

Church Report—

April 17, 2016

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| Attendance—1 st service | 61 |
| Attendance—2 nd service | 109 |
| General Offering | \$10,728 |
| Refugee Fund | \$ 150 |

May 8, 2016

Worship Leader—Chad Martin

Prelude/Offertory—Vanessa Hofer, Hans Weaver

Song Leader—Marty Kelley

Sermon—Ted Grimsrud

Sound Technicians—Daryl Snider, Aaron & Michael Eby-Good

Greeter—(1st Service)—Mary Lou Weaver Houser

Ushers—(1st Service)—Jim Spicher, John Kanagy

Greeter—(2nd Service)—t/b/a

Ushers—(2nd Service)—Laurel Martin, Phil Kreider

CHILDCARE

Christian Ed—Christy Kauffman, Chris Longenecker

2nd Service—Anne Sensenig

Helper—Maia Kaufman

This month at CMCL: May

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| 1 | Graduate Recognition |
| 1 | Monthly Potluck & LGBTQ Potluck |
| 5 | Congregational Council |
| 6,7 | Parrot Gallery Reception/Spring Artwalk |
| 14 | Mennonite Men |
| 15 | Junior Youth & Venture Club—Bike Hike |
| 15 | Children & Youth Teacher Appreciation Breakfast |
| 15 | Last day of Christian Ed; Parrot Pinning |
| 20 | Mennonite Women |
| 22 | Children & Youth—Dance Party |
| 25 | Senior Youth |

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 at cmcl@communitymennonite.org

Lucyann, Jose, Sergio & Alonso Boll-Borrero
Laura Boll, Kelvin Mack, Jacob & Hannah Mack Boll
Roland & Melissa Stock
Jim and Lois Blough
Emma Hess
Layla, Steve Weaver & Magdalen Hess



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—MAY 1, 2016

FOR MAY 1, 2016 TO MAY 7, 2016

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—

May 1 - Hospitality - A Two Way Street, Daryl Snider. Another session from the series "Returning Veterans, Returning Hope"

May 8 - Deepening Our Peace Roots, Daryl Snider, the final in this series

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT CMCL—May 1: Chris Hoover Seidel preaches, and presentation of hymnals to high school seniors. **May 8:** EMU Theology & Peace Studies professor Ted Grimsrud guest preaches. Ted is an important contributor in the Mennonite theological conversation about LGBTQ inclusion. Ted is a scholar of the book of Revelation, and maintains a blog at thinkingpacifism.net. **May 15:** We honor our new 50+ers with Pentecost parrot pins. **May 22 (Correction):** Mother-son duo Katy Heinzl and Jesse Reist preach.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE—Congregational Council has appointed a search committee to lead the hiring process for the recently approved position of Associate Pastor of Children and Youth Ministries at CMCL. Committee members are: Carol Eby-Good (chair), Carmalena Stoltzfus Iyengar, Lynn Sommer, Darrell Yoder, Faith Cowell and Larry Penner. The committee will be meeting soon and more information will be forthcoming regarding the hiring process.

LGBTQ POTLUCK—will be meeting today, May 1 after the second service. This will be at the home of Jack Shope and Karl Mumma. Please RSVP to Karl and Jack at wshope208@comcast.net, if you are planning to attend. All are welcome.

MONTHLY POTLUCK—We will be holding our monthly potluck in the Parrot Gallery today, May 1. All, especially visitors, are welcome to attend. Mark your calendars for every first Sunday of the month!

MENNONITE MEN—The next meeting of Men's Group will be a wine tasting at Gerald Ressler's downtown condo on Saturday, 5/14 at 6:30 p.m. The theme will be Bargain Monsters. It will feature 12 wines (6 whites & 6 reds) rated 90 points or higher & costing less than \$20. We will request a \$10 donation to help cover the cost for the evening. In order to plan for the food & space we will need participants to register before the event. Please reply to Ken Kulp by 5/7 if you plan to attend.

CALLING ALL GREEN THUMBS—We welcome you to share your bounty with the congregation during the summer. We are looking for volunteers to provide an arrangement of "flowers" (feel free to get creative) for the sanctuary. Please use the signup genius link <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aea62aabf85-flowers> to pick your date. Many thanks! ~nancyacbaum@gmail.com and yodersalim@hotmail.com

DANCE PARTY!—All CMCL children and youth are invited to a dance party hosted by the Children and Youth Christian Ed Committee! It will take place during the Christian Ed hour on Sunday, May 22nd in the Gathering Place (basement). Drinks will be provided.

FOR RENT—First floor newly renovated 1 bedroom apt on W Lemon & Mulberry St. Includes gas range & oven, full size fridge, hardwood floors, basement access and rear outdoor space. 10 minute walk to Central Market/Penn Square, laundry 1/2 block away. Non-smoking, ask about pets. \$650/month. Call Hans at (717) 419-7227 or email hanssmucker@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE—Bring your favorite rag, bucket and cleaner and join us on Saturday, June 25, 2016 beginning at 8:30 a.m. to help spruce up our buildings! Coffee and Achenbach donuts will be available as incentive.

