

Next Sunday, May 5

Worship Leader— Joseph Gascho
Sermon — Jonathan Sauder
Song Leader— Anika Krebs
Prelude/Offertory— Tom Tucker & Dean Clemmer
Sound Technician— Daryl Snider/ Drew Brubaker
Greeter— Steve Walter
Ushers— André Chubb, Carolyn Weaver, Dan Laubach
Child Care— Beth Crosby, Darcy Miller; Helper — Greta Shumaker

CMCL Calendar

April

28 — Mentor/Mentee Banquet

May

3 — Parrot Gallery Spring Art Walk
5 — Spring Congregational Meeting
12 — Mother's Day
12 — 8th Grade Bible Presentation
19 — C&Y Christian Ed Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
19 — Last day of Christian Ed (except Senior Youth)

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
Grace Byler
Amelia Rauser, Michael, Henry & Agatha Clapper (in Kerala, India)
Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt
Aggie Perilli and Michael Evans
Elle, Ryan, Silas & Juniper Trainor

Church Report

April 14

Attendance: 205
General Fund: \$7,139
MOOS: \$100

April 21

Attendance: 249
General Fund: \$6,869
MOOS: \$120



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—APRIL 28, 2019

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED, 11 AM—

4/28/19 in the Sanctuary: April 28 Urbane Peachey: "A Century of War in Palestine";

Urbane wrote his Master's Degree Thesis at University of Pittsburgh on the political relationship between the Government of Jordan and the people of Palestine in 1970. He was involved in administration of emergency relief and development work in Jordan, Egypt, West Bank and Lebanon from 1970-1986, resident in Lebanon and Jordan from 1970-75 with Gwen and three school age children. **First of 2 Sundays on Palestine,**

Background: Arab Nationalist uprising against the Ottoman Empire, under British sponsorship during WWI, a 28 year tug of war between Palestine Arabs, Jewish militias and British Mandate authorities, United Nations division of Palestine-1947, the 1948 war—The Nakba=catastrophe; refugees, the burning of MCC's warehouse in Jericho, assassinations, organization of PLO and Palestinian militias, 1967 war—followed by 52 years of Israeli Military governance of West Bank and Gaza. Urbane in the middle of Jordan's civil war; failed peace talks, expanding Israeli settlements, more assassinations, 1973 war, Camp David Accords, The Oslo Accords the final blow to the "peace process," and two Intifadas —"armed uprising." **Next week: Jonathan Kuttub: Present day Israel/Palestine interactions**

4/28/19 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!

4/28/19 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:** Blessings or Privilege, Facilitated by Doug Reesor.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—Save the Date. The next congregational meeting will be held May 5, 2019 at noon immediately after Christian Ed. Childcare will be provided.

Agenda includes:

1. Presentation and approval of the Memorial Garden (See CMCL website: Congregational Resources/Minutes, Special Reports for more information: <https://communitymennonite.org/memorial-garden-proposal/>)
2. Introduce 2020-2025 Goal-setting process
3. Share Information Regarding Emails and Surveys
4. Update on CMCL Finances

CONVERSATIONS ON BEING A WELCOMING CHURCH — ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA) Ministerial Leadership Committee has asked Pastor Susan and other representatives in leadership at CMCL to participate in another conversation about same-sex weddings, since Susan will be officiating several this year, which is considered "at variance" with the official stance of MCUSA. To our understanding, this is not a disciplinary conversation or a credential review. CMCL pastors and leadership are proud to represent CMCL in this way, and Susan is thrilled to officiate these weddings.

PEACE SCHOOL 2019, JUNE 18-20, 6-8PM: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! THEME:

The Peaceable Kingdom: Community Building is Peace Making. Do you have a role to play? Come help our kids learn essential parts of peace-making: friendship, forgiveness and fun! We

need: Storytellers (Bookworms get to read some great books to our children), Peace Skill Teachers (Wise old, or young, Owls can engage kids in practicing peacemaking), Creativity Teachers (Artists and crafty among us can be a part of the children discovering their own artistic talents around the themes of Community Building), & Shepherd Guides to lead children from station to station. If you would like to volunteer to help out, or want more information, please contact Deb Cone Halsey at deb@mysacredpathways.com. Hope to see you there! (Registration forms will be available Easter Sunday).

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN ED CURRICULUM DISCUSSION —You are invited to take part in one of the following conversations with the Children & Youth Committee regarding our revamping of the children's curriculum. Join us on May 2, 7-8PM or May 26th 11-12 (Adult CE is over at this point, but we are suggesting we meet during that CE hour). We welcome your input and also folks who might want to work on a committee with us as we make decisions and set our curriculum for the coming year. If you have questions or want to RSVP, contact Malinda at Malinda@communitymennonite.org.

SAVE THE DATE: TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST May 19 in the Gathering Place! Greetings all of you who have volunteered with the children and youth during this academic year. Please save the date for our appreciation breakfast. Invites will go out after Easter- but we want to be sure you hold the date now so we see most of you there. Thanks so much. From the children and youth of CMCL.

UPDATE FROM PAX JC —Thanks CMCL-ers for sharing your shoes! We donated 170 pairs of shoes this year! Good work! This summer we can share produce from our gardens. Coolers will be at the church and food will be delivered to Council of Churches Food Hub on Mondays. Anyone interested in helping with this project, please let PAX JC members know. April 28 is the last Sunday to propose church projects for our SEND Grant. Email or give to Marty Kelley.

