

WHO WE ARE

Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster is an inclusive, progressive, Mennonite/ Anabaptist Christian peace church. We are a member congregation of the Atlantic Coast Conference of Mennonite Church USA, and of the Supportive Communities Network. To read our full covenant, core values and statement on LGBTQ inclusion, as well as more information about our congregation and denomination, please visit our website: www.communitymennonite.org/about-us/what-we-believe/

CMCL Vision Prayer

Through your grace, O God, form us into a community called to follow Jesus, known and loved by you, nourished throughout our lives by worship, relationships and the biblical story, open to new voices and new dreams, committed to one another in times of celebration and difficulty, responsive to human need with justice and compassion. May your Spirit draw us together into your new creation.

Land Acknowledgement Statement

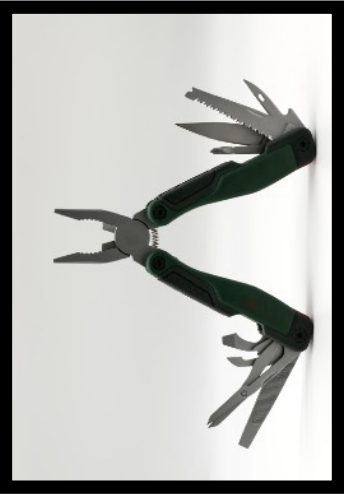
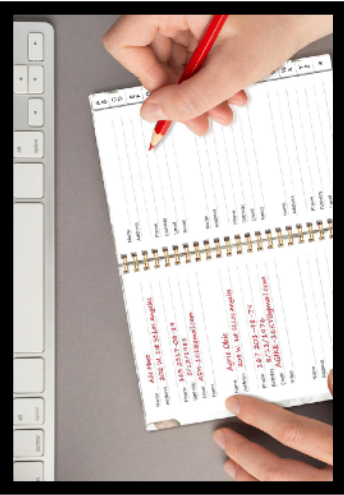
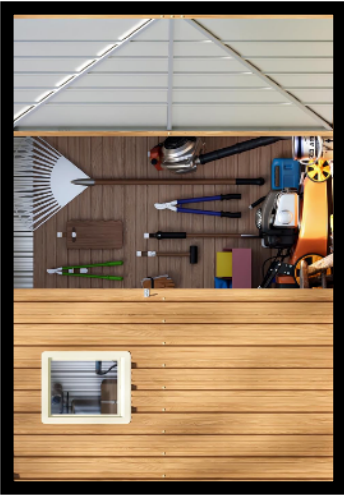
We acknowledge that Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster owns land that was inhabited by the Susquehannock confederacy (also known as the Conestoga) and Lenape people at the time of European contact. We lament our ancestors' complicity in land theft from Indigenous Peoples and how we benefit from a legacy of exploitation and genocide. We intend for this statement to be a first step in a journey of healing and reconciliation.

Dismantling Racism Statement

The predominantly white CMCL community acknowledges a history of unearned privilege and opportunity that occurred at the expense of those of color. We commit to move beyond mere words to tangible reparative acts, increasingly reflected in our annual church budget and through individual contributions. We see this lifelong process of learning and action to be transformational yet acknowledge this is only a step.



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COMMUNITY MENNONITE
CHURCH OF LANCASTER

8.23.2026

328 W. ORANGE ST.
LANCASTER, PA 17603

Worship Leader: Faith Cowell	Prelude	
Sermon: Susan Gascho-Cooke	Lighting of the Peace Candle	
Song Leader: Jean Sensenig	Welcome & Call to Worship	
Scripture Reader: Jacquie Morges	God of all wisdom, a new school year begins. We gather here to seek your presence and your guidance.	
Prelude & Offertory: Ryan Kauffman Larry Penner	We bring our whole selves to you: our excitement, our worries, and our hope. Look upon these backpacks, bags, and briefcases. They hold the tools for learning, teaching, and growing.	
Children’s Time: Meredith Fisher	They represent the daily journeys of our students, teachers, and school staff. As they carry these bags into classrooms, hallways, and campuses, may they also carry your love, your peace, and your justice.	
Sound: Daryl Snider	We pledge to surround our students and educators with prayer and support. Let us worship the God who journeys with us every day.	
Zoom Technician: Drew Brubaker	Gathering Hymns	
Greeters: Marian Good Ken Beam	<i>Spirit, Working in Creation</i>	VT 50
Ushers: Christy Heatwole Kauffman Beth Crosby	<i>All Praise to Thee, My God</i>	VT 505
Foyer Monitor: Luke Good	Children’s Time • Blessing of the Backpacks	<i>Come and See</i> VT 282
Parrot Gallery Greeter: Joseph Gascho	Offering Prayer & Offertory	VT 1036
Fishbowl Volunteers: Marian Good Margaret Krumm	Scripture – Isaiah 58 CEB	<i>see insert in back pocket of hymnal</i>
Worship Environment: Maren Morgan	Sermon	
Cover Images: vecteezy.com Sewing Kit: Marco Guidi Toolkit: juriskraulis853840 First Aid Kit: Sujin jetkasettakorn Swiss Army Knife: Claudio Caridi unsplash.com Diaper Bag: Natracare Junk Drawer: Patrick Donnelly amazon.com Address Book: Heveboik store Chatelaine: Butuze store Tool Shed: Panovue store	Song of Response <i>Move in Our Midst</i>	VT 827
	Sharing Time & Prayer <i>Loving God ... hear our prayers</i>	
	Announcements & Introduction of Visitors	
	Closing Hymn <i>Between Darkness and Light</i>	VT 808
	Benediction Be kind. Be brave. Be just. Be merciful. Be hopeful. This is how we keep the chalice flame burning until we are together again to light it anew.	