

Sunday—July 22

## WORSHIP SERVICE

Sermon—Pam Dintaman

Worship Leader—Chad Martin

Song Leader—

Prelude and Offertory—

Sound Technician—Steve Stayrook

1<sup>st</sup> Service Greeter/Ushers—Lois Lehman/Donna Walton-Gibbs, Milt Lehman

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Greeter/Ushers—Ruth H. Martin/Dave Lutz, Marichelle Lutz

## CHILDCARE

1<sup>st</sup> Service—Susanne Mundok, Ron Umble

2nd Service—Eric Esch, Rod Houser, Galen Kraybill

## SUMMER HOSPITALITY—

### Church Calendar

- 16 Program Commission
- 17 Facilities Committee
- 18 Drop in Reflection Evening
- 23 JAS Committee
- 25 Congregational Council

### Church Report—July 8, 2007

Attendance—1st Service: 94

Attendance—2<sup>nd</sup> Service: 82

Total Offering: General Fund—\$13,191.45



## ANNOUNCEMENTS—JULY 15, 2007 FOR WEEK OF JULY 15—JULY 21, 2007

### CMCL

**CHURCH RETREAT**—Do you have thoughts about improving, changing or ending CMCL's annual weekend retreat at Black Rock? Do you have thoughts about other ways to build community within the congregation? The Retreat Visioning Committee invites you to share ideas in The Gathering Place (the new basement.) We'll meet at 10 a.m. between church services today.

### SUMMER ACTIVITY PROGRAM FOR KIDS AGE 2–GRADE 2

*DATE:* Aug. 8; *TIME:* 9–11 a.m.

*WHAT:* Inspirational children's books with messages of God's gifts of love, community and discovery. Related art activities and games.

*DIRECT YOUR QUESTIONS* to Emily Smucker Beidler, Nancy Cridland Baum or Gwen Peachy.

**BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM**—A committee met this week to begin to shape possibilities for offering before school care to students from Fulton Elementary. We are moving ahead even though we do not yet have "enough" volunteers. Please be considering whether the call to help staff this program is *your* call. Once a week, once a month, willingness to be a sub . . . we'll work with you. Kindly connect (soon!) with Louise Ranck, Julia Rosenfeld or Cynthia Nolt if you are thinking in this direction.

**AN EVENING CENTERING PRAYER GROUP** will meet six Thursday evenings this fall. Daytime groups continue in Lancaster on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you'd like more information, contact Nancy Brubaker at 717-397-4525 or nancyjbrubaker@gmail.com,

**THE WELCOMING DIALOGUE GROUP** will be meeting on July 16, 7:00 p.m., at Akron Mennonite Church. We meet to share stories, be supportive and learn about sexual minority issues. All are welcome at our meetings. For more information, please contact Ruth Hartzler Martin at 293-9892 or Ken Beam at 721-9050.

**ANTI-RACISM INTEREST GROUP** will be meeting on Sunday, August 12 after second service at the Taj Mahal restaurant. All are welcome.

## **TWO EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE TO CMCL:**

**FROM BRIDGE OF HOPE**—*We are grateful for the way your congregation recently blessed Bridge of Hope mothers with a gift of support. As a board member, I appreciate churches like CMCL that understand the importance of reaching out to homeless families in Lancaster County. It is a joy to have you join with us in this mission.*

*Ruth Smucker, Board Member*

**FROM LANCASTER COUNCIL OF CHURCHES**—*Your recent support of the Lancaster County Council of Churches means more to us than words can possibly express. Our Mission is to initiate and support ministries that meet the immediate needs of people in our community. Through the guidance of our 135 member churches, along with generous donations and volunteer hours from the community at large, we are able to provide many services for those in need.*

*Lancaster County Council of Churches is in the business of restoring hope to the needy and you are helping to make that possible*

*Peace Through Love,*

*Scott Fisher, Executive Director*

**CENTERING PRAYER**—A small group of people have been meeting regularly on Tuesday's at 3:30 p.m. for Centering Prayer in the Sattler Room. Kairos provides overall sponsorship of the group that is open to anyone, not only persons who attend CMCL. Anyone is invited to join the group for any of these sessions. Contact Nancy Brubaker, nancyjbrubaker@gmail.com (after July 24) if you would like additional information. Meeting dates will be included on the bulletin calendar.