SEND FUND APPLICATIONS—Do you know a local or far-flung church or church related group looking for financial assistance? The Peace and Social Justice Committee is accepting nominations for the SEND Fund (Sharing Enthusiastically Near and Distant). Here is a chance for Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster to share our financial abundance with other churches, locally and globally, by contributing to their projects. The funds are tied to our expenditures for our own building projects. SEND projects should involve churches or church related groups with growth needs that cannot be met without assistance. This growth may take the form of building a structure, building community, or both. Preference will be given to contributing to capital expenses rather than funding on-going program budget needs. Application forms are available on the table in the Parrot Café and are due by May 15th.

SAVE THE DATE—Don't forget to mark your calendars for September 23-25 All Church Retreat at Black Rock!

SAVE THE DATE—We will be blessing our newest parents and children during worship on Sunday, June 26. If you would like to participate in this blessing, please let Susan Gascho-Cooke know as soon as possible.

E-MAIL UPDATES—We have recently made some changes in the CMCL e-mail delivery. Please check and let the office know if you are no longer receiving CMCL-related e-mails or if you would like to be added to the e-mail list.

LEADERSHIP SELECTION OPEN SLOTS—The Leadership Selection roster for 2016-17 is displayed in the Parrot Gallery. Please consider reviewing the openings and contacting a Leadership Selection Committee member if you are interested in volunteering for any of the positions. Leadership Selection Committee members are: Laurel Martin, Eric Hoover and Kate Umble Smucker.

FOOD AND DRINK:—Please help us preserve the carpet and chair upholstery by not bringing food and beverages, other than water, into the sanctuary. Accidents are never meant to happen but unfortunately they do occur. (Dry snacks and drinks in non-spill containers for young children are OK.)

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

WOMEN EMPOWERING WOMEN WITH MEDA—Join us to learn about issues facing women in developing countries. Thursday, May 5 from 6:30 – 8:00

p.m. at The Candy Factory (323 N. Queen St, Lancaster, PA 17603). Visit www.meda.org/wew for more information and to register.

IN OUR BLOOD: NAZISM, MCC, AND THE INVENTION OF MENNONITE ETHNICITY—In Our Blood: Nazism, MCC, and the Invention of Mennonite Ethnicity—Harvard University Historian Ben Goossen traces the entanglement of Anabaptist and Aryan ideologies before, during, and after Hitler's Third Reich. He will talk on Friday, May 20, at 7 p.m. at Ridgeview Mennonite Church.

TOUR OF EARLY MENNONITE HOMES IN LITITZ—Discover the early buildings in and around Lititz, including those related to the Becker, Bomberger, Brubaker, Carpenter, Eby, Hess, Landis, and Sherk families during a field trip on Saturday, June 11, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is due May 11. Get your ticket at www.lmhs.org or by calling (717) 393-9745.

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHICKEN BBQ—Friday May 13, 1149 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Chicken BBQ Meals include: Yost 1/2 chicken, applesauce, chips, pudding, a roll and a drink for \$10. 1/2 chicken only: \$8. The Chicken BBQ is part of Friendship Community's annual Fest & Auction.

WOMEN'S VOICES IN THEOLOGY—Twenty of the papers presented at All You Need is Love: Honoring the Diversity of Women's Voices in Theology, the first Women Doing Theology Conference hosted by the Women in Leadership Project of Mennonite Church USA (February 2014), are included in a book that is available online (as of March 31). Download a free PDF or purchase a printed copy through Amazon for \$10. See www.mennoniteusa.org/aynl

TOUR TO PUERTO RICO: ISLAND OF ENCHANTMENT—Join Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society on a five-day tour to Puerto Rico exploring Mennonite history and popular attractions on the Island. The tour will be held from Thursday, October 20, to Monday, October 24. Cost per person is \$1,975. Price of the tour includes airfare, motor coach, lodging, seven meals, and site tours. A \$500 deposit is required by June 1, and full payment, by August 5. Interested persons can learn more and register at www.lmhs.org or by calling 717-393-9745.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Would you be willing to volunteer with the Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society? There are dozens of opportunities to consider. We invite any persons between ages 12 and 112 to help at the headquarters on Millstream Road, Lancaster, or at the 1719 Herr House near Willow Street. If you are interested in volunteering, call (717) 393-9745 or email Dorothy Siegrist at manager@lmhs.org.

| Budget Report—March 31, 2016 | | Sep 2015–Aug 2016 Budget: \$532,200 |
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| Budget to Date | Expenses to Date | Income to Date |
| \$307,038 | \$256,571 | \$273,640 |
| <i>Note: Budget includes \$34,000 for additional staff and \$16,000 for sanctuary insulation.</i> | | |