

Next Sunday, September 29, Church Retreat

There will be no worship at CMCL next Sunday, September 29.

Please join us at Camp Hebron at 10am for Worship.



EVENT CALENDAR

September

22—Peace Sunday
27-29—Church Retreat at Camp Hebron

October

4— First Friday Parrot Gallery Reception
6— Communion & Potluck
8— 70+ Gathering, Parrot Gallery, 1:30pm
13— Youth Potluck Brunch
25— Youth Group Night

REOCCURING

1st Sunday of the Month — Church Potluck
2nd Sunday— Youth Potluck Brunch during Ch. Ed
1st Friday— First Friday Art Show
4th Friday— Youth Group Night
2nd Tuesday — Ages 70+ Gathering, 1:30pm, Parrot Gallery

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 Susan Gascho-Cooke, susan@communitymennonite.org.

Anne Sensenig and Daniel Erdman

Luke Bomberger

Grace Byler

Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt

Louise Ranck

Mark & Deb Cone Halsey

Becci Leatherman

Roger McLane (Chris, Meghan, Keeghan and

Lachlan McLane)

Church Report

September 8

Attendance: 70 (1st), 131 (2nd)
General Fund: \$7,653

September 15

Attendance: 75 (1st), 109 (2nd)

Weekly offerings need to average \$9,331 to meet 2019-2020 budget.



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS – SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED SEPT 22— "SPEED DATING" OUR CORE VALUES -

All are invited to a fast-paced interactive look at CMCL's core values. We'll move around the sanctuary reflecting graffiti-style on each of the ten. Which core values are alive and thriving at CMCL? Are there some you think aren't getting the time and attention they deserve? Which core values are a challenge for us right now? What ideas do you have about how CMCL might more fully demonstrate these values here in Lancaster and beyond?

WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER

29: There will be NO worship services at 328 W. Orange Street next Sunday, as we will be gathered for our fall retreat at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. Worship at Camp Hebron will be at 10:00 a.m.

CHURCH RETREAT TRANSPORTATION—

If you need a ride to church retreat Sept 27-29 or if you'd be willing to give others a lift, please email the office with your name, whether you need a ride or will give one, and where you'll be leaving from.

PASTOR AMANDA STOLTZFUS is on vacation this week with her family. She will be back mid-week and present at CMCL's Fall Retreat.

STAFFING ADJUSTMENT— In response to the expected 2019-2020 budget deficit Leslie offered to work 11 months in this budget year and adjust her salary accordingly. Staff Relations Committee approved this arrangement and would like to thank Leslie for this gracious offer. Leslie

will be taking an additional month off, most likely during the summer months in 2020.

UPDATES FROM PAX JC

It's Fall Coat Drive season! Any new or slightly used clean coats are welcome in the bin marked for coats near the mailboxes. These coats are shared with the elementary school children at Fulton School.

End of summer produce collection.

Sunday, September 29 will be the last Sunday for collecting summer produce this year. Folks are always welcome to drop off summer produce at the Food Hub, 812 N. Queen Street, M-F, 9:30-3:30.

The canned and dry food drive continues all year long. The basket for these items will be moved to the front of the sanctuary and people are welcome to bring items to the basket during the offering time.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS BEGIN ON OCTOBER 6 —

We will begin our peer group Adult Christian Education groups. Adults will gather in five different groups for deeper sharing about life and faith together.

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED—In response to feedback from leadership in consultation with congregational input, the CMCL Adult Christian Ed time on Sunday morning will be undergoing a change in direction and format beginning October 6. Committee members Doug Reesor and Sherry Groff (and Susan Gascho-Cooke, a standing member) are looking for one or two more people to help guide this change. Please contact the leadership selection committee to ask about helping with Adult Christian Ed: Fern

Clemmer fern70g@comcast.net ; Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar carmalena@hotmail.com ; Sarah Fritz sarahe123@gmail.com; Leslie Homer Cattell
leslie@communitymennonite.org or Kevin Hurst kevlhurst@comcast.net.

SENSITIVITY TO SHARED SPACE—

(Especially for key FOB holders)

It is a delight to share our space with so many other groups. There is a problem, though, of interrupting folks who are meeting in the Parrot Gallery while we are entering the church. As we are looking at other possibilities, please be aware when you enter the church building with your key fob, that if a meeting is in progress, you can always go through the Sanctuary to get to your meeting and bypass the Gallery for the sake of the group there. Also if you are expecting others to join you, try to wait at the Courtyard entrance with open door for your peers, so they also can avoid interrupting the meeting in progress. Thanks for considering.

LENDING LIBRARY—Books! Books! Books! Got any extras around the house? Collect them and bring them in to Malinda to put in the Lending Library outside the Christian Ed entrance. The community is reading—and looking for more books to read—so let's keep sharing as we can.

