

Church Report

June 11, 2017

Attendance	110
General Offering	\$8,560
MOOS	\$130

Weekly offerings need to average \$9,150 to meet budget.

Next Sunday, June 25, 2017, Peace School Sunday

Worship Leader—Mark Clatterbuck
Prelude/Offertory—In charge of Roger Lentz
Song Leader—Anne Sensenig and Erin Freeman
Sound Technicians—Steve Stayrook, Don Stoltzfus
Environment—Peace School Committee
Greeter—Ruth Mellinger Martin
Ushers—John Kanagy, Linford Good

Child Care

Worship Service—Addie Bird, Rod Houser

Calendar

Jun 20–22: Peace School, 6–8 p.m.
24: Prem Dick Memorial Service 1:30 p.m.
24: Church cleaning 8:30 a.m.–noon.

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

Carol Spelman
Marty and Mike Dillon
Janet, Sunil and Sanjay Dick
Laurie, Ron, Emily, Annie and Ellis Vogt
Barb Gascho
Alyce Jenkins



Community Mennonite Church of Lancaster

ANNOUNCEMENTS—JUNE 18, 2017
FOR JUNE 18, 2017 TO JUNE 24, 2017

CMCL

Peace Heroes

Peace School June 20–22

This year's Peace School is working from a theme of superheroes, looking at ONE super hero each day:

- Harriet Tubman
- Mahtma Gandhi
- Malala Yousafzai

The daily themes are:

- "Love your 'IT'" (what are you passionate about?)
- "Love your 'Peeps'" (How do you find people who have the same passions?)
- "Love Out Loud" (How to use your voice to get your message to a broader community?)

If you have children PK–6th grade (2016–2017 Academic year), or neighbors or friends, please encourage them to join us for these fun-filled three days. You can find registration forms on the CMCL Website, or contact Malinda at Malinda@communitymennonite.org.

PEACE SCHOOL SUNDAY—Get your marching shoes on. On June 25 our children are going share with us the posters and signs they will have made during Peace School, centering on issues they are passionate about.

- *Protecting the ocean.*
- *Being kind to the earth.*
- *Getting along with people different than they are.*

We invite YOU to bring any signs or posters you may have from your times of marching or rallying around issues that are important to you. At the end of the service, those who are willing and able will be invited to join the children in a march as a part of our service, going around the 1/2 block from the church. There will be another activity for those of you who would rather not march. Looking forward to seeing what you have been involved in in your lifetime.

ACHENBACH DONUT DAY AKA CHURCH CLEANING DAY—Saturday, June 24, 8:30–12 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you must. Please help the facilities committee with the cleaning and repair tasks accumulated from another year’s wear and tear. Cleaning supplies will be provided or bring your own favorites. Indulge in Achenbach donuts to boost your energy and spirits.

PLANNED GIVING—Finance Committee needs to know your intent of how much you plan to give to CMCL during the upcoming fiscal year, September 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018. Copies of the proposed budget for those of you who do not have mailboxes are on the literature table. Go to “Planned Giving” in the newsfeed in the lower right hand corner of our website homepage for a link to the documents and an online giving form.

VOICES OF THE LOWER REGISTER is a newly forming group open to anyone who enjoys singing TTBB—spirituals, gospel, sacred harp, traditional male quartet music, etc. We are meeting at CMCL on Mondays from 7:30 p.m.–9 p.m. near a piano. Men and women welcome. Basses particularly welcome! More info: contact Sid Stoltzfus 940-9307 or Leon Miller 682-0424.

COMMUNITY/GENERAL MENNONITE

BLACKSMITH DAYS—The 1719 Herr House & Museum hosts Blacksmith Days from 12–4 p.m. on Friday, June 23, and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. During this free event, come see blacksmiths work. Visitors can try their hand at smithing under supervision.

MUSIC IN THE ORCHARD—Summer concerts continue at 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 24, at the 1719 Hans Herr House & Museum with the three-part harmony of Vulcans, and an opening by Alex Brubaker. Concerts continue every other week through August 5.

FIELD TRIP: CHRISTIAN BURKHOLDER, NONRESISTANCE AND WAR—Explore Lancaster County and learn about Mennonites during the Revolutionary War on this field trip to be held Saturday, September 30, 8 a.m.–5 p.m. Visit sites from Groffdale to Bowmansville and enjoy special foods like ground-cherry pie and pawpaw ice-cream. Registration: \$70 for members, \$85 for nonmembers, due August 30. For more information and to register visit lmhs.org or call 393-9745.

PUBLIC DEMONSTRATION AT HORSHAM—You are invited to express “God loves the whole world” patriotism by joining others in a public demonstration against the militarized drone base at the Horsham PA Air Guard Station on Saturday, June 24. Lancaster County participants in this “witness amid endless war” will leave the Akron Mennonite Church parking lot at 10 a.m. and return by 4 p.m. Contact H.A. Penner at penner@dejazzd.com or 859-3529 so sufficient transportation can be arranged.

FOLLOW-UP FROM MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE OF ACC

This is regarding the same-sex marriage that Susan conducted which led to a deep conversation between MLC and CMCL’s pastoral team. Here are highlights of the letter (written by J. Richard Thomas, chair) that Susan received this past week:

- Acknowledgment that communication between CMCL and ACC showed mutual respect and consideration
- Determination that Susan’s credentials remain in order with no restrictions on her ministry or involvement in the conference
- Communication that five actions were taken by the MLC and affirmed by Executive Board of ACC included the following acknowledgments:
 - That CMCL embraces the current *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective* as a guiding framework as required by ACC
 - That CMCL has prayerfully discerned God’s will and acted in good faith, even though the MLC may not endorse it. There will be a conference-wide conversation in August to discuss tensions within conference policies that came up in this process. Also, MLC’s response does not create policy or guidelines on behalf of ACC
 - Susan acted “at variance” with the MCUSA Shared Understanding that pastors are not permitted to conduct same-sex marriage, but congregational discernment affirming this was conducted with integrity and followed the expectation for congregations at variance.
 - A note stating that Susan acted “at variance” will be placed in her personal file. (Pastoral Team will generate a letter of support for Susan’s action).
 - That MLC holds in trust and is committed to interpretation of Scripture as reflected in the documents of ACC and MCUSA.

The letter ends wishing all at CMCL “all the best” as we seek to be “centered in Christ, and build connections that share God’s love”.

AMEN AND HALLELUJAH from your Pastoral Team:

Carol Spicher
Luke Good
Verna Miller
Malinda Clatterbuck
Amanda Stoltzfus
Susan Gascho-Cooke
Deb Napolitan, chair