

**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](mailto:susan@communitymennonite.org).*

Bridget Crouse  
Jim & Lin Bowman  
Beth Crosby  
Mark & Deb Cone Halsey  
Anne Sensenig and Daniel Erdman  
Luke Bomberger  
Grace Byler  
Ron, Emily, Ellis & Annie Vogt  
Louise Ranck  
Roger McLane (Chris, Meghan, Keeghan and Lachlan McLane)  
Dale Walton and Rachel Kraybill Stahl

**Church Report**

**November 10**  
Attendance: 72 (1st), 109 (2nd)  
General Fund: \$5,800

**November 17**  
Attendance: 80 (1st), 119 (2nd)

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



**Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 24, 2019

**THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS—**

The CMCL Office will be closed on November 28 for Thanksgiving. The office will reopen on Friday the 29th.

**ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PEER GROUPS**

are now structured with the hope to enhance interactions with peers for connecting and exploring our spiritual journeys through this life! You're invited to join an age group during the Adult Christian Ed time from 10:00 – 10:50:

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

**CMCL SMALL GROUPS**—CMCL is trying something new with small groups: Small Groups 2020 will be monthly gatherings of CMCLers on topics of mutual interest for fellowship, spiritual development, and support. We encourage everyone to consider joining one of the small groups listed below. No long-term commitment! It's only for this year; groups will reshuffle next August. The leaders will convene and help schedule, but the substance and goals of each discussion will be determined by the group. Look for the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board, and check your email for the email survey! Contact Amelia Rauser at [arauser@fandm.edu](mailto:arauser@fandm.edu) with questions. **New Small Group FAQ:** If you are in a longstanding small group at CMCL, you do not need to disband your group. And yes, folks can sign up for more than one of the new small groups.

**TOPICS:**

- Losses & Transitions (Carolyn Weaver)

- International Relations: Discussion of US Behaviors Abroad (Urbane Peachey)
- Enneagram Conversation (Ellen Kanagy)
- Walking and Wellness (Carol Spicher)
- Environment Care (Dan & Judith Laubach)
- Anti-Racism (John-Michael Cotignola Piickens)
- Parenting Joys and Dilemmas (Amelia Rauser & Michael Clapper)
- WWW: Window-Washing and Wine (Brenda Sauder)
- Launching Young Adults (Lori & Lynn Bergey)

**AUDIO OF FULL CMCL WORSHIP**

**SERVICES** is now available on the CMCL website, under Congregational Resources > Full Service Audio. If you ever miss a service, don't worry about getting a CD made, simply go to the website to listen! Services will typically be posted by Tuesday. Password is parrot.

**MINUTES FROM THE NOV 10 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** are available at <https://tinyurl.com/nov10minutes>, and the document includes excerpts of relevant Lancaster City housing discrimination laws.

**THANK YOU TO OUTGOING AND INCOMING LEADERS**— A big thank you to all those who served in a leadership position in the 2018-2019 year, and those who are serving in the 2019-2020 year! Read our thank you to you, distributed in mailboxes and posted on the bulletin board. From, Larry Groff (Chair of Council), Carmalena Stoltzfus, (outgoing Chair of Leadership Selection Committee), Pastors Leslie,

**Next Sunday, December 1**

**Worship Leader**—Christy Kauffman

**Sermon**— Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Song Leader**—Marty Kelley

**Prelude/Offertory**—Ryan Kauffman & Roger Lentz

**Sound Technician**— Daryl Snider/Drew Brubaker

**Greeter**—Carol Spicher (1st), Steve Walter (2nd)

**Ushers**— Ken Nissley, Linford Good (1st), Laurel Martin, Larry Groff (2nd)

**Child Care**—Dan Schlegel, Mary Lou Weaver Houser

**Helper**—Anika Hurst

**EVENT CALENDAR**

**December**

- 1—First Sunday of Advent
- 6—First Friday in the Parrot Gallery
- 7—Senior Youth Wreath Making
- 15—All-Youth Christmas Jamboree

**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

Susan, Malinda & Amanda and Office Coordinator Sallie.

