

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

December 13, 2020

"Advent: 'On The Road'"

Number 50

9:30 AM Teaching the Word

Classes available for all ages -

Youth/Adult Options: "Living the Anabaptist Story" in Sanctuary

"Salt and Light Class" in Conference Room

Morning Worship (10:30 AM)

Dec. 13 Advent Focus: "The gift offered to the repentant is restoration.

*The road to restoration is a journey toward wholeness in body,
soul and spirit."*

Prelude Cheryl Heineman
Worship in Song *Worship Team led by Jody Essick*

Greetings of Peace

Welcome & Community Life Pastor Bob

Healing Our Church Family Elder Austin Unruh

Is. 61:1-4, 8-11 & Lighting the Advent Candle Andy & Dot

Advent Children's Time

Our Living HiStory Prayer

Advent Hymns

Message: "On the Road to Restoration"

Preaching Elder Sonya Stoltzfus

Response Hymn

Benediction

Giving: You are welcome to give tithes and offerings through our on-line giving option, stamped mail or lobby box. Thank You!

Message copies are on our Sound Booth.

Today:

- Greeters: Lyle & Tina Essick
- Prayer Ministry: David & Cheryl Heineman
- Nursery: Dani Cupo & Carol Moss
- Children's Activity Packets provided by Lois Ann Mast

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tuesday, 5-6:30 PM** - Food Pantry Distribution
- **Friday, 9 AM** - Prayer Time in CMC Conf. Room
- **Saturday, 6-9 PM** - Youth & Family Caroling

Next Sunday:

- *Holiday Reflections during SS, 9:30-10:20 AM (no brunch will be served)
- Pastor Bob will share "On the Road to Rejoicing" from Ps. 148
- Nursery - Dani Cupo & Freda Petersheim
- Advent Readers: Wes & Lois Boyer

~Conestoga Notes~

***Reflections:** Next Sunday during our SS hour all ages will social distance in our fellowship hall for stories, laughter & reflections. Thanks team for planning a safe and delightful time! Grab & Go Coffee will be served in the lobby.

Constitution Update: Thank you for your prayerful participation. Tellers report unanimous approval to the updates. Updated copies are on the lobby shelf.

Mailboxes: Although we encourage you to be sensitive to not cluster at our mailboxes, we have discerned to return to their use, just in time for Christmas card distribution! For the foreseeable future, Greeters will continue handing out bulletins at the door.

End of Year: We estimate yet needing \$35-40K in these final three weeks of December to match giving with expenses. We are grateful for strong fund balances but invite prayerful discernment regarding participation in our goal to carry those strong balances into 2021.

Published: The life story of Wes Boyer, written by Lois and titled *A Walking Miracle* is now published by Masthof Press! The Boyers would be happy to sell you a copy and Wes might even be willing to autograph it! Copies will also be available in our church library.

Appointment sign-up info. for the **Community Blood Drive** on Dec. 29, hosted by CMC, is on the lobby board.

Anyone who uses **envelopes for tithing** can find their envelopes for 2021 in mailboxes today. Others interested in using the envelope system, please speak with Liz Petersheim.

~Prayer~

Continue in prayer for **CMC Members**:

- **Steve** and family as he receives chemo. Pray for strength to endure impacts leading to full healing
- **Sam** living with kidney stones. Pray doctors would have clarity from Tuesday's scheduled ultra sound!
- **Clyde** grateful his 2nd cataract surgery also went well. Praise God for modern medical skill available to us!

Continue to pray for **Cheryl's friend Sue**, recovering from brain tumor surgery and anticipating rehab.

Pray blessing & consider partnering in our Tuesday evening, 5-6:30 PM **food pantry drive through distribution**. We are grateful for strong CMC and community partners!

This week we highlight our budget mission investment in **New Persons Center**. Praise blessing as they provide faith based programming and housing for men transitioning from prison to productive community life.

~Looking Ahead~

Dec. 24 - Candle Lighting Service, 7 PM

Dec. 29 - Community Blood Drive, 2-7 PM

(by appt. only & socially distanced in the FH)

Jan 2, 2021 - Day trip to Deerpark for woodcutting mission

~December 6, 2020 Reports~

Attendance: Sunday School - 67; Church - 76*

*attendance does not record online participation

General Offering: \$2,617.50; **Designated Offering:**

Welcome Center - \$500; Christian Ed. - \$781.10

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

Pastor Bob, Chair
Nelson Beam, Elder, Vice Chair
Bob Horning, Elder
David Heineman, Elder
Jerry Petersheim, Elder
Sonya Stoltzfus, Preaching Elder
Austin Unruh, Preaching Elder
Ruth Miller, Deacon Elder

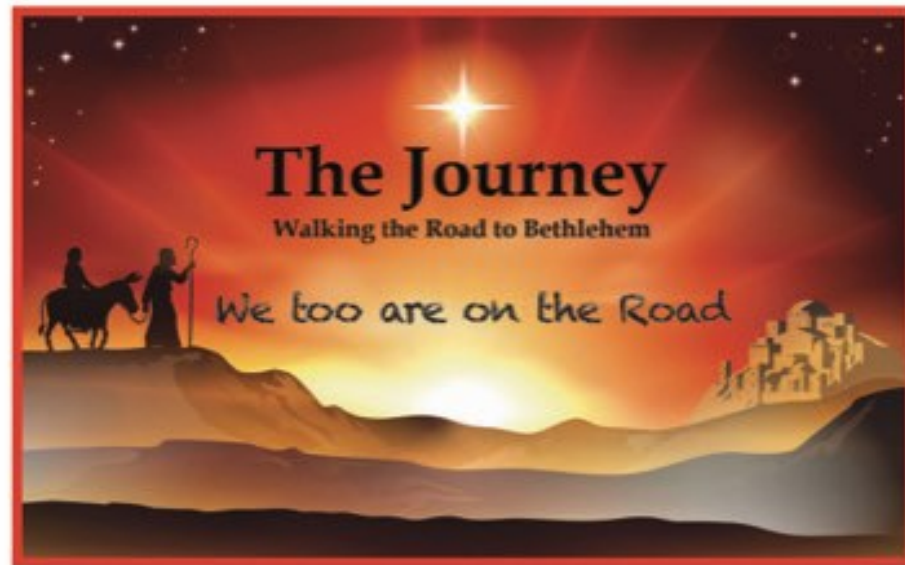
Ministry Council:

Pastor Bob, Chair
Dir. of Chr. Ed.: Marilyn Beam
Dir. of Fellowship: Tina Essick
Dir. of Mission: Justin Kolb
Dir. of Stewardship: Lyle Essick
Dir. of Worship: Kristy Unruh

Church Staff:

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

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"On the Road"

... with Jesus (Nov. 22)

... to Readiness (Nov. 29)

... to Repentance (Dec. 6)

... to Restoration (Dec. 13)

... to Rejoicing (Dec. 20)

... to Radiance (Dec. 27)

Welcome

on December 13, 2020, to

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