



# Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS – JANUARY 12, 2020

## 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 Oberholtzer and Jeff Hawkes
- Joanna and Journey Kenon
- Dennis Clemmer
- Doug Burkholder
- 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)

## Next Sunday, January 19,

**Worship Leader**— Susan Gascho-Cooke

**Sermon**— Diane Umble

**Song Leader**— Marty Kelley

**Prelude/Offertory**— Alexandra Solosko & Roger Lentz

**Sound Tech**— Ken Kulp/Monte Garber

**Greeter**— Tina Glanzer (1st), Steve Walter (2nd)

**Ushers**— André Chubb, Carolyn Weaver (1st), Christy Heatwole Kauffman, Larry Groff (2nd)

**Child Care**— Denise Cope, Kim Van Donk

**Child Care Helper**— Greta Shumaker

## EVENT CALENDAR

### January

- 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

### February

- 7— Parrot Gallery First Friday, 5-8pm
- 9— First Grade Blessing
- 16— Senior Youth Sunday
- 23— Jazz Sunday

### 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 29

Attendance: 108 (only 1 service)  
General Fund: \$6,560

### January 5

Attendance: 71 (1st), 121 (2nd)  
General Fund: \$21,492  
MOOS: \$1,200

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

### CELEBRATING COMMUNION TODAY —

Due to a full service last week, we moved communion from the first to the second Sunday of the month this January.

### 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. 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](mailto: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

### FISHBOWL CHILD CARE VOLUNTEERS AGE 13+ NEEDED—

Sundays from 11am to 12:10pm; second service This is a low commitment way to get involved & get to know some others at CMCL. Help once a year or more! If you are younger than 13 & want to help, you and your caregiver can be scheduled together. If interested, please contact Julie Bushong or Lindsey Deininger. [Julandtyler@gmail.com](mailto:Julandtyler@gmail.com) or [childcare@communitymennonite.org](mailto:childcare@communitymennonite.org)

**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.

**MENNO MEN**—The Menno Men "Hangout" is scheduled for the 2nd Monday of the month. Our next Hangout is January 13th 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!

**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. If you do not receive the Menno Women emails, but would like to, please contact Sallie in the office ([sallie@communitymennonite.org](mailto:sallie@communitymennonite.org))

**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](mailto: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 Clatterback for more information. Our first meeting is scheduled for the end of January.

**MEALS FOR JOANNA**—JoAnna Kenon is a new-er attendee, along with her almost-3-year old daughter, Journey. JoAnna is undergoing chemo treatments for breast cancer and her surgery is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14. Please consider showing CMCL love by sharing vegan meals with her family over her recovery time. To sign up to take a meal to Joanna Kenon and Journey, using the link <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/RKEG1110>. Or go to [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) and search using first name Joanna and password Kenon.

**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)

**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

## 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](mailto:carolandconcertchoir@lancastermennonite.org).

**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

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for a weekend? Please contact Renee King ([reneekingartist@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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### 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.)

**Annual Music Night**— Come out for an evening of incredible music on Saturday, February 8 at 7 pm. The fundraiser will be held at Neffsville Mennonite Church and feature SHALOM, Kyle Lehman, and the EMS Band. You can also join in lively congregational singing. Purchase tickets online at [lmhs.org](http://lmhs.org) or by calling 717.393.9745. Tickets are \$30 with complimentary admission for children under 12.