### **NEW FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN—**

Greetings to all of you who have been bringing your children to our Christian Education hour. We love having new (and old) children joining us in the classroom. There are registration forms we ask all parents/guardians to fill out, so we have contact info and details (allergies and the like) for all of our children as a part of our Safe Church Policy. If you have not filled out the CE Registration form, you can find some blank ones outside Malinda Clatterbuck's office. Please return them to Malinda- and contact her if you have any questions. Thanks!

**YOGA FOR THE HOLIDAYS** — Free yoga classes at CMCL with Sarah Fritz are back! This time we'll be focusing on light movement and relaxation to ease stress and tension during this time of year. One hour classes will be offered on Sundays at 6pm in the sanctuary on the following dates: 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 and 12/29. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, especially if you didn't make it out last time! Bring a yoga mat if you have one.

**CMCL CHRISTMAS CHOIR**—Choir rehearsal happening now until Christmas during Adult Ch Ed in Rm 205. Christmas choir performance will be December 22. Everyone interested in singing, please email [martykelley4plus@gmail.com](mailto:martykelley4plus@gmail.com).

**SENIOR YOUTH WREATHS** are on the horizon! Once again you are invited to purchase a beautiful, hand-decorated wreath, uniquely designed for you to enjoy throughout the holidays. Get a head start on the season and reserve your wreaths now. Each 22-inch Douglas Fir wreath costs \$30 and may be picked up at the church on

Saturday December 7 between 1-3pm or on Sunday December 8. We will be making extras if you fail to sign up ahead of time. Thank you for supporting the Senior Youth! <https://tinyurl.com/seniorwreaths> Don't need a wreath but still want to support the youth? Consider making a contribution to our soup/bread lunch on wreath-making day. Contact Amanda Stoltzfus for more details, [amanda@communitymennonite.org](mailto:amanda@communitymennonite.org)

**PASTOR ANN SHOWALTER**—Many of us have fond memories of Ann Showalter who served CMCL as interim pastor during a very difficult time in our congregation's history. Ann died on Wednesday, November 6 following a short illness. She had most recently been living at Presbyterian Manor in Newton, KS and was an active member of New Creation Mennonite Fellowship Church. Her memorial service was held Tuesday, November 12. You can find an obituary for Ann at this link:<https://tinyurl.com/annshowalter>

**FROM MILTON & LOIS LEHMAN**— Our new address and phone number are as follows. 2203 Wheat Ridge Dr, Ephrata PA 17522; 717-355-9280. We also have a heavy-duty freezer for sale for \$75; 35" length, 23" wide, 33.5"high. For more info contact Lois.

## COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **THANKGIVING VIGIL AT DRONE CENTER**

During this season, you are invited to join others opposing the militarized drone command center at the Horsham PA Air Guard Station—part of the expanding international network of drone warfare operations. For more info about this monthly “witness amid endless war,” see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dURozg\\_nhDY&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dURozg_nhDY&feature=youtu.be) Lancaster County participants will leave Akron Mennonite Church's parking lot Sat. 11-30-19, at 10 a.m., and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at [penner@dejazzd.com](mailto:penner@dejazzd.com) or 717-271-8180 to carpool.

### **A WALKING ROOTS BAND CHRISTMAS**

**MCC BENEFIT**— On December 7 at 7:00pm at Stumptown Mennonite Church (2183 Stumptown Rd, Bird in Hand), the Walking Roots Band will hold a benefit concert for MCC. Admission is free, and a free-will offering will be taken to support MCC. More info at [singinglight.org](http://singinglight.org)

### **MCCL CHRISTMAS CONCERT SERIES—**

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster (MCCL) invites you to ring in Christmas with them and guest artist Sherrie Strange-Pratt, NYC soprano: Thursday, December 5 at 7 p.m at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Lancaster; Saturday, December 7 at 4 p.m. at Forest Hills Mennonite Church, Leola; Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m. Highland Presbyterian Church, Lancaster. Tickets are not required. A freewill offering will be received.