



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 3, 2019

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
- Roger McLane (Chris, Meghan, Keeghan and Lachlan McLane)
- Dale Walton and Rachel Kraybill Stahl
- Beth Crosby

Next Sunday, November 10

- Worship Leader**— Beth Graybill
- Sermon**— This I Believe
- Song Leader**— Marty Kelley
- Prelude/Offertory**— Lynne Brubaker; Daniel Erdman; Anne, Don, Doris, Jean Sensenig; Daryl Snider
- Sound Technician**— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good
- Greeter**— Mary Lou Weaver Houser (1st), Eric Hoover (2nd)
- Ushers**— Phil Kreider, Beth Crosy (1st), Dave Lutz, Laurel Martin(2nd)
- Child Care**— Rhea Miller, Denise Cope

EVENT CALENDAR

November

- 3—All Saints Sunday
- 3—Memorial Garden Dedication
- 3—Church Potluck
- 10—Congregational Meeting
- 10—Sr Youth 2nd Sunday Brunch
- 12—Ages 70+ Gathering

REOCCURRING

- 1st Sunday — Church Potluck
- 1st Friday— First Friday Art Show
- 2nd Sunday—Sr. Youth Potluck Brunch
- 2nd Monday—Menno Men Gathering
- 2nd Tuesday — 70+ Gathering, 1:30pm
- 4th Friday— Sr Youth Gathering

UPCOMING

- Listening Sessions— December 8, March 8, June 7

Church Report

October 20

Attendance: 58 (1st), 85 (2nd)
General Fund: \$6,616
MOOS: \$150

October 27

Attendance: 66 (1st), 89 (2nd)
General Fund: \$7,130
MOOS: \$25

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

THIS MORNING AT CMCL:

MONTHLY POTLUCK—Join us today for our monthly congregational potluck in the parrot gallery after the second service. Because we will have guests for the Memorial Garden Dedication, please bring consider bringing extra servings so our guests will have plenty to eat. Also, please wear name tags if you have them, bring your plates and utensils to avoid generating plastic trash, and consider helping with clean up!

ALL SAINTS & MEMORIAL

CANDLELIGHTING— This morning's worship service will center around naming, remembering and lighting candles for the persons who are dearly departed in each of our lives. We will also hear special tributes for the 21 CMCLers who have died over the years as part of the celebration of CMCL's new memorial garden.

MONTHLY COMMUNION— Due to concerns about the length of today's services, we will celebrate communion on Sunday November 10.

MEMORIAL GARDEN DEDICATION— Sunday, November 3, following potluck.

MANY THANKS TO THE MEMORIAL GARDEN COMMITTEE, who put in many hours coordinating this meaningful project. Many thanks to Linda Berger, Leslie Homer-Cattell, Mary Lou Weaver Houser, Jay Martin and Doug Reesor.

MEMORIAL HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE— We are looking for volunteers to help CMCL coordinate and provide refreshments following memorial services for CMCLers. If this is a ministry you would enjoy helping us provide, please contact pastors Susan or Leslie.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 10th— A congregational meeting is planned for November 10th to consider two important and exciting agenda items being recommended by Council for approval.

1. Acceptance of a \$20,000 gift being offered to go towards CMCL facilities-related expenses. (A designated account will be established for the management of these funds.) NOTE: CMCL Gift Policy states that accepting a gift in excess of \$3,000 must be approved by the congregation. See Gift Policy at <https://tinyurl.com/cmclgiftpolicy> or on the CMCL website under Congregational Resources > Policies, Forms, Guidelines, Budget > Gift Policy.

2. Approval of the Grant Street ad hoc committee's proposal regarding what to do with the CMCL-owned building located at the southeast corner of our parking lot. Proposal details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/grantst> or on the CMCL website under Congregational Resources > Minutes, Special Reports, Documents of Interest > Congregational Meetings. Please plan to attend this meeting to be held in the sanctuary immediately after the second service. Childcare will be available.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS— All are invited to join an age

group during the Adult Christian Ed time from 10:00 – 10:50. The age ranges are suggestions:

- Room 203: Post High - 30
- Room 202: Age 31-40
- Balcony: Age 41-55
- Sanctuary: Age 56-69
- Conference Room: Ages 70 +

CMCL CHRISTMAS CHOIR—Choir rehearsal will begin today! Christmas choir performance will be December 22. Everyone interested in singing, please email martykelley4plus@gmail.com.

