

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

May 31, 2020

Pentecost Sunday

Number 22

Home Worship Resource

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

Opening Welcome	Pastor Bob
Worship in Song	Team led by Krista Petersheim
Children's Connection	Ch. Ed. Dir. Lois Ann Mast
CMC Updates	
Our Living HiStory Prayer	Elder Jerry Petersheim
Message: "Powered by the Holy Spirit"	Acts 2:1-4 Youth Pastor Rachel Mast
Home Based Communion	
"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"	ACC Members
Benediction	
CMC Greetings	Coordinated by Cheryl Heineman

Next Week: Our **9:30 AM worship** (no SS) will give ample opportunity for member sharing around our I Thes. 5 theme. If time permits, Pastor Bob will also share a brief meditation from Rom. 5:1-5, *"Hope Does Not Disappoint"*.

Conestoga Notes

Two inserts in next weeks bulletin inviting response by June 21:

1. **Counsel** regarding the proposed **pantry addition** once full funding is committed by donors
2. **Action** recommending to keep **"God's Generosity Fund Policy"** wording the same and honoring member counsel of more timely communication and better record keeping

The **Search Committee** has begun ACC best practices for selecting CMC's next Pastor; including preparing a document that describes our heritage, demographics, organizational structure, beliefs and expectations. **We need your help** in completing a survey on our "Congregational and Pastoral Priorities". This is your first opportunity to participate in our future selection.

You will receive a survey through:

- 1 - email: if CMC has your email, this will be automatic
- 2 - or contact Beth and a copy will be sent to you
- 3 - or stop by the office and pick up a copy

Please return your survey no later than June 16 so your inputs can be included. At a future date we will invite your nomination of potential candidates.

Thank You!

~Howard Moss, Search Team Chair

Opening: Pastoral Team discerned to join local churches in legally opening for Sunday worship at **9:30 AM (no SS)** on June 7th. We will aim to promptly post portions of the service on-line as alternative to being present. **Please choose the stay at home option if you are "at risk", if you have symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the past 14 days!** *Since we will not take temperatures, if you have any hints of fever, please stay home.*

If you are not comfortable attending, you have full blessing to remain home! Below are our safety steps to open responsibly:

- Spraying to sanitize surfaces before and after each facility use
- Masks are encouraged
- Mandatory use of hand sanitizers at rest room doors before entering rest room and mandatory washing hands before exit.
- Water fountains are blocked off
- No SS, fellowship meals or children's ministry during June or July
- Opening partitions so worshippers have option to spread out
- Taping off every other bench to foster distance
- Ushers assist families keeping six feet between groupings
- Opening doors so movement doesn't require touch
- On-line giving or use of offering box in lobby to eliminate passing baskets
- Bulletins handled only with gloves till in your hand
- No CMC material in mail boxes so no need to cluster there

Prayer

We invite prayers:

- Gratitude that **Wes and Lois' granddaughter Ava** is home and now recovering after surgery of multiple broken bones
- Prayer for **Jill Waters** now able to receive cataract procedures: June 9 on her right eye and 2 weeks later on her left eye
- Praise that **David & Cheryl's grandson Grant** received a 'clean bill of health'! Baby Grant and mother Kristin have returned home!

We anticipate beginning our discernment for our **future Dir. of Ch. Ed.** Pray blessing as we meet with candidates Marilyn Beam, Dana Ebert, Sarah Kolb, Dot Leatherman, Lisa Miller, Marcia Parsons and Carmen Weber.

We are grateful generosity exceeded demand at our **pantry!** Call the office if you know of food needs you would deliver.

Today we highlight our budget support of **MennoMedia** as they develop relevant printed and social media Sunday School and outreach materials from an Anabaptist New Testament perspective. Praise God we can partner in **creative gospel promotion!**

~May 24, 2020 Reports~

General Offering: \$4,305.00

Designated Offering:

Homes for Christ - \$165; Tuition Assistance - \$160

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

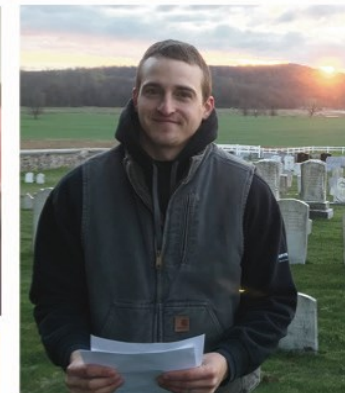
Pastor Bob, Chair
Nelson Beam, Elder, Vice Chair
Bob Horning, Elder
David Heineman, Elder
Jerry Petersheim, Elder
Sonya Stoltzfus, Preaching Elder
Austin Unruh, Preaching Elder
Ruth Miller, Deacon Elder
Rachel Mast, Youth Pastor

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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Photos of Conestoga zooming and worshipping together on-line.

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