

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

December 20, 2020

"Advent: 'On The Road'"

Number 51

9:30 AM Teaching the Word

*All ages socially distanced in our fellowship hall today
for Christmas Reflections*

Morning Worship (10:30 AM)

Dec. 20 Advent Focus: *"Walking the road after restoration results in overwhelming joy. The waiting is over. Jesus has come! We rejoice in the Incarnation ~ God in the flesh ~ God with us!"*

Prelude Sharon Stoltzfus

Extended Worship in Song Team led by Krista Petersheim

Greetings of Peace

Welcome & Community Life Pastor Bob

Is. 61:10-62:3 & Lighting the Christ Candle Wes & Lois Boyer

Children K-Gr. 5 Dismissed for Children's Church

Blessing Our CMC Children Shannon Umble

Pastoral Search Update Howard & Sonya

Our Living HiStory Prayer

Advent Hymns

The Word of the Lord Ps. 148:1-7, 11-14

Message: *"On the Road to Rejoicing"*

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: Nelson & Marilyn Beam
- Nursery: Dani Cupo & Freda Petersheim
- Children's Church led by Lois Ann & Cameron with incoming leaders Audrey Mast & Marilyn Beam

~This Week at CMC~

- **Thursday, 7-8 PM** - Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service
- **Friday - Office closed on Christmas day!** *Please have bulletin info. to Beth by 9 AM Wednesday.*

Next Sunday:

- *"Living the Anabaptist Story" SS elective will feature the movie "The Radicals" from **8:45-10:20 AM in the sanctuary**
- Pastor Bob will share "On the Road to Radiance" from Mt. 2:1-12
- Nursery - Dani Cupo & Dana Ebert
- Advent Readers: Roger & Linda Mast

~Conestoga Notes~

***Elective:** Child care through middle school age will be provided next Sunday until 9:30 AM. The older children will meet in the Youth Room with Liz Petersheim over-seeing a light breakfast and the toddlers will meet in the Nursery with Dani Cupo.

Live Streaming Christmas Eve: A big thanks to our members investing in a quality service, including Dan Mast live streaming. Much appreciated team!

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! Greeters will continue handing out bulletins at the door.

Published: "A Walking Miracle", the life story of Wes Boyer, is now published by Masthof Press! See the Boyers if you would like to purchase a copy.

End of Year: We apologize for the incorrect figure in last weeks bulletin of the estimated gap between 2020 income & expenses. With last weeks offering, we estimate it is closer to \$10,000 needed by Dec. 31. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of helping maintain our strong balances into 2021!

Appointment sign-up info. for the **Community Blood Drive** on Dec. 29, hosted by CMC, is on the lobby board. Please contact Dana with any questions, etc.

Library: Stop by to see the new look and check out a book! This week we recommend "The Other Wise Men" by Henry van Dyke.

MCC and Kingdom Builders Network (KBN) is announcing a "Restoring Hope & Dignity" Martin Luther King day project. Information is posted on our lobby board with "Prison Care Kit" instructions on our lobby shelf.

A big **"Thanks"** to Gary, Mike and team for prompt plowing of parking lot and cleaning walks. Much appreciated!

Merry Christmas to each of you and thank you for the privilege of your friendship and confidence in me. I appreciate each of you!
~Beth Luna

~Prayer~

Continue in prayer for **CMC Members**:

- **Titus Beam** healing at Brandywine after surgery Wednesday to repair a small intestinal blockage
- **Steve** and family as he receives chemo. Pray for strength to endure impacts leading to full healing
- **Sam** grateful his kidney stones are manageable as he anticipates surgery after the new year
- **Howard Jr.** grateful to be regaining strength & in prayer for full clarity
- **Dave DeSantis's mother** Pauline recovering from a broken hip, now at Zerbe Rehab
- **Kelsie's dad** with a challenging health diagnosis

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

Praise God we have sufficient strength of CMC and community volunteers to administer a generous **pantry drive through distribution** to 58 community households Tuesday evening. We are grateful for capacity to reflect God's generosity to us in Christ.

This week we highlight our budget mission investment in **Marlin & Sambath's work in Cambodia with Overland Mission**. Pray blessing as they reflect gospel through preaching, coaching, equipping and modeling lives of integrity.

~Looking Ahead~

Jan 3, 2021 - Sunday morning annual Covenant Renewal Service adjusted to achieve social distancing

~December 13, 2020 Reports~

Attendance: Sunday School - 68; Church - 89*

*attendance does not record online participation

General Offering: \$4,570.35; **Designated Offering:**

Homes for Christ - \$80; Christian Ed. - \$205; Still Waters - \$50

Sound Upgrades (Phase 2) - \$5,000; Cap. Improvement - \$5,000

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

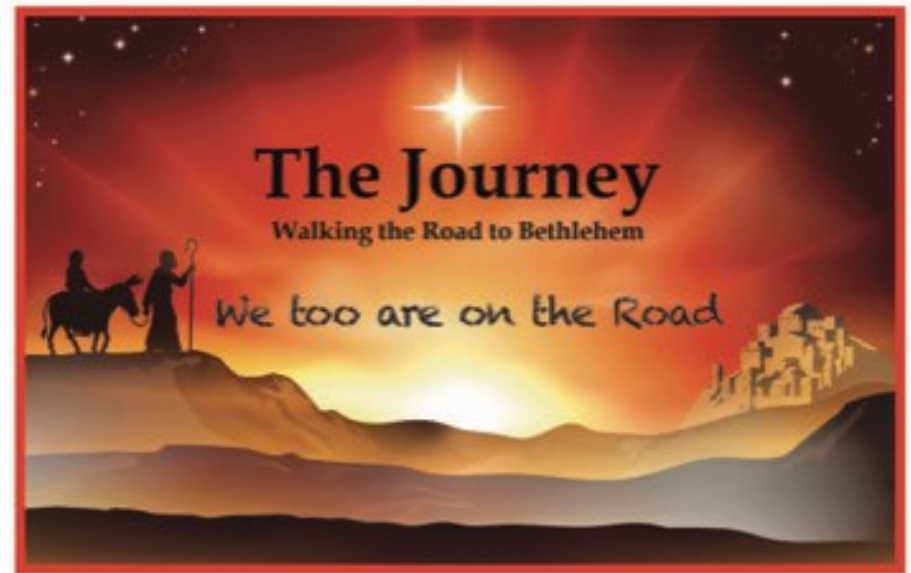
Pastor Bob, Chair
Nelson Beam, Elder, Vice Chair
Bob Horning, Elder
David Heineman, Elder
Jerry Petersheim, Elder
Sonya Stoltzfus, Preaching Elder
Austin Unruh, Preaching Elder
Ruth Miller, Deacon Elder

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
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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 20, 2020, to
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