



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS — DECEMBER 29, 2019

Next Sunday, January 5,

Worship Leader—John-Michael Cotignola Pickens

Sermon— Lynn Sommer/Ken Sensenig

Song Leader— Beth Graybill

Prelude/Offertory— The Krebs family

Sound Tech— Daryl Snider/Drew Brubaker

Greeter— Carolyn Dries (1st), Kirsten Hoover (2nd)

Ushers— Scott Weaver, Beth Crosby(1st), Zita Angelo, Deb Hall(2nd)

Child Care—Jean Sensenig, Christine Kauffman

Child Care Helper— Anika Hurst

EVENT CALENDAR

December

29— One Service, 10am

29— Holiday Yoga, 6pm

January

3—First Friday in the Parrot Gallery, 5-8pm

5— Christian Ed resumes

5— Church Potluck

10-12— Sr Youth Winter Retreat

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.

Dennis Clemmer

Doug Burkholder

Vanessa, Dulce & Karen Shenk-Zeager

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 8

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

General Fund: \$19,505

MOOS: \$200

December 15

Attendance: 84 (1st) 132 (2nd)

General Fund: \$16,911

MOOS: \$100

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

NO CHRISTIAN ED TODAY. CHRISTIAN ED WILL RESTART SUNDAY, JANUARY 5.

NOTICE—Using a personal cell phone, a CMCLer's small group members are live-streaming Sunday worship to him via FaceTime since he is unable to attend church in person. Please note this is not being recorded. However, if you are not comfortable being shown, or don't want your child to be shown, simply avoid walking in front of the right section of seats.

LAST YOGA FOR THE HOLIDAYS

TONIGHT — We'll be focusing on light movement and relaxation to ease stress and tension during the holidays. The last one hour class will be offered tonight at 6pm in the sanctuary. Bring a yoga mat if you have one!

PASTORAL/CONGREGATIONAL REVIEW: YOUR INPUT NEEDED—

To all CMCL members and attenders, Staff Relations Committee (SRC) will be coordinating a Pastor/Congregation review as part of Pastor Susan Gascho-Cooke's covenant with CMCL.

Purpose and process:

This review is an opportunity to improve the ministry of CMCL and the effectiveness of its members and pastors. SRC has chosen to adapt one of Mennonite Church USA's tools (Pastoral/Congregational Review) as a way to check in together. This tool:

- uses appreciative inquiry
- nurtures a healthy relationship between the pastor and the congregation
- is strengths-based and focuses on what is life-giving
- identifies areas for growth

- is a formative, future-oriented approach that promotes overall growth of the pastor, as well as the congregation as a whole
- Part of this process involves collecting responses from individual congregants. We invite you to share your thoughts at <https://tinyurl.com/pastorcongregationreview> by January 15, 2020. If you are more comfortable responding on paper, paper copies of this response form will be available at the church building, or can be provided to you by the church office upon request. (cmcl@communitymennonite.org)

Thank you,
Janet Lind
Chair, Staff Relations Committee
(SRC also includes: Larry Groff, Bryan Martin, Darrell Yoder, & Leslie Homer-Cattell)

JANUARY WORSHIP: ANABAPTIST MENNONITE HISTORY

JANUARY 5 — Introduction to series by Lynn Sommer, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) reflections by Ken Sensenig

JANUARY 12 — Mennonites in the city, guest preacher: Jason Storbakken, pastor of Manhattan Mennonite Fellowship

JANUARY 19 — Stories of conscientious objectors by Diane Umble

JANUARY 26 — Mennonite Economic Development Agency (MEDA) and Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS), reflections by Vanessa Hofer and Kevin King

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.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

FROM DAN LAUBACH—I'm looking for a couple who may be interested in coming to Vermont the weekend of Jan 31-Feb 2 to run the kitchen at Camp Bethany Birches Winter Weekend. They could come up with the young adults going or drive separately. If they have kids who want to join they could bring them too for the weekend. Text or email me with interest or questions. 802-332-3324; dan.laubach711@gmail.com

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

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

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: glenlappvolleyball.weebly.com

A CONVERSATION: FORGIVING MEDICAL DEBT— On January 15, 2020 from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm join us at the Parish Resource Center for an informational meeting to discuss the possibility of forgiving \$39 million of medical debt in Lancaster County. We will be partnering with RIP Medical Debt, an established, national organization that has been buying and forgiving medical debt since 2014. They have provided us with the numbers for Lancaster County: \$39 million of debt available for purchase for \$39,000. Please bring your questions and concerns as we brainstorm how churches in Lancaster County can significantly impact our neighbors in such a practical way! If you are unable to attend this meeting but interested in the initiative, please contact us. We will share the outcomes of the conversation with everyone interested in seeing this accomplished in Lancaster or interested in copying this work in other locations.

TRAUMA: WHY WE CAN'T JUST GET OVER IT— Hosted January 21, 2020, from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm at the Parish Resource Center. Led by Jim Amstutz and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz. Learn how trauma impacts an individual's, family's, and community's health and well-being. See the ripple effects of long-ago and recent trauma through your own or others' everyday life. Learn about the Adverse Childhood Experiences inventory to better recognize the effects of trauma in yourself and others. And learn how to find and nurture resiliency. \$10 for members (CMCL is a member church).

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.

LANCASTER MENNONITE HISTORICAL SOCIETY—

Winter Workshop: Fraktur - Accomplished fraktur artist, Emily Smucker-Beidler will lead a two-part workshop Friday, January 31 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday, February 1, from 9 am to 1 pm. Workshop participants will create a one-of-a-kind fraktur. Some prior fraktur drawing experience is helpful but not essential. All supplies will be included. Cost: \$115 (Members receive their discount.)