FAMILIAR FACES— We are happy to welcome Chad Martin, Jess King and their daughters Esmé and Eleni Martin back to visit CMCL this fall. Chad was on the

pastoral staff of CMCL for nine years, ending in September 2016. Our conference's recommendation is to let at least one year pass before a pastor considers regularly attending a church they have served, and at this point almost three years have passed. In conversation with Chad and Jess, their family would like to revisit attending CMCL, and we all think this would be a great time for them to come back. So, let's give them a warm welcome this fall, and also give them plenty of space to explore this community in which they have different roles than before. Chad is Director of the National Fund for Sacred Places at Partners for Sacred Places, in Philadelphia, while Jess is the Chief of Staff for the City of Lancaster. Esmé and Eleni are in 9th and 5th grades, respectively.

FROM BETH GRAYBILL & STOCK

WEINSTOCK— Stock got his lymph node biopsy results which were negative for cancer. We are grateful for the prayers and support from the congregation.

URBANE PEACHEY'S MEMOIR— *More Than One Thing Is True*, Urbane's memoir, was published in 2016. There are two copies in the library. The book can be purchased at a discount from Urbane, or from Masthof Press, Morgantown, lori@masthof.com. There are three parts to the Memoir: working experience in Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt, Commonality Between Islam and Christianity and introspection over work as a pastor and counselor. This, in response to recent inquiries about the book.

Fondersmith Hall, 31 S. Duke St., Lancaster, PA, Sponsored by Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness

ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE'S YOUNG CENTER for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies presents "Giving the Dunkers Their Due: The Other Side of the Antietam Story," by Alann Schmidt on Tues., Sept. 24, 7:30 p.m., in the Bucher Meetinghouse. Schmidt, coauthor of *September Mourn: The Dunker Church of Antietam Battlefield*, reflects on his experiences researching and presenting the story of the German Baptist Brethren and their meetinghouse at Sharpsburg, Maryland. Schmidt spent fifteen years as a park ranger at Antietam National Battlefield. For more information, call 717-361-1470 or visit www.etown.edu/youngctr/events.

PEACE WITNESS— Saturday, September 29, 12-2 p.m., Horsham (PA) Air Guard Station. In our "locked and loaded" milieu, you are invited to participate in a public demonstration/ "witness in a time of endless war" against the militarized drone base there. Lancaster County participants can carpool from Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 717-271-8180.

JOIN THE SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION OF LANCASTER in their annual Navratri Garba on Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5 at the Conestoga Valley High School. Garba is a Gujarati folk dance celebrated in Navratri, a celebration lasting nine nights. Purchase tickets at <https://saal.us/a/product-category/event-ticket/> Only \$8 for an evening of fun dancing and community (\$15 for two nights of dance).. and don't worry, you'll learn the dances quickly... and if you prefer not to dance, you'll enjoy an amazing evening of community and dance. **Yousaf Chaman and Jenni Leister** are both on the board at the South Asian Association of Lancaster.

FREE FILM: HARVEST OF EMPIRE— All are welcome! Friday, September 27, at 7pm at St. John's Episcopal Church's Parish Hall (321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster, PA. 17603). *Harvest of Empire* is a gripping 2012 documentary revealing the political and social roots that have driven millions to migrate from Latin America to the US. Sponsored by: Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness (LIPW)

JEFF RAUGHT AT AKRON MENNONITE— In celebration of their 60th anniversary, Akron Mennonite Church will host Jeff Raught on October 6, 2019 at 6:30 pm in their sanctuary. Jeff will perform "The Honey Comb: Musings of a Life in Song & Story." It is an honest look at a life filled with humor and tears, sometimes all at once—something we can all relate to. Jeff never considers himself just a piano player or musician. He is sort of ca-boodled mystic, wrapped around a piano in pursuit of telling a story in the best way possible. All are invited to this special event.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Community-Focused Architecture: Mennonite Central Committee's Welcoming Place was uniquely designed for community. Has it delivered on its promise? Explore the space and engage with a panel reflecting on its first 18 years at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, September 24th at 21 South 12th Street, Akron.

Maize and Snitz Fest: Celebrate the heritages of local Native American and Pennsylvania German cultures during this festival of food, crafts, and life at Herr House on Saturday, October 5th from 10 am to 3 pm. Multiple demonstrators and artisans will be on hand. Purchase tickets at hansherr.org or by phone at (717) 464-4438.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECONOMIC JUSTICE— Engaging the Faith Community, speakers Jess King and Ismail Smith-Wade-El. Sunday, October 27, 3:00 P.M., 2019 Trinity Lutheran Church,