

Sunday—March 25

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon—Jon Unger Brandt

Worship Leader—Jim Bowman

Song Leader—Jay Martin

Prelude and Offertory—Rod Houser and Cheryl Young

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook

1st Service Greeter/Ushers—Lois Lehman/Donna Walton-Gibbs, Milton Lehman

2nd Service Greeter/Ushers—Mary Jane Fox/Dave Lutz, Marichelle Roque Lutz

CHILDCARE

1st Service—Kelvin Mack, Becca Rast

Christian Ed—Eric Esch, Jean Sensenig

2nd Service—Phil Kreider, Keith and Judy Maurice

Church Calendar

- Mar 19 Program Commission, 7 p.m.
- 20 Centering Prayer, 3:30 p.m.
- 20 Facility Committee, 7 p.m.
- 23–25 Mennonite Women Retreat
- 26 JAS
- 27 Centering Prayer, 3:30 p.m.
- 28 Church Council, 6 p.m.

Church Report

March 11, 2007

Attendance: 1st Service: 101; 2nd Service: 106

Offering: Building Fund \$5500; General Fund: \$4933.43; Refugee Fund: 200



ANNOUNCEMENTS—MARCH 18, 2007

CMCL

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY

Anabaptist Theology/History—Meets in Sanctuary

What was it, what is it, and what could it be? Speakers will provide instruction on the historical, current and future aspects of where Anabaptists fit in, and global implications of Anabaptism. This class for everyone covers a wide range with interesting and knowledgeable speakers.

Today: Anabaptist Stories

Facilitator: Urbane Peachey

Presenter: Beth Graybill

Finding Life in Music and Literature—Meets today in Fellowship Room

This is your time to listen to and share with others music or writings that have personal significance to you. We may hear music or readings of a particular culture, of our childhood, or that which gives us enjoyment. You are welcome to bring your own CD, tape or literature to class.

Today: Louise Ranck—Drumming Class

Facilitator: Monte Garber

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 6:30 P.M. THIS EVENING—Council is asking members to affirm two proposals. 1. A change in the way council members are selected. 2. CMCL becoming a Jubilee Congregation. An initial report from the group looking at the Grant Street property will also be given. The full text of the proposals and background information was placed in your mailboxes last Sunday. There will be time for discussion on both proposals before a vote is taken at the meeting.

MENNONITE MEN RETREAT, APRIL 13–15—Register for men's retreat by sending an email to Leon Kraybill, leon@kraybill.net. New attenders are particularly invited.

Community/General Mennonite

SLEEPY SINGERS: The five strong and faithful basses who have been practicing with Easter Choir need some company. So far the upper voice tally is soprano -2, alto -1, tenor -0. If your voice fits one of those three categories and you are willing to come at 7:22 a.m. for the next several weeks to practice, please do. The music is quickly learnable. Count getting up early a couple of times as a valuable Lenten discipline.

JUBILEE CONGREGATION—On Easter Sunday morning during the coffee/bagel hour we will have the opportunity to write letters to our congress people urging them to co-sponsor H. Res 888, which calls for immediate and condition-free cancellation of Haiti's debts. In addition, we will ask for a \$1 voluntary donation to support the work of Jubilee USA.

REFUGEE ASSISTANCE—A small group of CMCL'ers has formed to assist Church World Service to settle a Somalian refugee family, Rukia and her two children, in Lancaster County. In addition to the personal time the group has committed to the family, they are also raising at least \$2,000 to cover three months of expenses. If you have interest in contributing, write a check to CMCL, memo Refugee Fund, and place in the marked box in the foyer. The family is expected to arrive at any time, so stay tuned for other information. We welcome additions to the group. Contact Charlotte Kulp if interested.

WELCOMING DIALOGUE next meeting is March 19, 7 p.m., at Akron Mennonite Church. We meet to discuss and share information about sexual minority issues. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Ruth Hartzler Martin, 293-9892, or Ken Beam, 721-9050.

RACE AGAINST RACISM 5K: CMCL will again be fielding a team at this year's Race Against Racism, hosted by the Lancaster YWCA on Saturday, April 28 in Musser Park. Registration forms are on the table downstairs near the mailboxes. Deadline for team registrations is Saturday, April 14 so return your form to Kim van Donk by Sunday, April 8. Walkers, runners and stroller-riders are encouraged to participate. Proceeds support the YWCA's programs toward eliminating racism.

SENIOR YOUTH - Wednesday, March 28, 7:00 PM. Join us at the church to play group *Cranium*. This game will give all you actors and artists a chance to show your stuff. Other games will be available as well. We'll also make ice cream sundaes to celebrate Spring! Hosted by Don Stoltzfus and Linda High.

COME SEE Chris Longenecker and Rick Shoup perform in Theater of the Seventh Sisters production of Merchant of Venice at Millersville University's Student Memorial Center March 22 - April 1. For reservations call 396-7764.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS—The Northwest ecumenical ministers cluster presents Lenten luncheons each Friday noon. This Friday, March 23, Annunciation Orthodox Church will host the lunch at 11:30 a.m. Service follows at 12:15 p.m.

UPCOMING SEMINAR—Congregations and Pastors Addressing Pornography is a seminar planned for Saturday, March 31, 9:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., with 8:30 a.m. registration to be held at Ridgeview Mennonite Church, Gordonville, PA. Brenda Martin Hurst, faculty member at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA, will be featured presenter. A \$5 MCC resource packet titled Pornography will be available March 31. Participant donations will help cover costs of the seminar. Register by calling the Ridgeview Church office, 768-3143, or email: RidgeviewChurch@frontiernet.net

PEACEMAKER CELEBRATION—All are invited to the first Lancaster County Peacemaker Celebration Saturday, March 31, 6 p.m. at Gordinier Hall, Millersville University. Doug Burkholder and Grace Byler are among those being honored. Ticket donations—\$25, \$50 or \$100. Call 293-7231..

TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES is looking for someone to serve as a Spanish/English interpreter for an artisan from Ecuador that is coming to visit from May 7 until June 16. This will include travel visiting Ten Thousand Villages stores May 15 to June 9. Please contact carmalena.stoltzfus@tentousandvillages.com for more information.

JONATHAN KOZOL will be speaking at Messiah College at 7:00 p.m. on March 28. Good Schools is providing a bus from Lancaster Shopping Center for those who want a ride. The bus fee is \$10. Call 371-1516 to make bus reservations.

“**THE NEW GREEN RELIGION: Faith, Science and the Environment**” is a talk being given by Mark Wallace, professor of Religion at Swathmore College at F&M, March 27, 7:30 p.m. at Stahr Auditorium.

"LOBSANG: MUSIC OF FORGIVENESS," is a concert being given on Friday, March 23, here, at 7 p.m. in honor of the five Amish girls killed at Nickel Mines. Carol Ann Weaver, music professor at Conrad Grebel University, Waterloo Canada, will perform with vocalist Rebecca Campbell. Concert will include Weaver's composition, Lobsang, written in response to the tragedy. All are welcome. \$5 donation at the door.

MENNONITE MUTUAL AID is offering (\$500-2500) scholarships to full-time college students for the upcoming academic year. Applications must be postmarked by 3/31/07. Students are instructed to write a 450-500 word essay on holistic stewardship. For more info, contact Carol Spicher or go to: http://mma-online.org/corporate/sharing_fund_grants/pdf/Scholarship.pdf