UPDATE FROM/REQUEST FOR THE BONGONGO FAMILY — Everyone is doing well. The family hopes to find a house they can afford to buy. Remy continues at Kreider Farms, Miguel ends his 1st year at E-town, Moise recently worked in laundry services at Hershey Medical, Remy Jr joined cross country team at PM, Chantal keeps meals cooking and continues to work on English. They are down to one vehicle, which makes it difficult for two of the family members to work. They've had an offer to buy a mini-van at a reduced price of \$2000. This would be an enormous help to them. If you are able to make a contribution towards the van it would be greatly appreciated. Contributions can be put in the church offering with "refugee fund" written on the memo line of a check. They need to move on this quickly, so if you know you are able to contribute, please let Rhea Miller know ASAP (rheamiller@gmail.com). Thank you!

YAEF ADDRESS UPDATES —The Young Adult Endowment Fund (YAEF) committee is preparing to send the spring checks. Checks will be mailed mid May. Checks for those in college will probably be sent to the home address. If you anticipate a different address or a change of address for the spring check, please send that updated info to Sallie at sallie@communitymennonite.org.

WELCOME JUNIPER! We join Elle, Ryan and Silas Trainor in welcoming CMCL's newest member, their newborn daughter, Juniper, who was born on Saturday, April 13. If you'd like to take them a meal, head to takethemameal.com, last name: trainor, password: juniper

CHRIS LONGENECKER'S FATHER (Rick Shoup's father-in-law), Daniel Longenecker is now under hospice care. He lives at Landis Homes where his wife, Catherine, also lives. Please keep the family in your prayers as they share this journey with Daniel over the coming weeks.

FROM MARAH BRUBAKER —Hi CMCL friends! I am Drew and Pam Brubaker's daughter; Some of you might remember me from my visits to the church! I'm currently a senior at Amherst College. This spring (for a research project), I'm looking for a couple of self-identified women (any age!) who would complete a phone interview with me (estimated 60 minutes) over the next week or two. I'm interested in exploring the intersections of religion, gender, and activism, and would love to hear about your own experiences at CMCL and your personal beliefs on these issues! To chat or for more info, please reach out to me at mbrubaker19@amherst.edu or text me at 717-917-7909. Thanks for your help, and I look forward to hearing from you!

GATHERING AT JUDITH & DAN LAUBACH'S— May 6 from 6-9pm. (Will continue every even-numbered Monday.) Dinner and fellowship- bring something to share or just come as you are. Please bring your own plate, bowl, cup, and silverware. Any age is welcome! 423 Locust St Columbia, PA 17512. Text Judith @ 717-460-6757 if you plan to come!

FROM DAN & JUDITH LAUBACH — Our current apartment lease runs out in October 2019. We've been looking into a tiny home to decrease our carbon footprint and help us live debt free. There are certain restrictions on tiny houses in this area and we were told a good bet was to place it in the backyard of friend/family member. If someone has land or a place to put a tiny home and would be open to talking about sharing that space, please let us know! Ideally, we would be less than 8 miles from CMCL so that we can bike to work and church most days. The tiny home would be about 18'x24' and would need access to water. We would pay you rent for property. If you'd like to discuss with us further please call or text Dan: 267-708-3127

Community/General Mennonite

PLAIN MEETINGHOUSES LEARNING TOUR — Few outsiders have seen the startling utilitarian beauty of Plain meetinghouses, which you can experience in a Saturday, May 18 learning tour. This 8 am-4pm experience features meetinghouses belonging to Weaverland, Groffdale, and Lancaster Conference Mennonites and stories of their communities. The tour is co-led by *Plain Meetinghouses* book author **Beth Oberholtzer** and Weaverland Old Order Mennonite Conference member and historian Lloyd Weiler. Cost: \$80 members, \$95 nonmembers. Lunch included.

LET'S EAT! Please join us for an Ethiopian meal hosted by The Shalom Project, in partnership with Grape Leaf Cafe and The Mix at Arbor Place. This event brings together Lancaster residents from a variety of backgrounds to build relationships and celebrate community. Sponsor a table for \$200 for six people of your choosing, (which financially supports The Shalom Project!), or you can purchase individual tickets for \$25. Children are welcome! Saturday, May 18, 5:00pm, at The Mix at Arbor Place, 520 North Street, Lancaster. For info or to sponsor a table/purchase tickets, contact Nathan Grieser at nathan@shalomlanaster.org or 267-222-0730.

ADOPT A BLOCK — It is that time of the year! Spring has sprung and the City of Lancaster's Bureau of Solid Waste & Recycling is getting really excited about all of the great volunteers that will be hitting the streets to spruce up their neighborhoods. If you are interested participating in the "Adopt-A-Block" and learning about the recycling center located at 850 New Holland Avenue visit the websites below. <http://www.cityoflanasterpa.com/resident/adopt-block> <https://www.facebook.com/cityoflanastersolidwasteandrecycling/>

THE MENNONITE, INC., INVITES YOUR ORIGINAL SUBMISSIONS for our June 2019 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Congregational peace witness. Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than May 3. A full description of the theme and guidelines can be found at <https://themennonite.org/june-2019-call-submissions/>