

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

December 27, 2020

"Advent: 'On The Road'"

Number 52

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. 27 Advent Focus: "As the light of the world, Jesus has come and shed his light on our journey. We are radiant in the light of his love and grace!"

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| Prelude | Carmen Weber |
| Worship in Song | Team led by Krista Petersheim |
| <i>Greetings of Peace</i> | |
| Welcome & Community Life | Pastor Bob |
| Is. 60:1-6 & Lighting the Advent Candle | Gareth Yoder & Joy Beam |
| Our Living HiStory Prayer | |
| Advent Hymns | |
| Message: "On the Road to Radiance" | Mt. 2:1-12 |
| Response Hymn | |
| Benediction | |

Giving: You are welcome to give tithes and offerings through our on-line giving option, stamped mail or the **box mounted on the rear wall of our sanctuary**. Thank You!

Message copies are on our Sound Booth.

Today:

- Greeters: Lyle & Tina Essick
- Prayer Ministry: Jerry & Freda Petersheim
- Nursery: Dani Cupo & Celia Johnson
- Children's Activity Packets provided by Lois Ann Mast

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tuesday, 2-7 PM**, Community Blood Drive, see details below
- **Friday** - office closed on New Year's Day. Please have bulletin info. to Beth by Wednesday. Thanks!

Next Sunday:

- We will reformat our annual covenant renewal service to achieve best practices. Pastor Bob will share "God's Good Plans" from Jer. 29:10-14. If you have a **paper shredder** we could use, please speak with Pastor Bob.
- Nursery - Dani Cupo & Dana Ebert

~Conestoga Notes~

Community Blood Drive: There are still appointments available for Tuesday's blood drive, socially distanced in our Fellowship Hall. Speak with Dana to become part of this mission!

Camp Deerpark - Service day trip for Camp Deerpark to cut firewood is postponed until Feb. 27, 2021 (snow/rain date is Mar 6). Please contact Bob & Karen if you want to be added to this fun service opportunity!

Pastoral Candidate: As announced last week, Jeremiah Martin received approval of ACC Ministerial and is enthusiastically and unanimously recommended candidate of our Search Committee and Pastoral Team! Let's be in prayer for Jeremiah and Shaelagh & girls as we anticipate a time for Jeremiah to candidate, followed by opportunity for CMC members to each prayerfully add their voice through vote.

Bless CMC Children: A big thanks to Shannon for overseeing & members for participation in blessing our children with notes this holiday! And a super big thanks for the creative energy of Lois Ann & team leading children's church. Pray blessing on the new leadership team still being formed including Audrey Mast, Eric Long, Lois Ann Mast and Marilyn Beam!

God's Generosity: 80% of any undesignated overage that would create a balance above 50% of next years budget will be equally divided between our three 'Faith in the Future' Funds. Pastoral Team is recommending the 20% honor Wes Boyer's five decades of leadership at Hope Christian Center.

Mennonite Men is hosting a Zoom chat on 'Racial Reconciliation'. See more details on the bulletin board poster.

~Looking Ahead~

Jan. 24 - Annual meeting during SS with our Conference Oversight Team and message by Merv Stoltzfus

~Prayer~

Pray blessing on CMC and community families, especially **our older members**, adapting Christmas traditions to COVID impacts. Pray we would sense God's presence in spite of challenging times!

Pray continued blessing on the **Bussy congregation** as they discern their next Pastor since Jeremiah & Shaelagh felt called to relocate to the states. Pray God would also bless their congregation with a qualified and gifted leader for their future ministry!

Continue in prayer for **CMC Members**:

- **Titus** grateful to be back home!!
- **Steve** and family as he receives chemo. Pray for strength to endure impacts leading to full healing
- **Sam** grateful discomfort from his kidney stones is manageable as he anticipates surgery after the new year
- **Howard Jr.** as Doctors continue testing to achieve full strength
- **Dave DeSantis's mother** regaining strength. Pray for full healing!
- **Kelsie's dad** with a challenging health diagnosis
- **David & Cheryl's friend Sue** recovering from brain surgery
- Those yearning for healing of **broken family relationships**

This week we highlight our budget mission investment in **tuition grants for our CMC young families**. We look forward to strengthening our investment in 2021 through our Tuition Assistance Fund now that it has exceeded the balance needed for distribution!

~December 20, 2020 Reports~

Attendance: Sunday School - 62; Church - 95*

*attendance does not record online participation

General Offering: \$4,088; **Designated Offering:**

Ch. Ed: \$205; Homes for Christ: \$50

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:

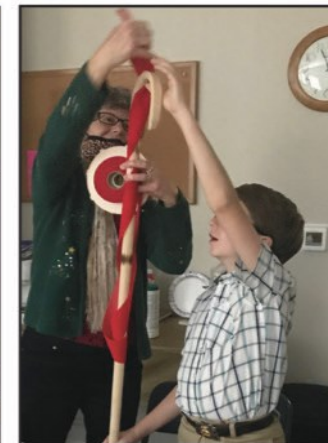
- Pastor Bob, Chair
- Dir. of Chr. Ed.: Marilyn Beam
- Dir. of Fellowship: Tina Essick
- Dir. of Mission: Justin Kolb
- Dir. of Stewardship: Lyle Essick
- Dir. of Worship: Kristy Unruh

Church Staff:

- Pastor:** Bob Petersheim: leadcmc55@gmail.com, 610-507-8862 (cell)
- Office Administrator:** Beth Luna, admin@conestogamc.com, 610-286-9124



Sonya and Lorraine and Josiah Stoltzfus lighting the Advent Candle.



Audrey Mast and Cameron Johnson creating a candy cane in Children's Church.



Welcome on December 27, 2020, to
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