



## Bird Seed

### Free to good home:

Nordicpower exercise machine. Three resistance levels.

Electric leafblower.

Contact Ken Kulp at 392-2806 or kenkulp@yahoo.com

## Peace School

We will hope for the return of Peace School next summer. We had limited response for planning Peace School this summer and will let it rest and see what re-emerges.

## Something New

### *CMCL Summer Worship Schedule*

Sunday, June 18, 2006 through Labor Day

#### **9:15 a.m. Sunday**

Parrot Café featuring coffee, tea and newspapers

#### **10:00 a.m. Sunday**

Worship service

#### **7 p.m. Thursday**

Alternate worship service—Watch for more information on this new service.

## Senior Youth Auction

Do you have something you'd like to donate to the Sr. Youth Auction, Saturday, May 20, 6:30 p.m.? A day on the Chesapeake, a day of lawn care, carpentry, plumbing, child-care, housecleaning, a weekend at your cabin, a work of art or music, a few hours of legal/financial advice, baked goods, collectibles? You name it!

Look for an invitation form in your church mailbox today. Drop this form in the office mailbox or email daryl.jean@verizon.net by next Sunday, May 14—and don't be surprised if you get a personal call from one of the senior youth! Also come to participate in the auction—with auctioneer extraordinaire Jeff Martin it's bound to be fun!

## Congregational Meeting

### **Sunday, May 21 12:30 p.m.**

Bring a sandwich to tide you over or bring \$3.00 to purchase a half sandwich from a sandwich tray provided by Isaac's Deli. Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches and milk will be available for children at no cost.

Agenda will include budget discussion and proposal regarding finishing Christian Ed basement.

## Leadership Selection Needs You

### Flocking Together Once More

As you reflect on your gifts and those of others attending CMCL, please update your thoughts, feelings, and inclinations with the following information.

This year two additional options are available, i. e., coordinators for **Mennonite Men** and **Mennonite Women**. Talk to Leon Kraybill or Carol Spicher to gain insights for these possibilities.

Other updates include the willingness of Dave Bauman to be chair-elect for **Hospitality Committee**. His comments include, "We would like to have at least 10 people...As our church has grown, hospitality events have gotten bigger, and there are more unplanned services that we're asked to provide." In addition, he extends special invitation to the men among us to join up for a "good balance."

Faith Cowell, chair of **Christian Ed/Children and Youth Programs**, indicated that they are actively looking for persons with middle and high school experience to become involved. Experience in education/child development would also be helpful.

**Worship Committee** expresses their thanks for the involvement of senior youth and welcomes further youth input. **Adult Christian Ed** is looking for someone cognizant of the congregational needs and able to "shape classes that will respond to current energies and growing edges." They are especially seeking persons to help with the publicity side of their work.

If you are willing to do "hands on" work, **Facilities Committee** is a natural fit for you. (Having your own tools is helpful, but not a requirement!) **Small Group Committee** says that "participation in and appreciation of small groups" would be a valued quality of new members, as well as having "creative ideas of how to connect persons and groups."

Louise Ranck, chair-elect of **Justice and Spirituality Committee**, is seeking people with "connections locally and wider-world-ily," especially those who like to make stuff happen (which translated means having good organizing skills and some time/energy for doing projects). That's all!!

So as you finish filling out those yellow "Join a Flock" sheets, please place them in the colorful receptacle underneath the Parrot in the foyer. Try to do this before Sunday, May 14, 2006. **Make your mother proud!**

## Founder of CPT to speak at CMCL next Saturday evening

Gene Stoltzfus, founder and retired director of Christian Peacemaker Teams, will speak on the topic "Mothers Day, Sons and Daughters, and Military Conscription" Saturday, May 13, 7 p.m., at CMCL. Gene is from Fort Francis, Ontario. The following day, Sunday, is Mother's Day.

Parents and youth are invited to a discussion of military recruitment, conscientious objection, and violence in American homes, schools, and streets.

Stoltzfus will relate his comments to the prevalent fear of terrorism in American society, and the ominous horrors of the war in Iraq.

The program is sponsored by Every Church A Peace Church, The Lancaster Coalition for Peace and Justice, and Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT).

### Elephants beware:

## *CMCL considers new ivories*

Over four years ago, Worship Committee initiated conversation about the condition of CMCL's piano. The committee requested several evaluations by reputable piano technicians and later charged a piano sub-committee to consider various options for either re-conditioning the piano or replacing it.

The piano committee met to discuss the main goal for the use of a piano at CMCL and provide a recommendation to Worship Committee. Given the profile of musicians in our congregation, the use and potential use of our sanctuary for worship and performance, and the recommendations of the technicians, the Piano Committee recommended replacing our piano with a recital-quality new or relatively new used piano.

The Piano Committee was in unanimous agreement that it is more cost effective to buy a new or relatively new piano than to repair our current piano. The cost of repair would put more money into our current instrument than it's worth and would not restore it to the desired condition.

The price for this kind of piano ranges between \$15,000 and \$20,000. Worship Committee has accepted this recommendation. In a discussion with Congregational Council, the council accepted Worship Committee's recommendation for purchasing a new or used piano depending on the raising of funds. Worship Committee and Council will be in conversation on how to work cooperatively with the current proposal for finishing the basement and the raising the funds needed for that larger project.

### Budget Update – April 25, 2006

9/1/05 – 8/31/06	9/1/05 – 4/25/06	
Budget	Budget	Giving
\$351,000	\$229,500	\$223,377

## Nienaber kicks off pilot program on congregational dialogue at CMCL

Susan Nienaber, from the Alban Institute, came on April 27 and trained 7 CMCLer's on how to lead dialogue groups within the congregation. CMCL is part of a pilot program she is implementing on how to create new methods and opportunities for members of congregations to engage in conversation with each other. In dialoguing together the goal is not to change another's opinion, but to hear one another, and in doing so to be transformed. Susan described the art of dialogue as "involving joining our thinking and feeling into a shared pool of meaning which continually flows and evolves, carrying us all into new, deeper levels of understanding none of us could have foreseen."

Those trained will facilitate groups of 5 or 6 people in a discussion around a specific question or questions. The questions used will vary greatly, and may be as general as "What are some of the questions we need to ask ourselves as a congregation?" to "What does it mean to be a welcoming church?" There is a general format to follow that allows everyone in the group to be heard in a safe environment. An orientation period, in which all of the participants are taught the basics of having such a conversation, helps everyone to enter the time of dialogue understanding the format and respecting both the process and the outcome.

After others are trained in the facilitation of these groups, the uses are limitless. We may use it to process ideas as a whole body regarding the goals of the congregation. These dialogue groups may also generate conversation between groups of people who don't typically interact with one another, bringing together those with concerns around a topic that might normally cause division.

Anyone with interest is invited to learn more about the facilitation of these discussions. If you are interested in receiving this training contact Katy Heinzl (khreist@paonline.com or 684-5210). Stay tuned for more information as to when and how we will begin to implement these dialogues.