THE NEXT 70+ GATHERING: HIDDEN FIGURES — We'll gather together again on Tuesday, November 12, at 1:30 p.m. in The Parrot Gallery. If you'd like, come ready to share about a person who is no longer living but who is a saint in your life. Marichelle Roque-Lutz will then share two short stories (2-3 minutes each) from her life. As always, feel free to bring books to swap, as well.

WING, a group of several congregations working with the immigration crisis is collecting signatures for an ad we hope to run in the LNP. The cost for the ad is just under \$2,000, so in addition to signatures (collected in the Parrot Gallery each Sunday) donations are most welcome. Anyone wanting tax credit may give to CMCL with "immigration crisis" in the memo line. CMCLers active with WING who welcome questions: Malinda Clatterbuck, Joan Kane and Marty Kelley.

MENNONITE WOMEN—Meet for stargazing at the Muddy Run Observatory, 172 Bethesda Church Road West, Holtwood on Monday, Nov. 11 from 6-8 pm (note time

change). Hopefully, we'll see the full moon in all its magical glory in this dark part of the county! Rain date TBD (NOT 11/13 as previously announced) Zita Angelo email: zita.angelo712@gmail.com call or text: 717-951-5152

WE ARE ENCOURAGED TO THANK Dick's Sporting Goods for not only ceasing sales of semi-automatic weapons used in Parkland School killings but destroying them so no one can sell them. Dick's lost millions of dollars in this decision. Thank the local management at Dick's in Belmont Shoppes or write to headquarters at Dick's Sporting Goods HQ, 345 Court St, Coraopolis, PA 15108. Walmart also made the decision to cease sales of this weapon. They can be thanked at the local store on Fruitville Pike or writing to headquarters at Walmart Headquarters, 702 S.W. 8th St. Bentonville, AK 72716.

DALE WALTON would like to thank all the people who sent cards, visited and brought meals since her horse related injury September 25. She says "I am getting better daily and hope to be back to work within the next few weeks. I have felt cherished and loved by this community and feel more connected due to the opportunities to visit with many members. Thank you for living out "you are known and loved".

FROM BETH CROSBY— This Wednesday Beth Crosby will be having back surgery. She would appreciate prayers from the congregation. She's hoping to go to rehab for a while and will be in touch regarding meals.

This I believe

CMCL invites you to write and share a 500-600 word "statement of your personal beliefs, of the values which rule your thought and action". Inspired by the NPR series from the 1950s, and again in the mid 2000s, the idea is "to tell not only what you believe, but how you reached your beliefs, and if they have grown, what made them grow."

Our "sermon" each Sunday in November will be hearing a number of CMCLers share their "This I Believe" statements.

So, we invite YOU! to write and share a "This I Believe" statement. Invite a friend, or your family or small group to write one too. **Please let Susan or Leslie (susan@communitymennonite.org or leslie@communitymennonite.org) know by today if you would like to participate. She will be collecting statements and scheduling sharing in the November 10, 17 and 24 worship services.**

If you'd like to read or listen to some of the statements shared with NPR over the years, head to www.npr.org/thisibelieve/about.html

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COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FILM SCREENING AND CONVERSATION ABOUT SECULARISM – We've all heard about the rise of the "Nones," those who claim no religious affiliation. Current research suggests almost 25% of all Americans—and 35% of Millennials—identify as Nones. Forest Hills is hosting a screening of the documentary film "Leaving My Father's Faith," which chronicles the de-conversion of Bart Campolo and his relationship with his famous Evangelical father, Tony. Sunday, Nov. 3 at 7pm. Free registration at <http://foresthillschurch.org/faith>. Light refreshments will be served.

WELCOMING DIALOGUE PRESENTS "Beyond the Binary: What Everyone Should Know About Being Trans", Saturday, Nov 9

at 4 pm at CMCL. Joanne Carroll will be speaking. She is Executive Director of Trans Advocacy PA. See brochure in Fellowship Hall for additional information.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—**Paint a Mini Blanket Chest**—Jim King will teach PA German folk art painting using traditional motifs. Acrylic paints are applied to a poplar softwood replica of an early bun footed blanket chest. No experience necessary. Saturday, November 9th from 9 am to 12 pm at the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, 2215 Millstream Rd, Lancaster. Cost is \$100 non-members, \$85 members. Register at lmhs.org or call (717) 393-9745.