**FREE ADMISSION TO NORTH MUSEUM**—Sunday, August 12th, from noon until 5 p.m. This is a great opportunity for CMCL children to reunite with classmates before the new Christian education calendar year begins. Parents are encouraged to find a common meeting time and place for their children to go through the museum together. If you'd like a class roster for your child, please contact Emily Smucker-Beidler. Also needed: One or two adults to serve as "ambassadors" at North Museum and sign in CMCL members.

**ANTI-RACISM TRAINING**—Damascus Road is offering antiracism analysis training at Akron Mennonite Church, Oct 18–20. This is an opportunity to learn more about the dynamics of racism in American communities and what can be done to improve the situation. It presents a common language for talking about racism, and lays a foundation for action towards dismantling racism. Open to all, space limited. Contact Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, lsa@mcc.org, 859-3889 for registration forms. JAS Committee will contribute to registration costs for CMCL participants. Contact Louise Ranck or Audrey Patterson for more information.

**CMCL DREAM RIDERS CYCLE FOR GARET'S HOPE AGAIN**—A team of nine riders (five from CMCL) is once again gearing up to participate in the annual charity-supporting bike ride, Dream Ride Lancaster, by riding to raise funds for RRALF (Red Rose Autoimmune-Hepatitis Liver Foundation). The

ride will take place on July 28, rain or shine. To sponsor a rider, simply give a check made out to "RRALF" to any of the five CMCL riders: Gretchen Thomas, Louise Ranck, Audrey Patterson, Rick Shoup or Chris Longenecker. RRALF funds go directly to "Garet's Hope", a fund that Garet Spiese, a liver transplant recipient, uses to defray medical expenses not covered by insurance. Some of the riders this year are first-time participants. They need extra support! (You'll find a brochure in your mailbox.)

**AN INVITATION TO US**—Akron Mennonite Church invites others to join them for their adult Vacation Bible School speaker July 22-25. The week will center on poverty in America and ways churches can address community needs. using the book, "What Every Church Member Should Know About Poverty." Bill Ehlig, co-author of the book, will be the speaker on Sunday, July 22 and then Monday through Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Pastor Ehlig will present a discussion on how to break the cycle of poverty.

## ***Community/General Mennonite***

**TRANSPORTATION FOR WHEELCHAIR NEEDED**—A wheelchair has been located for the man who had a stroke in the Dominican Republic (last week's announcement). Carolyn Schrock-Shenk (former member of CMCL) has offered her "old" chair because she now has one that was custom made for her. The problem, however, is how to get her old chair here before the group leaves for the Dominican Republic. If anyone knows of a person who will be travelling from Goshen to Lancaster before July 27, please contact Chris Longenecker at 393-1735 x 225 or 207-0152 or Arelis Sable at 393-1735 x 257 or 285-7062. Thanks!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT BOOKWORM FROLIC**—The Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society is looking for volunteers to help out with its annual bookworm frolic, which will be held from Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> this year. They need volunteers for a variety of areas, including unloading and organizing books, cashiering, covering books overnight, and Saturday cleanup. If interested, please call the Society at 717-393-9745 and ask for Josh.

## **TEN THOUSAND VILLAGES NEWS:**

- The Café at Ten Thousand Villages is now open, with a fair trade coffee bar, soups, salads, quiche, wraps, desserts, and WiFi access.
- July Warehouse Sale is next weekend: Thursday, July 19 (10–5), Friday, July 20 (10–8), Saturday, July 21 (10–4).

**BENEFIT CONCERT**—Saturday July 28, 7:00 p.m. at Barshinger Hall on F&M campus. Two professional chamber ensembles perform rarely played music under the direction of Dr. Brian Norcross. Concert to benefit local charities. Free admission. Goodwill offering will be taken. Contact Eric Umble, 392-1053.