

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

March 29, 2020 Lent 2020: "Listening to the Spirit for CMC" Number 13

Home Worship Resource during Corona Virus Pandemic

2020 Theme: "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as you are already doing." 1 Thes 5:11

Opening Welcome, Updates and Prayer	Pastor Bob
Worship in Song	led by Jody Essick
Children's Song	Kristy Unruh & Sonya Stoltzfus
Foundations: <i>We Believe</i>	*'Home Worship Resource'
Our Living HiStory Prayer	Kristy Unruh, Dir of Worship
Eph. 6:17-18 Memory Verses	Follow in your Bibles
Message: "Encourage Open Eyed Alertness"	Rev. 3:1-6
'Home Worship Resource'	"God Will Take Care of You" Greg & Krista Petersheim
Benediction	

*Anyone wanting additional copies of the 'Home Worship Resource' that was mailed to each CMC household last week, please email the church office at admin@conestogamc.com. This would be a great way to invite family, friends and neighbors to join you in our on-line worship, accessed through our website.

Next Sunday: "Encourage Faithful Endurance" from Rev. 3:7-13 with Memory verses Rev. 3:10-11

Conestoga Notes

Nominations: Today is the final day to email your nominations of three or more members to serve on our Search Team and for our Dir. of Chr. Ed. We appreciate your participation in choosing whom to invite to serve & lead.

Pantry: As mandated by action of federal and state authorities, we succeeded in opening our Food Pantry on Tuesday evening serving 83 households with a drive through that aimed for social distancing during preparation and distribution. Praise God for this opportunity to reflect His generosity.

Cancer Support Group: will be held at CMC with a projected start date of April 16, 7 - 8:30 PM, depending on lifting of Covid-19 restrictions. Anyone, ages 18 & over, are welcome to attend including those currently fighting cancer and cancer survivors. Register by contacting Cheryl at cherylca@ptd.net or 610-762-0002.

Closure: Our Ministry Center is closed to most activities until this pandemic is over. We project staffing the office from 9 AM - 12 noon, Tuesday-Friday.

Four habits we encourage through this time:

1. **Worship of God:** We encourage gathering your household together first thing Sunday AM with Bibles and our "Home Worship Resource" in hand so you can add your voices to worship, accessed on our web page.
2. **Connection to Christ's Body:** Our leaders will aim to connect with members during this time but we encourage each of you to also contact one another. Isolation taxes emotional health, so reach out!
3. **Generosity:** Tithes and offerings can be mailed to the office, given on-line, or set aside till we again meet
4. **Benefitting Others:** Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes to creative ways you can bless and serve your family and your neighbors without violating CDC mandates.

Looking Ahead - if Still Under Lockdown:

Thurs., April 9 Maundy Thursday Service: anticipate potential of holding this service from our homes including at home communion, hymns, Scripture reading and a brief meditation by Elder Ruth Miller.

Prayer Items

Pray for God's global family, struggling with the impact of covid-19. **Pray God would intervene to mitigate the damage.** Pray for safety, strength and compassion for medical personnel and public officials. Pray God would guard our hearts from anxiety, serving as His presence to **benefit others** while honoring guidelines.

Pray blessing as the **Martin family** shepherds the Bussy congregation through this pandemic. Pray God would give them peace through leadership transitions as the Martins anticipate moving to the states in another year.

Pray God would **grant wisdom to members of our congregation and community** suddenly unemployed and those leading small businesses, missions and ministries impacted by Covid-19!

Today we highlight our budget support through tuition grants to our **young families sending children** to CCS and other schools in the Coalition of Mennonite Schools. Pray blessing as all schools and parents adapt to education in these challenging times.

~March 22, 2020 Reports~

General Offering: \$2,895;
Designated Offering: Tuition Assistance - \$80

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
Rachel Mast, Youth Pastor

Ministry Council:

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

Church Staff:

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Youth Pastor: Rachel Mast: Rachel.mast22@gmail.com, 484-941-4112
Office Administrator: Beth Luna: admin@conestogamc.com, 610-286-9124



Creatively and safely offering food at this past Tuesday's Food Pantry—thank you to all the volunteers as cars lined up for boxes and bags of food! Photos: Beth Luna.



Blessings

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