

Bird Seed

PIANO Give Away: Free to good home: Traditional upright piano currently in home of Beth Oberholtzer and Jeff Hawkes. Needs tuning. You move it – it's yours.

Boxtops for Learning Support at LMS: There is a simple way you can help the Learning Support program at Lancaster Mennonite High School. Cut the small "Boxtops for Education" label off General Mills' products. Each one is worth ten cents, but if many participate, you'll be surprised how much it amounts to in a given year. The Learning Center has been able to purchase wonderful, additional supplies due to this effort. You may put them in an envelope and place in Janet Dick's mailbox for delivery to the school.

Palestinian Friend to speak in Lancaster: Mrs. Jean Zaru, a greatly respected Palestinian leader and a powerful speaker, is the Clerk of the Friends Meeting in Ramallah, West Bank. She is in the US to be a keynote speaker at a Sabeel conference in Washington, D.C. She will speak Sunday, March 12, 7 PM, at Lancaster Friends Meeting. This event is sponsored by the Middle East Interest Group of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness.

Soup 'n Cinema

February 19, 2006

Enjoy a soup lunch
served by anti-racism group at 12:30 PM
followed by feature film:

Motorcycle Diaries

Film review: Sensitive, humanistic, beautifully made story about the birth of young Ernesto Guevara's social consciousness - without a smidgen of acknowledgment that the revolutionary leader Che would soon kill a lot of people. In Spanish with English subtitles.

Upcoming features:

March 19: *Hotel Rawanda*
April 9: *To be decided (Jarhead? In My Country?)*
May 21: *Lone Star*

CMCL's Search Committee receives charge from council

CMCL's Council is bringing together a search committee who will interview candidates for two positions: a half-time associate pastor and a half-time Children and Youth director.

The committee, recently finalized, consists of Ruth Mellinger Martin, chair, Kevin Hurst, Mary Alice Ressler, Lynn Sommer, Ron Umble and Pam Dintaman, pastor.

Having one search committee for two positions is a model used by another local congregation who found it a helpful and flexible way of working. It leaves the search committee open to discussing a possible combining of jobs into one full-time role if a candidate wishes to discuss that.

Council members realize that there may be a candidate for the associate pastor role who would need and want full-time employment in the associate role without taking on the specific Children and Youth director position. If the search committee identifies a candidate for which this is the case, they would need to come back to the council and council could consider coming to the congregation to test the additional staffing possibility and the related budgetary issues.

The Children and Youth director position was held by Faith Cowell for one year, August 2004 through August 2005, when she was on sabbatical from her high school teaching position. Faith has returned to teaching but continues to serve as Children and Youth Christian Ed chair.

In our budget planning for this current year we included funds for these positions although about \$10,000 was removed since the council knew the positions would not be filled immediately.

Please remember the search committee and council in your prayers these weeks and months as these positions are advertised and they begin their work with candidates.

Giving to date slightly above budget

Budget Update – January 31, 2006		
9/1/05 – 8/31/06	9/1/05 – 1/31/06	
Budget	Budget	Giving
\$351,000	\$146,000	\$148,000

The Canadians are coming

Forty four students and six adults from Rockway Mennonite School in Ontario will arrive at the doorsteps of CMCL Friday, April 7, 9:30 PM, to meet families who will host them for the weekend. They will be participating in the Mennonite High School Choral Festival at Lancaster Mennonite High School during the weekend and spending nights with host families from CMCL.

The Rockway Choir will also provide music Sunday morning, April 9, at CMCL. CMCL host families will pick up students Friday evening at CMCL, then bring them back to CMCL Saturday morning at 8 AM. The students will return to CMCL around 9:30 PM Saturday again to meet their host families. The students will accompany their host families to church Sunday morning and provide music for worship. CMCL will provide Sunday noon meal, and students will return by bus to LMHS for Sunday afternoon and evening concerts.

Contact the church office if you will volunteer to be a host family or assist in serving the Sunday noon meal. Office staff is also looking for someone to coordinate CMCL's hosting responsibilities. If you would like to volunteer for this, please contact Rod in the church office.

Upcoming ACC Events

Akron Mennonite Church's Mission Fest speaker this year is Wilbert Shenk. Sessions include Saturday, Feb. 25, 7:00 PM: The Unique Contribution of Anabaptism to Mission, and Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:00 AM: preaching on the Great Commission. At 10:40 AM there will be a question and answer session addressing the pluralism issues of our culture. Wilbert was head of MBM for 20 years, taught at AMBS briefly, and for the last 10 years has been the head of the Fuller Theological Seminary School of Missions.

The Stewardship Leaders Conference will be held March 3 at Neffsville Mennonite Church, Lancaster, PA. MMA is hosting this inaugural gathering of pastors and church leaders from the major North American denominations. The conference's theme is Countering the Culture of More and features breakout sessions from leading experts on teaching and leading stewardship initiatives in the local church.

Winter Peace Retreat at Spruce Lake: "Peacemaking in Latin America," The 2006 Winter Peace Retreat at Spruce Lake, will be held February 10-12. It is jointly sponsored by Eastern District and Franconia Conferences. The adult program "Creating Hope in the Crossfire: Colombian Churches and Their Witness to the Mennonites of North America" will be led by Walter Ceballos of the Mennonite Church in Colombia and Janna Hunter-Bowman. The youth program, "Peace Matters," will be led by Julie Prey-Harbaugh of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship and Doug Burkholder of Witness for Peace.

Age Group	1986	2000	2006
0 – 12	0%	24%	18%
13 – 18	8%	5%	14%
19 – 30	45%	12%	7%
31 – 45	38%	42%	22%
46 – 64	9%	15%	33%
64+	0%	2%	6%

Shifting demographics at CMCL

The chart above tells it all. CMCL prepared its first congregational profile in 1986 in preparation for the first pastoral search. A profile was again prepared in 2000 and subsequently updated in January, 2006. Note the interesting demographic shift during this twenty year history.

A season of change for CMCL's Sunday morning bulletin

Beginning in Lent, March 5, worship committee is experimenting with the Sunday bulletin. In coordination with Rod and Donna in the CMCL office, we're going to separate out an announcement sheet that will go into your mailboxes. When you come into worship, the paper you'll receive will contain simply the order of worship for that day and a few other pieces of information like the adult classes, potluck, etc. If you are absent for one Sunday or more, you'll be able to keep up with the announcements and upcoming events through your church mailbox. The other hope is to simplify what you have in your hands during a worship service. Give us some time and grace while we experiment.

For the history of CMCL, volunteers have played a huge role in many ways. Our bulletin editors have always been volunteers outside the church office. Cynthia Nolt has given many hours each week for many years editing and organizing the information that comes to you each week. We are grateful for her careful excellent work on behalf of the congregation. She has organized large amounts of material into readable print for CMCL.

As of March 1, we will be bringing the bulletin work into the office and asking Rod and Donna to pick that up as part of their daily work. Our hope in this change is to use staff time to continue to consider how the work and ministry of the church can be made more visible beyond what is normally sent in to the bulletin.

Beginning February 27

Send announcements and information for bulletin to church office

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