

## Next Sunday, December 8

**Worship Leader**—Leslie Homer-Cattell

**Sermon**— Jonathan Sauder

**Song Leader**—Ron Umble

**Prelude/Offertory**—Dean Clemmer & Larry Penner

**Sound Technician**— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good

**Greeter**—Mary Lou Weaver Houser (1st), Rebecca Boyer (2nd)

**Ushers**— Jim Spicher, John Kanagy (1st), Esther Becker, Christy Heatwole Kauffman (2nd)

**Child Care**—Omer Brubaker, Christy Heatwole Kauffman

**Helper**—Hannah Clatterbuck

## 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
- 20— Winter Solstice Service, 7pm
- 22— Children's Christmas Program (2nd service)
- 24— Christmas Eve Service

### 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

## 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).*

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)  
General Fund: \$15,630  
MOOS: \$50

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



# Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 1, 2019

## 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 +

**PASTORS TIME OFF**— Leslie Homer-Cattell will be on vacation Wednesday, November 27 - Wednesday, December 4. Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke will not be in the office tomorrow Monday, December 2, but WILL be available for pastoral care concerns all day Monday. She will be in the office on Wednesday (her normal day off) as well.

**MONTHLY POTLUCK** —Join the congregation this Sunday Dec. 1 to enjoy time together during our monthly congregational potluck in the parrot gallery after the second service. Please wear name tags if you have them, bring your plates and utensils to avoid generating plastic trash, and consider helping with clean up!

## DECEMBER FIRST FRIDAY IN THE PARROT

**GALLERY**—Psychiatrist, bird-watcher, photographer Herb Myers presents West Virginia In All Seasons, a colorful collection of photos for his second reception in the Parrot Gallery on First Friday, December 6, 2019, from 5-8 p.m. He and Sarah will be present again for West Virginia stories!

**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)

**DECEMBER 8 CHRISTIAN ED OFFERING** If your experience of loss colors the holidays, please join us during the Christian Ed. hour for a time of reflection, sharing, ritual and prayer. Facilitated by Melissa Stock, held in Pastor Amanda's office on the first floor of the Christian Ed wing.

**CMCL SMALL GROUPS**—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.

**CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE** is December 15, from 1-4PM! The holidays are so busy and the hustle and bustle is exhausting. Why not take a Sunday afternoon off? Drop your kids off at the church and have a few hours to yourself (ves). We will play with your kids, make Christmas ornaments, bake cookies, and sing carols and watch Holiday favorites. It is a fun time for all. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Malinda. Hope to see your children for an afternoon of holiday fun!

**OFFERING**— The basket for Food Hub and MOOS will be the back of the sanctuary. During the offering this will be brought up front as these gifts are also apart of our offering. One way to help MOOS is to bring dry cereal, food snacks in individual bags, apples, clementines, granola bars. Food Hub welcomes canned goods, macaroni, rice, cereal, etc.

**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).

**MENNONITE WOMEN**—Friday, December 13 annual book sharing! 7-9pm at Zita Angelo's house at 712 E. Market Street in Marietta. Bring a snack to share, and tell us about a book you've read and loved. zita.angelo712@gmail.com ,call or text: (717) 951-5152

**RUB-A-DUB-DUB** it's time for a scrub and other fall maintenance tasks inside and outside of the CMCL facilities. Please help our facilities committee on Saturday, 14 Dec., 8:30 to noon. Come when you can and leave when you must. Coffee and donuts will be available to boost our energy and spirits.

**THE NEXT 70+ GATHERING: MEMORABLE GIFTS** — We'll gather together again on Tuesday, December 10, at 1:30 p.m. in The Parrot Gallery. If you'd like, come ready to share about the best or most surprising gift you've ever received. Milt Lehman will then share two short stories (2-3 minutes each) from her life. As always, feel free to bring books to swap, as well.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS**— MOOS will be holding its annual bake sale on Tuesday, December 19th following Fulton Elementary School's winter concert at 6:30 pm. We are in need of individually packaged baked goods to be dropped off at the church office by 3pm on the day of the concert. Thanks for your baked good donations!

**FROM ESTHER BECKER**— I have moved and my new contact information is 2404 Wheat Ridge Drive, Ephrata, PA 17522. Phone - 717-354-9566 and 717-606-8394

**FROM BETH CROSBY**— I want to thank everyone who has offered prayers of support for me during my recovery from back surgery and for my parents through their hospitalizations and return to The Highlands of Pittsford at different care levels. Thanks for showering me with

birthday and get well cards, visits at Maple Farm (I returned home on November 22) and your numerous gifts. You are such a generous congregation! I very much appreciate your blessings of love and support and return them to you.

**FROM DEAN CLEMMER, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OPPORTUNITY**— I have begun Spiritual Direction training at Oasis Ministries and am seeking persons with whom I could

## COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE HERITAGE CHORALE OF LANCASTER** with **CMCLers Charmayne Brubaker and Ron Umble** presents O Magnum Mysterium — a concert of beloved carols of the season — 4 pm Sunday 12/1, Mt. Calvary Lutheran, (308 Petersburg Rd., Lititz); 4 pm Sunday 12/8, (Zion Evangelical Lutheran, 85 E. Brandt Blvd.,Landisville) ; 4 pm Sunday 1/5, Holy Spirit Lutheran, (3131 Columbia Ave, Lancaster). Free admission with a goodwill offering.

**ARRO-SPANIC SYNCHRONICITY: THE TALE OF TWO RHYTHMS BENEATH THE DIASPORA**—Friday, December 6, 6pm at the Ware Center. Free, open to the public. This performance by our seminary intern, Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke, features "the enchanted mixture of brown and black rhythms that have traveled through rain, chains, docks on ports, islands, tropics, colonies through painful terrains and lush shores. Come on a journey with Chynaah Doll as she cooks up the salsa sauce of a people that burst through the barriers, through the middle passage onto the shores of Puerto Rico and other delicious diasporic and indigenous cultures.

**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

meet monthly. This is an opportunity to become more in tune with the spiritual undercurrents in your life. I am open to whatever understanding you might have about God and spirituality. Feel free to contact me to discuss whether this might be a meaningful and workable fit for you. Of course, there would be no charge for these sessions. Email me at [dclemmer2@gmail.com](mailto:dclemmer2@gmail.com) or text me at (717) 490-5506.

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.

**CITIZENS' CLIMATE LOBBY: Holiday Pot Luck Lunch**—Feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert. Please bring your own plate, cup, and utensils. On Saturday, Dec. 14 from 12noon - 2pm at St. John's Episcopal Church (321 W. Chestnut St. Lancaster) Topics: - Identifying Drawdown\* solutions specific to Lancaster County. Drawdown, edited by Paul Hawken, identifies fiscally sound solutions to the escalating climate emergency.