

## Next Sunday, April 7

Worship Leader— Leslie Homer-Cattell  
Sermon — Malinda Clatterbuck  
Song Leader— Marty Kelley  
Prelude/Offertory— Hannah Clatterbuck  
Sound Technician— Cody Litwiller  
Greeter— Steve Walter  
Ushers— André Chubb, Carolyn Weaver, Linford Good  
Child Care—Carol Eby-Good, Laura Boll

## CMCL Calendar

### April

- 2 — Lenten Meditation, 8am, Library
- 3 — 8<sup>th</sup> grade Girls Blessing
- 5 — Lenten Climate & Faith Discussion, 12pm, Parrot Gallery
- 5 — Junior Youth Lock-in
- 6 — Senior Youth Brunch
- 12-14 — Mennonite Men's Retreat
- 28 — 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](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  
Beth Crosby  
Aggie Perilli and Michael Evans  
Kevin, Cara, Anika and Claire Hurst

## Church Report

### March 17

Attendance: 133  
General Fund: \$4,892

### March 24

Attendance: 166  
General Fund: \$7,344  
MOOS: \$500

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



## Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 31, 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.

**WHAT'S YOUR ONE THING AT CMCL?** Each year the Leadership Selection Committee looks to fill 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](mailto:carmalena@hotmail.com)) to let us know how you'd like to volunteer starting in September. Please respond by Monday, April 8. Thank you!

**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](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org) or [cmcl@communitymennonite.org](mailto:cmcl@communitymennonite.org) to RSVP or find out more.

**LANCASTER MENNONITE SCHOOL** — If your child is planning to attend to LMS for the 2019-2020 school year, and you have not spoken with the church office or Diane Umble, please contact the office by April 1 with the name of your child. We currently have \$5200 of the \$6500 needed to partner with 13 students at the \$500 level for this coming school year! If you'd like to contribute to the fund, you can be in touch with Diane Umble ([Diane.Umble@millersville.edu](mailto:Diane.Umble@millersville.edu)).

**ADULT CHRISTIAN ED**—Ongoing Series “Aging: Beliefs, Collaboration & Determination by Leon Kraybill, April 7—Supporting others during aging; April 14— Advance Care Planning: How do you want to live the rest of your life?

**3/31/19 in the Sanctuary:** Leon Kraybill, Understanding our maturing selves: A doctor’s prescription for healthy aging

**3/31/19 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!

**3/31/19 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:** What prayer practice has been nurturing you or connecting you to God lately? What has been most significant about this practice for you? Facilitated by Deb Cone Halsey

**JUNIOR YOUTH** are reminded that this Friday April 5 is our Spring Lock-In at church. Students are invited to arrive at 8pm and can be picked up anytime before 10am on Saturday. Please bring a sleeping bag/pillow and snacks and games to share with the group. If you are an approved adult interested in chaperoning, please contact Amanda Stoltzfus (*note: you are not expected to stay up all night.*)

**THE CMCL PARROT GALLERY**—announces its *10th Anniversary Exhibit* for September/October 2019. The gallery committee is inviting all artists/musicians to participate in a group show featuring the theme: “Earth Requiem.” Original compositions will be performed during the First Friday receptions. Please RSVP if you wish to participate. All media welcomed. Details to follow. (Parrot Gallery Committee: Beky Weidner, Marcy Sims, Tyler Bushong, Mary Lou Weaver Houser)

**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.

**CLIMATE & FAITH** —Every Friday during Lent several CMCLers have gathered for a discussion focused on climate and faith led by Jerry Lee Miller. The gathering continues This Friday, Apr 5th at noon in the Parrot Gallery. All welcome!

**CLIMATE TALK**—Climate and Ethics is Donald A Brown's specialty. His presentation on Sat. Apr 6th, 7 p.m., at CMCL is titled "6 essential climate facts we all need to know." Free and open to the public, co-sponsored by CMCL and Citizens' Climate Lobby, Lancaster. Brown's presentation will focus on facts, ethics and politics in light of recent climate science.

**ENVIRONMENTAL FILM** — On April 27 at 7pm at CMCL – 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.

**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!

**THE MENNONITE** — CMCL has a group subscription to The Mennonite, which is \$37 annually for participating families. The subscription will be renewing in the next month. If you’d like to start a subscription or end your subscription, please let us know. If you’ve had a subscription in the past and would like to keep it, please send your check for \$37 to the church office with a note or memo re: The Mennonite. Contact [sallie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:sallie@communitymennonite.org) with any questions or concerns.

**FROM ROSALINA WILSON**— I am deeply grateful for all the prayers for me when I was in Cuba. I felt very supported in the difficult time of finding the right place for my mother to be cared for. She is happy now. Thanks also for the monetary gift. I am very blessed to be a member of CMCL! It is good to be back after six months!

**ANNE SENSENIG SURGERY** —Anne has a successful surgery on March 26 and came home on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Doctors report that chemotherapy shrunk tumors by 95%! They will know more details by April 3. If you’d like to take them a meal, there are still a few spots left! Go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com), Last name: Sensenig, Password: Anne.

### *Community/General Mennonite*

**MCC RELIEF SALE** — The 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Pennsylvania Relief Sale will be on April 5 from 4-9pm and April 6 from 6:30a-3pm at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. Come out for auctions, delicious treats, children’s activities, Ten Thousand Villages and other artisan displays, and more!

**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.

**THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM: AN EVENING OF STORYTELLING** — What does it mean to live out peace in the way of Jesus today? Come hear from storytellers whose identity as a disciple of Christ has shaped their responses in times of conflict/crisis. April 15, 7-8:30pm, Akron Mennonite Church

### **LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

**Finger Weaving**—Without using a loom, Native American finger weaving can be used to create a variety of projects. Learn this folk art from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, during a class taught by Mark Warfel, Lenape, at the 1719 Herr House & Museum. This class costs \$35. Register by March 30 at [hansherr.org](http://hansherr.org) or by calling (717) 464-4438.

**JOIN THE MENNONITE CHILDREN'S CHOIR OF LANCASTER** at its spring concert series! Audiences will hear everything from bluegrass to David & Goliath. **Ava Bird** from our congregation is a part of MCCL and would be delighted to see you at a concert! April 7 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster, 4 p.m. April 14 at Chiques Church of the Brethren, Manheim, 6 p.m. April 27 at Habecker Mennonite Church, Lancaster, 7 p.m. (Only the elementary and middle school choirs will perform on April 27.) May 5 at Westminster Presbyterian, Lancaster, 6:30 p.m.