

Sunday—January 21

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon—Stories that shape us (*your stories*)

Worship Leader—Pam Dintaman

Song Leader—Verna Miller

Prelude and Offertory—Cheryl Young

Sound Technician—Ken Kulp

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Herb Myers/Carolyn Weaver, John Kanagy

2nd Service Greeter/Ushers—Audrey Patterson/Cheryl Young, Christy Heatwole

CHILDCARE

1st Service— Laura Boll, Cynthia Kilbourn

Christian Ed—Desiree Reesor, Donna Stoltzfus

2nd Service—Esther Becker, Deb Kraybill

Church Calendar

- Jan. 15 Jr. Youth
Program Commission
- 16 Worship Committee
- 17 Mennonite Women
- 21 Recovenanting Sunday
Congregational Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 22 Justice and Spirituality Committee
- 23 Pastoral Team
- 24 Congregational Council
- 28 Recovenanting Sunday

Church Report—January 7

Attendance: 1st service, 74; 2nd, 197

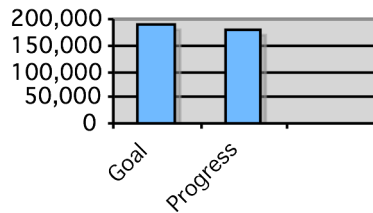
Offering: General Fund, \$5,914.24

Expanded Spaces (Fundraising) Report (as of January 3)

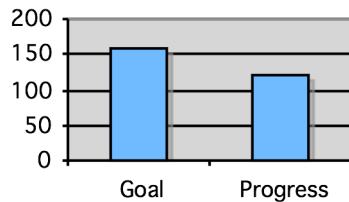
Goal: \$190,000; Committed:\$179,072 (Error in December 29 report)

Households responding: 125 out of 160

Contributions



Household Participation



ANNOUNCEMENTS—JANUARY 14, 2007

For week of January 14-20, 2007

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED JANUARY 14—FEBRUARY 18—Adults meet in the sanctuary at 10:00 to look at healthcare access issues. Jeff Roth Martin leads off today orienting us to the current healthcare situation. Jeff is a long-term CMCLer and a local physician. On Jan 21, Jarol Boan will lead a session on public policy. Jarol has been attending CMCL for the past year and is a general internist at Hershey Medical Center. She's Canadian trained and still adjusting to the U.S. system where so many people are uninsured. Our hope for this series is to consider the political, global and local levels of healthcare issues and to listen for ways CMCL is already involved in these issues or may want to become involved. Has anyone counted up the number of healthcare workers attending CMCL??

LETTER SIGNING—CMCL’s Justice and Spirituality (JAS) Committee invites all members and regular attenders to read and sign a letter to Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City in response to the shootings of three unarmed young men in November. The letter is available for signing in the coffee foyer between services and after second service.

RECOVENANTING WORSHIP SERVICES—January 21 and 28, 2007 at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Each January, we renew our commitment to each other as a faith community. You will find information in your mailboxes including a form to return during these Sundays. In place of a sermon, Jan 21 and 28, there will be an open time for the sharing of stories, scriptures and songs that shape us. Our seating will be “in the round” as we reaffirm our covenant with each other. Consider telling these stories also in small group settings during these weeks. Who are these people who gather together regularly? In what areas do our values and our energies merge? To what is God calling us?

DONATIONS FOR THE LAST GREAT PAPER GIVEAWAY exceeded \$1000, bringing us that much closer to the \$190,000 goal of Expanded Spaces. Exact amount received will be announced next Sunday. Contributions are still coming in.

RECOVENANTING SUNDAYS—Often we have new people joining CMCL in January. One of the pieces I haven't been able to do in the past year is offering opportunities and orientations for newer people. If you have attended past orientations and would like to join yet in January, please contact me. In March an adult CE class will focus on Anabaptist thought and history. This is a time for newer attenders and ongoing members to renew their understandings of what/who the Anabaptists are. After that class we will arrange for some opportunities for people to meet to consider membership. —Pam

KNITTING INTO THE MYSTERY will be held at the home of Carolyn Weaver on February 7 at 7 p.m.

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for January 21 at 6 p.m. The main agenda is to review rationale for making the associate pastor position full-time, considering the need at CMCL for additional pastoral services. Budgetary implications will be discussed. No proposals will be brought for congregational approval. We need your voice and wisdom.

