



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS — JANUARY 5, 2020

Next Sunday, January 12,

Worship Leader— Susan Gascho-Cooke

Sermon— Jason Storbakken

Song Leader—

Prelude/Offertory— Chynaah Maryoung-Cooke

Sound Tech— Michael & Aaron Eby-Good

Greeter— Nancy Borremans (1st), Mary Jane Fox (2nd)

Ushers— Bonnie Weaver, John Kanagy (1st), Ryan Kauffman, Laurel Martin (2nd)

Child Care— Lori Bergey, Julie Bushong

Child Care Helper— Emma Adams

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)

EVENT CALENDAR

January

5— Christian Ed resumes

5— Church Potluck

10-12— Sr Youth Winter Retreat

12— Communion (both services)

13— Menno Men Gathering, Tellus360

14— 70+ Gathering, 1pm, Parrot Gallery

22— Menno Women Care Packages, 7pm

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

Church Report

December 22

Attendance: 86 (1st) 185 (2nd)

General Fund: \$12,508

MOOS: \$200

December 29

Attendance: 108 (only 1 service)

General Fund: \$6,560

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

MONTHLY POTLUCK — Join the congregation this morning January 5 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!

COMMUNION — Due to the fullness of this morning's service and guest speaker, we will celebrate communion together in next Sunday's worship services, instead of today.

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 +

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.

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 — Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT): Mennonites & creative problem-solving; Susan Gascho-Cooke preaching (guest speaker Jason Storbakken needed to reschedule)
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

NEW PARROT GALLERY SHOW — “reimagined/repurposed/reclaimed” CMCL-er Mark Halsey, an ‘80 Millersville University ceramics/sculture major, exhibits his first one-person collection on First Friday, January 3, 2020, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Parrot Gallery. With a career in the building trades, Halsey’s exhibition presents spontaneous woodcraft from over the last 18 years. (See CMCL website for more details.)

THE NEXT 70+ GATHERING: STORIES OF SERVICE — We'll gather together again on Tuesday, January 14, at 1:30 p.m. in The Parrot Gallery. Instead of one featured storyteller, we will focus on each person's stories of working or volunteering with church-related agencies or organizations (MCC, VS, MEDA, MDS or others). As always, feel free to bring books to swap, as well.

CALLING ALL MENNONITE WOMEN — On Wednesday, January 22 from 7-9 all interested will gather to pack goodie boxes for the college age members of CMCL. We want to remind them they are known and loved members of this church family. Please bring snacks and office supplies to fill the boxes to be sent to about 23 young adults. There is a box to collect items located in the Parrot Gallery or bring items that evening.

We will have time for fellowship as we pack, write them each a note and have some refreshments ourselves.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS — The Environment Committee invites up to 10 artists to create visuals for our sanctuary for Lent. Please contact the environment committee if you’d like to participate or for more details, including the theme. Lynn Sommer — (lynnjsommer@gmail.com)

PEACE SCHOOL may seem far away, but it's time to get the Committee together! This year the Senior Youth will be providing leadership to Peace School as part of our Summer Service Project but we still need a few interested persons to fill out our committee. If you'd like to be involved in Peace School and have a chance to work with our Senior Youth to boot, please contact either Amanda Stoltzfus or Malinda Clatterbuck for more information. Our first meeting is scheduled for the end of January.

FROM ANNE SENSENIG — Dear church community, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the recent card shower (and gifts) for my birthday! I was surprised when I got a couple of cards before my birthday from CMCLers, wondering how they could have known about it! Then Daniel started intercepting the mail, so I forgot about it, till he presented me a pack of close to 30 cards on my birthday and more keep rolling in - at latest count, almost 50.. Others of you remembered me on FaceBook, and I'm guessing some of you sent me invisible wishes! Many of you have carried me this past year and a half in so many ways. I continue to be blessed by your thoughts, prayers, support and encouragement! You all are amazing. Many people don't get to hear the tributes that people give at their memorial services, but so many of you have

sent kind words my way, and I thank you. I feel humbled and sometimes overwhelmed by the response. Anne Sensenig (and Daniel Erdman)

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

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE ANNOUNCEMENTS

MENNONITE CHILDREN’S CHOIR OF LANCASTER (MCCL) AUDITIONS — MCCL is accepting auditions now for spring semester 2020. Auditions include matching pitch, singing in tune, using head voice, maintaining a melodic line while another line is being sung and singing one prepared piece of music. The choir involves singers in Carol Choir, grades 2-5; Concert Choir, grades 6-8; and Chamber Choir, grades 9-12. The choirs practice weekly on Tuesday evenings through early May in preparation for a spring concert series. Prospective singers should schedule a 15-minute audition time slot with director Sarah Wingard by emailing carolandconcertchoir@lancastermennonite.org.

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!

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

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).

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.)