

Next Sunday, December 22

Worship Leader—Melissa Stock (1st)
Susan Gascho-Cooke (2nd)

Sermon— Susan Gascho-Cooke (1st)
Children's Christmas Program (2nd)

Song Leader— Marcy Hostetler

Prelude/Offertory— Christmas Choir

Sound Technician—Steve Staybrook/Ismael
Yoder/Salim

Greeter— Beth Crosby (1st), Zita Angelo
(2nd)

Ushers—Luke Good, Marian Good (1st),
Jean Sensenig, Deborah Hall (2nd)

EVENT CALENDAR

December

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

December 1

Attendance: 124

General Fund: \$7,562

MOOS: \$50

December 8

Attendance: 85 (1st) 117 (2nd)

General Fund: \$19,505

MOOS: \$200

Weekly offerings need to average \$9,155
to meet 2019-2020 budget.

2019-2020 Budget: \$485,218

Budget at Nov 30: \$119,016

Income to date at Nov 30: \$101,209.19



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 15, 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 +

ADULT CHR ED RELOCATION: Dec 15 and

Dec 22—Our children and youth will be practicing for the Christmas Program in the sanctuary this coming Sunday and next during the CE hour. We thank our adult CE classes for being willing to relocate for those two times and making space for our little ones. Rather than the balcony, 41-55 please meet in the Junior High classroom (103 - right beside Amanda's office). Ages 55-69 please meet in the 3,4,5 Grade classroom (104). You are all invited for cookies (baked by the kids!), coffee and tea in the Parrot Gallery following the Christmas Program (Dec 22, 2nd service only) to mix and mingle with our youth and their families.

CHRISTMAS JAMBOREE IS TODAY, 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!

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)

COOKIE BAKERS NEEDED—If you are able to bring cookies to share after our Christmas Eve service (12/24 7pm), please RSVP to Jean Sensenig, chair of Hospitality Committee jeansensenig@gmail.com

COUNCIL UPDATE—During the first quarter of our church year (September, October and November) council has meet monthly. Following are some of the highlights.

Grant Street House — The Grant Street House committee presented council with a proposal to renovate this property. On November 10, 2019 the congregation approved the proposal to renovate the second floor as a one bedroom apartment and finished open space on the first floor. The apartment will be rented through a proposed partnership with Chestnut Housing Cooperation. For more detail please see the church website under Minutes and Special Reports.

2020-25 Church Goals — Leslie has been leading council in a process to review on the input provided from the congregation regarding the next five years. Input from the congregation was provided through a Christian Ed session "Speed Dating Your Core Values" and themes from the gifts & growing edges at Fall Retreat. Stay tune for more details regarding these goals

in the next few months. For more information see the Council minutes on the church website. **Financial Report** – At the end of the first budget quarter the church finances are tracking seasonal expectations. Offerings are at 22% and spending is at 23% of the budgeted amounts. Although this is a bit behind, we anticipate catching up at the end of the year. Again for more details please refer to the church website under Budget Reports.

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.

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: 12/15, 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.

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.

#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 ASHLEY & NATHAN MILLER— We are deeply grateful for all of the support we have received since Ansel's arrival. Thank you for the delicious meals, thoughtful cards, and words of encouragement. Babies have a way of ushering new people into our lives, and we are so thankful for the ways Ansel has helped us to connect with many of you. It is heartening to know that we are

not alone in this new journey of parenthood, and it is a gift to be a part of the community here at CMCL.

FROM LEON & SANDY MILLER—This time of the year Leon and Sandy Miller are normally in Florida, but becoming first time grandparents is keeping them north through the holidays. Eleanor Taylor Lehman was born on November 18, to Joel and Stephanie Miller Lehman. They live in Philadelphia. Leon and Sandy are loving their new roles.

SILENT AUCTION FOR MCC- Have you recently downsized and have art, pottery,

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUNDRAISER FOR LANCASTER NEIGHBOR FUND— This is an organization that provides financial support to people in Lancaster County who are vulnerable to deportation. **The Kilbourn-Rast family** will be doing a concert on December 22 from 3 - 5 pm at Modern Art (529 West Chestnut Street) in support of Lancaster Neighbor Fund. Doors open at 2:30. Come on out and enjoy some Old Time/Folk music and support this wonderful organization.

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

beautiful vases or small furniture that needs a new home? Do you have an experience you could offer such as an International meal or house concert? Do you knit, work with wood or paint? Do you have a beach/mountain get-away that you could donate for a weekend? Please contact Renee King (reneekingartist@gmail.com, 804-514-0904) by the end of January if you have an item/event/service to offer for the silent auction. Our congregation has been so generous in the past and helped to raise \$12, 000 last year in the silent auction.

10th ANNUAL GLENN LAPP MEMORIAL VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT— hosted by Lancaster Mennonite High School, January 4 and 11, 2020. **CMCLer Glen Lapp** played volleyball at EMU and coached at LMS in the 90's. He was an example to all he met as he demonstrated love and respect with his quiet, peaceful personality. In 2010, Glen made national headlines when he and nine others were killed while they were providing free medical assistance to a remote area in Afghanistan. This tournament was created to honor Glen's life and passion for volleyball. All proceeds benefit the Glen D Lapp Endowment for Student Aid which is used to provide scholarships for immigrant students. Register at: glenlapvolleyball.weebly.com

CLEAN OUT YOUR QUILT ROOM FOR MCC! Quilters Attic at the PA MCC Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items — the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your quilt or linen closet. For a detailed list of items please see the flyer posted on the bulletin board. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop at 707 W Main in New Holland PA. Please clearly mark items: Quilter's Attic.