CMCL ADMINISTRATIVE ASS'T POSITION OPEN—Donna Stoltzfus has accepted a position with Ten Thousand Villages, which begins in February. She will be leaving her part-time position in CMCL's office. Donna has given the church office the gift of a stable ongoing presence for twelve years, working with almost all CMCL pastors. (Oh, the stories she can tell!) Staff relations will be looking for a replacement for 12 hours a week of administrative assistant work. Rod Houser works 20 hours/week in a similar role. The job description will be publicized soon. Contact Pam for more information about this position.

MENNONITE WOMEN—Please join us on Wednesday, January 17th at 7 p.m. for an evening with Grace Byler. Grace will be sharing reflections on her year of voluntary service in Northern Ireland. We look forward to hearing Grace speak on her experiences and sharing her thoughts. We will be meeting at the home of Linda Berger, 549 Randolph Drive, Neffsville, PA. Please call 560-9809 for directions or further information.

JR. YOUTH—CMCL's Junior Youth have been invited to participate in the afternoon session of a Martin Luther King Jr. Day event at St. John's Episcopal Church on Monday, January 15. The gathering will include children from St. John's and also from Fulton Elementary School. The afternoon session, which will be drumming with Louise Ranck with a focus on Martin Luther King's "dream," will run from 1-3 p.m. CMCL Junior Youth will meet at CMCL and walk over to St. John's together. More details will follow soon from JY advisors. Registration forms are available today from the advisors. (There is no cost.)

WELCOMING DIALOGUE GROUP will meet on January 15, 7 p.m., at Neffsville Mennonite Church. We meet to discuss sexual minority issues with the Christian Church community. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Hartzler Martin at 293-9892 or Ken Beam at 721-9050.

Community/General Mennonite

PERSPECTIVES ON IRAN—Middle East Interest Group of Lancaster Interchurch Peace Witness Presents *Perspectives on Iran* by Matthew and Laurie Pierce, Sunday, February 4, 2-4 p.m., Fondersmith Auditorium of Trinity Lutheran Church, 31 S. Duke St. (parking in rear of the Parish House and on Duke Street.)

Mathew and Laurie Pierce are members of the Presbyterian Church USA who have been serving in Iran since 2001 under Mennonite Central Committee. They will speak and answer questions on current topics, including: diversity of culture, people and religion in Iran; understanding the spectrum of attitudes toward the West and the USA; what kind of U.S. foreign policy we should be advocating; stepping back from the current confrontational path.

Matthew and Laurie Pierce recently completed a three-year stint in Iran as students in a Muslim-Christian exchange program jointly hosted by the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and the Imam Khomeini Education and Research Institute. Prior to studying in Iran the Pierces had lived in a variety of Muslim countries including Pakistan, Yemen and Egypt.

CAMP DEERPARK EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY—Camp Deerpark is seeking to fill the position of Food Service Director. This person is responsible for all aspects of food service including planning menus, food preparation, and supervision of kitchen volunteers and staff. Salaried position with benefits, including housing and insurance. For more information please contact Ken Bontrager at 845-754-8669 or admin@campdeerpark.org

SEEKING MCC EMPLOYMENT?—MCC East Coast is seeking a Material Resource Manager for a 6 to 12 month interim assignment. This position will provide overall management for center activities and supervision of activities involving weekly volunteers. Significant planning for future direction will be a major task of this short term position. The Material Resource Center, MCC's regional warehouse, is located in Ephrata, PA. Interested persons please contact Kim Jackson, MCC East Coast Human Resource Coordinator at 859-1151.

PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY—Lancaster Mennonite School will hold a Prospective Student Day at four campuses on Thursday, January 25. Times are 8:05 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. for the high school and mornings only for other grades. To register call the Kraybill Campus at 653-5236, Lancaster Campus at 299-0436, ext. 311; Locust Grove at 394-7107, and New Danville at 872-2506.

COME SHOP THE JANUARY WAREHOUSE SALE at Ten Thousand Villages Friday 10–8 (Jan 19) and Saturday 10–4 (Jan 20). Because the sale is just two days long, it will be swamped with people. If you are an introvert, you might want to send a bold and assertive proxy. But do come! This time around there are lots of fun one-of-a-kinds (best picking is Friday morning, of course).