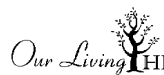


# Conestoga Mennonite Church



Our Living **HI**STORY MISSION:  
Joyfully Living Christ's Story to Benefit Others

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December 10, 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

Number 50

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## *Teaching the Word (9:30 a.m.)*

Classes available for all ages to connect with God and one another  
Children's classes meet in the Nursery until 9:40 a.m.  
Coffee Corner in Library

## *Morning Worship (10:30 a.m.)*

**2017 Advent Theme: Jesus is the Way!**

Prelude Cheryl Heineman  
Worship in Song Led by Rachel Mast  
*Reading Is. 40:3-5 & John 1:14-18 and Candle Lighting:*  
Jeremy & Shannon Umble

## *Extending Greetings of Peace*

Welcome & Community Life Pastor Bob  
Living HiStory Prayer  
Offertory Sharon Stoltzfus  
Hymns  
The Word of the Lord John 1:14-18  
Message: "Prophets Prepare the Way" Pastor Bob  
*Foundations: We Affirm*  
Response Hymn  
Benediction

## **TODAY:**

- **Thank you:**  
...**Andy Leatherman** and **Gary Stoltzfus** for serving as ushers  
...**Sonya Petersheim** for providing Prayer Ministry  
...**Fred Peachey** and **Anna Martin** serving in the Nursery

## **NEXT SUNDAY:**

- Youth Pastor, Rachel Mast will share from John 1:29-34 "God Confirms the Way" as part of our Advent Theme
- Advent reading & candle lighting - Austin & Kristy Unruh
- Offertory: Children's Handbells
- Nursery: Liz Petersheim and Marilyn Beam
- Children's Church led by Lois Ann Mast and Eric Long

## *~This Week's Activities~*

### **Tuesday:**

- 9:15 a.m. Neighbors** Cookie Exchange with Sharon Charles: "Making the Most of the Holidays"
- 12 Noon Sr. Connections** Christmas Dinner and program by Conestoga Christian School's second and third graders
- 7:00 p.m. "The Value of You" Class for Women**
- 7:15 p.m. Pastoral Team**

### **Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. Food Pantry Stocking**

### **Friday:**

- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time** in Pastor Bob's Office. All are welcome!
- 7-9 p.m. Jr. & Sr. Youth Christmas Party**

## *~Conestoga's Notes~*

**SECURITY HOUSE UPGRADES:** Bob Horning and our young adults have committed to doing the needed lower level upgrades these coming months. Thank them for their readiness to lead and serve!

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BRUNCH:** CMC's Annual Christmas brunch is Sunday Dec. 24th at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday School hour. Please bring muffins, cheese, or fruit to share. Invite friends and family to join!

**A GRACE FAMILY CHRISTMAS:** Note the bulletin board poster offering another holiday celebration option Dec. 16 at Zion Mennonite!

**QUIZZING:** Jr. or Sr. Youth wanting to quiz this season please speak with Austin or Kristy Unruh! Quizzing matches are Sunday evenings starting Jan. 14 and ending with the Ohio Tournament March 16-18.

**GETTY CONCERT:** On Dec. 21 the Getty's will be in concert at the Santander Arena, sponsored by Conestoga Christian School. Tickets can be bought through Santander Box office or through ticketmaster.com.

**2017 GIVING:** If end of year offerings are again strong enough to leave us a positive 2017 balance, the full 2017 extra will be given 50% to our Capital Improvement fund and 50% to MDS flood relief.

**THANKS TO:** Thanks to Krista, Carmen, Greg, Brendon, and Dan for your leadership providing a wonderful community Christmas carol ministry last Sunday evening. It was inspiring!

## Call to Prayer

- Continue to remember **Mary Rose Dow** in the long process seeking justice to release from detention by the Kenyan court system.
- Continue to remember in prayer the gospel witness of the **Bussy congregation** in **France** under the leadership of Jeremiah & Shaelagh Martin. Pray God's will would be accomplished in securing permits for long term worship space.
- We praise God for the many **small groups at CMC** enhancing our learning from God's word, fellowship together, and empowerment for effective life witness.
- Our **weekly offering** supports mission, giving \$200 to **Mennonite World Conference** as they connect and empower the global Anabaptist churches. Praise God we can honor Christ's body in multiple ways of gospel witness.

### Looking Ahead:

Dec. 24 - 9:30 a.m. Annual Christmas Brunch

Dec. 29-31 - Camp Deerpark Intergenerational Mission Trip

Jan. 7 - Annual Sunday a.m. Covenant Renewal Service

### ~December 3, 2017 Reports~

**Attendance:** Sun. School 90 Church 132

**General Offering:** \$4,136

**Designated:** Tuition Assist. \$80

### **Our Ministers:** Every Member

#### **Pastoral Team:**

Pastor Bob, Chair

Karen Horning, Elder, Vice Chair

Dan Mast, Elder

Brendon Petersheim, Elder

Jerry Petersheim, Elder

Sonya Petersheim, Elder

Austin Unruh, Elder

Sam Waters, Deacon Elder

Rachel Mast, Min. of Youth/Young Adults

#### **Ministry Council:**

Pastor Bob, Chair

Dir. of Chr. Ed.: Lois Ann Mast

Dir. of Fellowship: Tina Essick

Dir. of Mission: Gary Stoltzfus

Dir. of Stewardship: Lyle Essick

Dir. of Worship: Sharon Stoltzfus

Youth/Young Adults: Rachel Mast

#### **Church Staff:**

• **Pastor:** Bob Petersheim: leadcmc55@gmail.com, 610-507-8862 (cell)

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**JESUS IS THE WAY...**

Word Creates  
**THE WAY**

Light Points  
**THE WAY**

Prophets Prepare  
**THE WAY**

God Confirms  
**THE WAY**

Jesus is  
**THE WAY**

Called to Join  
**THE WAY**

*Third* SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
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