

Next Sunday, December 15

Worship Leader—Susan Gascho-Cooke
Sermon— Leslie Homer-Cattell
Song Leader—Beth Graybill
Prelude/Offertory—Daryl Snider
Sound Technician— Ken Kulp/Monte Garber
Greeter—Cal Esh (1st), Rosalina Wilson (2nd)
Ushers— Janet Lind, Phil Kreider (1st), Jack Shope, Sherry Groff (2nd)
Child Care—Omer Brubaker, Christy Heatwole Kauffman
Helper—Hannah Clatterbuck

EVENT CALENDAR

December
8— Holiday Yoga, 6pm
10— 70+ Gathering, 1:30pm
14— Church Cleaning Day, 8:30am to noon
15—All-Youth Christmas Jamboree, 1-4pm
15— Holiday Yoga, 6pm
20— Winter Solstice Service, 7pm
22— Children's Christmas Program (2nd service)
22— Holiday Yoga, 6pm
24— Christmas Eve Service, 7pm
29— One Service, 10am
29— Holiday Yoga, 6pm

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—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.

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)

Church Report

November 24
Attendance: 80 (1st), 122 (2nd)
General Fund: \$6,000

December 1
Attendance: 124
General Fund: \$7,562
MOOS: \$50

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



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 8, 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 +

SPECIAL ADULT CHRISTIAN ED OFFERING TODAY

— 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.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Friday, December 20 — Solstice service, 7pm
Sunday, December 22— Children's Christmas Program (2nd service only)
Tuesday, December 24 — Christmas Eve service, 7pm, followed by hot drinks and cookies (please bring some!)
Sunday, December 29 — One service, Singing Sunday 10am (no Christian Education)

COINS FOR CHRISTMAS—Remember to bring in your coins to share some Christmas joy with the Bongongo family. Only three more weeks to collect change. The collection tub will be available during the children's story time at each service.

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. We will once again be making graham cracker houses and you are invited to contribute to the "decor"! M&M's, non-pareils, mini candy canes, gumdrops and anything small and bright are great options. 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.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS— Calling all artists We invite up to 10 artists to create visuals for our sanctuary for lent. The description of the theme is below. Creating artwork can be a beautiful Lenten practice in and of itself. We welcome 3D

art and poetry. Finished work is to be ready to hang with wire or bracket and sized to hang between the windows in the sanctuary. Please let the environment committee know if you would like to participate. The first 10 to contact us will be what is accepted. Please bring your work to the conference room on February 23rd. Lynn Sommer, Dale Martin, Gwen Eberly, Rod Shumaker.

During Lent we once again choose to step off the highways and byways of our usual routines, onto a more ancient path, a "holloway." A holloway is a sunken road, worn down by the passing of feet over soft ground for hundreds or thousands of years. These roads have passed from modern use because they're too narrow for vehicles, and many are now so grown over by trees and brambles that they're invisible until you stumble into one. But once you find one you are following a way formed by the faithful footfalls of generations. In Lent we push through the overgrowth and choose as our companions scriptures, stories and practices that many seekers and believers before us have chosen as companions in the weeks leading up to Easter.

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

MENNO MEN—The Menno Men "Hangout" is scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month. Our next Hangout is December 9th at 7pm at The Exchange at the top of the new Marriot tower just across the alley from Tellus360 in downtown Lancaster! Enter at the door off of King Street. Food is available for purchase. Come and join in the conversation!

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.

CMCL SMALL GROUPS—Check your email for the sign-up survey or get in touch with Amelia Rauser at 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) (**Full**)
- International Relations: Discussion of US Behaviors Abroad (Urbane Peachey)
- Enneagram Conversation (Ellen Kanagy) (**Full**)
- Walking and Wellness (Carol Spicher)
- Environment Care (Dan & Judith Laubach)
- Anti-Racism (John-Michael Cotignola Pickens)
- Parenting Joys and Dilemmas (Amelia Rauser & Michael Clapper)
- WWW: Window-Washing and Wine (Brenda Sauder)
- Launching Young Adults (Lori & Lynn Bergey)

#BRINGTHEPEACE—A group from Mennonite Church USA traveled to Tucson, Arizona in October to visit and learn from organizations that serve migrants at the United States-Mexico border state. Read reflections from their trip in a series of blogs at: <http://mennoniteusa.org/tag/migrant-learning-tour/>

CALLING ALL BAKERS— MOOS will be holding its annual bake sale on Thursday, 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

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHALOM PROJECT OPEN HOUSE— Want to learn more about The Shalom Project, meet the participants, and eat some good food? Stop by our winter open house this Sunday afternoon December 8 from 3:00 to 5:00pm, at our house at 627 High Street, Lancaster (parking available at the Head Start building, 651 High Street). Get to know the "Shalomies," tour the house, and learn about the ways we are seeking God's wholeness and peace in Lancaster. Feel free to contact Nathan Grieser, director, if you have questions: nathan@shalomlanaster.org / 717-333-3791. We hope to see you there!

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: 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

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 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 or text me at (717) 490-5506.

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.

PARENTING FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND HOLISTIC GROWTH— This FREE LM Parent Seminar and Q&A panel of mental health professionals, educators, pastors, and parents will discuss and wrestle with questions that parents have about how we can cultivate a climate of mental health and holistic growth for our students, specifically related to factors that are contributing to increased anxiety and depression. All seminars are free and open to the public. You are encouraged to bring friends with you, even those that don't attend LM schools! January 7: New Danville Campus, Gym, 7:00 - 8:30 PM; January 9: Locust Grove Campus, Gym, 7:00 - 8:30 PM; January 16: Lancaster Lincoln Hwy Campus, Fine Arts Center, 7:00 - 8:30 PM