

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

April 5, 2020 Lent 2020: "Listening to the Spirit for CMC" Number 14

Adapted 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 Team led by Krista Petersheim
Children's Song
Our Living HiStory Prayer
Memory Verse Video & Today's Memory Verses
Message: "Encourage Faithful Endurance" Rev. 3:7-13
Home Worship Resource: "Great is Thy Faithfulness" Quartet
Benediction

**Anyone wanting additional copies of our 'Home Worship Resource' for family or neighbors, please email the church office at admin@conestogamc.com.*

Next Week, Web On-Line Services:

- **Maundy Thurs** service - Scripture, song and short meditation by Elder Ruth Miller, "Listening to the Spirit When Darkness Seems to Reign". Prepare your own bread and juice as we lead through home based communion.
- **Easter, 6:20 AM Sunrise** - songs and a brief meditation by Josiah Stoltzfus, recorded from Pine Grove Cemetery
- **Easter Sunday Worship** - "Encourage Anticipating Inheritance" from Rev. 3:14-22 with memory verses Rev. 3:20-21

Conestoga Notes

Nominations: Thank you for extra sacrifices made to submit nominations. Pastoral Team is using your nomination to now form our Search Team. For Dir. of Ch. Ed., the following persons received strong enough nomination and were approved by Pastoral Team as *candidates* (listed alphabetically by last name): *Marilyn Beam, Dana Ebert, Sarah Kolb, Dot Leatherman, Lisa Miller, Marcia Parsons and Carmen Weber*. We've discerned to wait till we can gather face to face for our Circles of Discernment.

Compassion Fund: by request, we have now included 'Compassion Fund' to our on-line, designated giving option. This is the fund through which we bless CMC members and our community in need.

Bulletin: Due to the office being closed Good Friday, please have any updates to us by Wednesday.

Finance Committee held a zoom meeting Wed. and is grateful for your continued generosity. We recognize much has changed and simply encourage each one to prayerfully discern your giving and then continue giving according to what represents gratitude (II Cor. 9:7), not "*under compulsion*". Two updates:

1. After hearing Howard's research into application by churches of last weeks 'CARES ACT', Finance Committee & Pastoral Team unanimously recommended beginning application. If funds are received they would become a grant into our General Budget on June 30 used to maintain regular payroll costs and utilities.
2. CMC members who have not been significantly impacted economically by Covid-19 are invited to prayerfully consider using some or all of the anticipated Federal check to bless persons or ministries we know are in need, CMC's general budget, or our Deacon Compassion Fund through which we meet above budget needs of CMC or community individuals. Additionally, Everence has doubled the funds available to match our gifts through Compassion Fund.

You are welcome to contact any of us with questions or concerns!

-Your CMC Finance Committee and Pastoral Team

Prayer Items

Our Pastoral Team is encouraging prayer for our Conference Oversight Team Members, **Nelson & Pat Yoder**. Nelson's brother Nate passed away Friday, several days after being diagnosed with stage 4, untreatable leukemia. Let's be in prayer for the Yoder families at this time.

We celebrate with **Sandy Bailey** that her mother was able to move from the hospital to Ephrata Manor. Pray for grace as she adjusts to new surroundings. Pray for Sandy and her siblings giving oversight to her mother's care, especially in these times.

Wes and Lois are grateful for prayers for **Lois's sister Edna**; grateful she is improving but still coveting prayer for full restoration to health.

Praise God for opportunity **CMC's Covid-19 Shepherds** had to resource one another through 'Zoom' this week. We celebrate that CMC members are finding God's grace through these challenges!

Continue remembering God's global family, struggling with the impact of Covid-19. Pray especially for CMC members like **Karen and Marcia**, giving immense time and energy to keep our older members safe in our retirement communities.

Today we highlight our budget support of **Atlantic Coast Conference**. We are grateful for **Merv Stoltzfus, our Conf. Min.** who leads our Oversight Team, provides counsel and accountability for Pastor Bob and now will guide our Search Team in their work. Pray also for Cindy as Moderator, Dot on Ministerial Committee, Lemar and Lois Ann as Historians, Keith and Ruth on Peace and Justice, Rachel on Youth Committee and Pastor Bob leading Tri-County Pastors Cluster.

~March 29, 2020 Reports~

General Offering: \$2,641.00

Designated Offering: Tuition Assistance - \$80; 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
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
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Hello from some of our Conestoga children as they are busy at home with a variety of projects. This past week, they sent letters to grandparents or Conestoga seniors.

Blessings from Conestoga Mennonite Church

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