14— Advance Care Planning: How do you want to live the rest of your life?

3/17/19 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.

3/17/19 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!

3/17/19 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:** Having that difficult conversation: Why is it so hard, and how can we make it easier?” Circle format led by Daryl Snider

LENT: A SEASON OF UNFOLDING HONESTY AND TRUTH-TELLING

Thank you to all who have shared reflections, art, and/or poems related to the lectionary readings so far. It has been good to begin to engage these ancient texts together and to consider anew what they may be offering in the midst of our lives this year. There are still dates open, so if you haven't yet participated please consider doing so. People of all ages - working, retired, still in high school, long-graduated - are most welcome to contribute! Simply visit <https://tinyurl.com/y6ql4smm> to review the daily texts (three to choose from each day) and enter your name next to that day. Then read the text and send your submission to sallie@communitymennonite.org. This can be a short reflection (about 250-300 words), poem or visual image that connects with the text in some way for you. (NOTE: Please

email your submission to Sallie 3 to 5 days before the date you choose so she has plenty of time to format it.) Thanks for considering!

SAVE THE DATE-SAFE CHURCH TRAINING WITH LINDA CROCKETT—Anyone in the CMCL community is invited to join us for an intensive Safe Church training with Linda Crockett from the Samaritan Counseling Center on Saturday morning, April 6 from 8:30-12:15. Light breakfast will be provided. This would count toward training required to be an Approved Adult at CMCL (Youth are welcomed as well). All are encouraged to join us, so that we as a church are well educated on best practices in making our community a safe community for all. Hope you can join us.- Please RSVP to Malinda if you know you can make it (but you can attend without RSVP-ing).

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. 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 at faithandclimate.net. -Sponsored by Pax JC. All invited!

CMCL EASTER CHOIR — Choir rehearsal for Easter Sunday are on Sundays, 8:30 a.m., in the basement, where MOOS meets, every Sunday until Easter. All welcome.

PEACE SCHOOL...SAVE THE DATES! Peace School will be June 18-20 from 6-8 P.M. This year's theme is The Peaceable Kingdom: Community Building = Peacemaking. We look forward to learning about what it means to be community by focusing on the animal kingdom and the natural world around us! Registration for children ages preschool through 5th grade will begin in April. We'll be calling out shortly for volunteers to help with storytelling, crafts, preschool activities, snacks, music, and photography. Join us for a few nights of fun with our CMCL children!

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

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 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 newsfeed 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.*

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

FROM ELLIS VOGT — Thank you CMCL for the wonderful care package you sent this spring. I had totally forgotten it was arriving and when it did it really brightened my whole week. So awesome to be reminded in this thoughtful way that I come from an amazing community of support and love. Thanks for the package, and for the care.

FROM ANNIE VOGT — Thank you so much for the incredible care package! It has been a few weeks since I opened it, but it is truly a box that keeps on giving! The wonderful and thoughtful card was such a treasure to receive and it hangs on my wall as a reminder that I am known and loved. This church means so much to me and so does all your thoughts and prayers. Thanks again!

Community/General Mennonite

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/>