

Next Sunday, March 31

Worship Leader— Faith Cowell
Sermon — Pam Brubaker
Song Leader— Matt Krebs
Prelude/Offertory—
Sound Technician— Daryl Snider
Greeter— Mary Lou Weaver Houser
Ushers— Pauline Zimmerman, Jean Sensenig, Beth Ann Good
Child Care—Omer Brubaker, Julie Bushong; Helper— Emma Adams

CMCL Calendar

April

3 — 8th grade Girls Blessing
12 — Junior Youth Lock-in
12-14 — Mennonite Men's Retreat
14 — Mentor/Mentee Banquet

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 10

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

March 17

Attendance: 133
General Fund: \$4,892

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



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 24, 2019

CMCL

CONGREGATIONAL LETTER FROM CHURCH COUNCIL

We are currently six months into the 2018-19 church year and it is time for an update. I also want to remind everyone that all of the council minutes and financial reports are on the CMCL website.

Goal Setting

Leslie organized a half-day retreat for council and staff to get to know each other better and to begin the process of working on the 2020-2025 CMCL goals. Look for more details and ways to participate in the goal setting process soon.

Financial Update

As of February 28, 2019 total giving was \$263,816 which is slightly more than 50% of budget. Although this appears to be good news we must remember that most of the giving historically comes in during the first half of the year. Offerings for 2018-19 are \$19,057 behind last year's giving. Based on last year's second six month's giving we are projecting a **deficit** of more than \$50,000. The offerings for the first three Sundays in March averaged about half of what is needed to meet our budget!

Congregational Meeting

Please mark your calendars for the next congregational meeting to be held on **May 5, 2019** at 12:00 immediately after the Christian Ed hour. This is also a potluck Sunday so everyone can fully participate in the meeting and just head downstairs for lunch. Childcare will be provided for the meeting.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP AT CMCL? If so, you are welcome to a Prospective Member Dinner with pastors and Pastoral Team on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the CMCL Parrot Gallery. Contact susan@communitymennonite.org or cmcl@communitymennonite.org to RSVP or find out more.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—Ongoing Series “Aging: Beliefs, Collaboration & Determination by Leon Kraybill, 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?

3/24/19 in the Sanctuary: Leon Kraybill, Ageism: What we think and say matters.

3/24/19 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!

3/24/19 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. **This Week:**

Question #7 on the "Reflecting on CMCL's Covenant" How do I discern my stewardship of the environment, money, time and talents? Do I have talents or interests that no one knows about, that I would like to explore or share here? Who benefits from the way I share of who I am and what I have? Facilitated by Rick Shope

LENTEN REFLECTIONS —Thank you to all who have shared reflections, art, and/or poems related to the lectionary readings so far. There are still dates open, so if you haven't yet participated please consider doing so! People of all ages 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—Anyone in the CMCL community is invited to join us for an intensive Safe Church training from the Samaritan Counseling Center on Saturday morning, April 6 from 8:30-12:15. Light breakfast will be provided. This counts toward training required to be an Approved Adult at CMCL (Youth welcomed as well). All are encouraged to join us for 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).

WHAT'S YOUR ONE THING AT CMCL? Each year the Leadership Selection Committee looks to fill our our volunteer positions at church. As you all know, it certainly takes a village to keep things running smoothly. We encourage you to ask yourself, what's my one thing at CMCL? We hope that each person finds a way to be connected through giving of their time. Please take a look at the 2019-2020 Leadership Roster openings (under News in bottom right on CMCL website, or see link in Announcement email) and contact Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar (carmalena@hotmail.com) to let us know how you'd like to volunteer starting in September. Please respond by Monday, April 8. Thank you!

EARTH DAY EVENTS —April celebrates Earth Day as well as Easter. CMCL and Citizens' Climate Lobby are sponsoring two events in commemoration of Earth Day. Both are at CMCL, start at 7 p.m and are free. Donations will be accepted. April 6 – Professor Don Brown will speak on Climate and Ethics: 6 Essential Climate Facts We All Need Now! From Widener University School of Law, Brown has worked on climate change at all levels of government and has taught ethics, law, science and politics of climate change for over 25 years. April 27 – Come to watch and discuss *The Human Element*, by environmental photographer James Balog. Mr. Balog uses his camera to reveal how the changing climate is affecting all our lives.

STAND UP FOR EDUCATION JUSTICE. Meeting today at Bethel AME Church, 450 E. Strawberry St. 2 - 4 p.m. People gather to address the inequity of school funding. All are welcome; many voices needed.

PAX JC: COLLECTING STYROFOAM FOR RECYCLING. A labeled box will be in the Parrot Gallery. Please feel free to bring clean, #6 Styrofoam containers for recycling. Thank you so much!

PAX JC COLLECTIONS — PAX JC will not receive coats anymore this school year. The last day for shoe collection will be April 14; shoes will be delivered to St. John's the next week. Food items are always welcome all year long. Thank you so much!

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. 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. Proposals are due to Marty Kelley by April 28. Find a form in your mailbox or request by email at martykelley4plus@gmail.com

MENNONITE MEN RETREAT REGISTRATION OPEN — Registration open for men's retreat April 12-14 at Charter Hall. Register online with the link in the bottom right of the CMCL 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.*

SURGERY & MEALS —Following good news about "tremendous" reduction in cancer masses on ovaries and liver, Anne Sensenig will have surgery Tuesday, March 26. Sign up at takethemameal.com, Last name Sensenig, Password Anne.

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

HONORING NELSON OKANYA— Nelson O. Okanya served as EMM's seventh president from 2011-2018. In recognition of Nelson's significant contribution to mission through EMM, we are providing an opportunity for you to express words of appreciation and thankfulness for Nelson's service as EMM president. There will be a drop-in reception on April 7, from 2-5pm with a brief program at 3:30pm, at Lancaster Mennonite's Lancaster Campus Alumni Dining Hall.

PEACE ON TAP is at Tellus360 24 E. King Street, Tuesday, March 26, 7 – 8:30 pm in the basement. This week, Peace on Tap features Mel Lehman from Common Humanity. Common Humanity believes the road to peace is to recognize the humanity of people, sending compassion and humanitarian relief supplies rather than guns. He will talk about his work building understanding, respect and friendship with the Middle East and Muslim world.

PEACE WITNESS —Sat., March 3, 2019, join nonviolent opposition to Horsham (Pa.) Air Guard Station militarized drone command center. Lancaster participants in this "witness amid endless war" will leave Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 717-859-3529 for car pool options.