

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

January 3, 2021

Number 1

9:30 AM Teaching the Word

Classes available for all ages—

*Youth/Adult Options: "Living the Anabaptist Story" in Fellowship Hall
"Salt and Light Class" in Conference Room*

Annual Covenant Renewal Service (10:30 AM)

Prelude Cheryl Heineman

Welcome, Overview and Opening Prayer Pastor Bob

Opening Hymns led by Krista Petersheim

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

The Word of the Lord Jer. 29:10-14

Meditation: "God's Good Plans"

Litany of Confession

Invitation to Ministry Stations: Piano ministry by Carmen Weber

- Anointing with Oil (for healing)
- Releasing the Past (shredding paper to let go of past)
- Celebrate forgiveness (partake of Christ's body)

Good news declaration:

Those who let go of self and
hold on to Christ are forgiven.
Do you believe this?

Good News Declaration, cont.:

With all our hearts!
Forgiveness is God's free gift
to be accepted by faith alone
in Christ. Do you believe it?

We do! With all our hearts!

Then your new name is "Set Free!"

And yours is "Forgiven".

ALL:

*Since God no longer accuses us,
We will stop accusing ourselves and one another.
We renew our covenant to live Christ's story together joyfully to
benefit others; celebrating God's love and singing His praises!
Amen and Amen!*

Responsive Songs of Praise

Worship Team

Benediction and Extending Greetings of Peace

*Thank You for giving tithes and offerings through our on-line giving option,
stamped mail or the box mounted on the rear wall of our sanctuary.*

Message copies are available at our sound booth.

Today:

- Greeters: Nelson & Marilyn Beam
- Prayer Ministry Station: Josiah & Sonya Stoltzfus
- Nursery: Dani Cupo & Dana Ebert
- Children's Church with Marilyn Beam, Audrey Mast & Jeremy Umble, M4:6a

~This Week at CMC~

- Tuesday, 7 PM - Pastoral Team
- Wednesday, 7 PM - Visitation Team
- Friday - 9 AM - Prayer Time

Next Sunday:

- Nursery - Dani Cupo & Marilyn Beam
- "The Pleasing Act of Humility" by Pastor Bob from Mt. 3:13-17

Announcements

Although our giving was impacted by COVID-19, our expenses were also reduced. Thank you for your faithful generosity! Finance Comm. meets Jan. 12 to review balances and propose to Pastoral Team their recommended adjustments for 2021 budget. Action will be taken at our Jan. 24 SS hour annual meeting.

A big thanks to ...

- Everyone who contributed to last weeks special Christmas Eve service
- Each of you for your cards, gifts, kind words & commitments to prayer this holiday season. It's an honor to serve with you. ~Pastor Bob & Cindy
- Dana for coordinating this past weeks blood drive & all those who donated!

SS Record Books: We are now asking SS teachers or Shepherds to return attendance record books to the holder outside the library door.

Congratulations to **Ben & Kelsie Drumheller** on the healthy birth of Charlotte Dorothy on Dec. 24. Pray blessing as they settle into new family routines!

~Prayer~

Praise God for opportunity to bless our community this past Tuesday hosting a **blood drive** that contributed 18 pints to help 54 patients! Thank You!

Pray blessing as we anticipate responding to CMC leader's unanimous recommendation that we call **Jeremiah Martin** as our next Pastor when Pastor Bob retires. Pray for the Martin family navigating plans to return to the states.

Continue in prayer for **CMC members:**

- **Steve** receiving ongoing cancer treatment
- **Sam** anticipating surgery to remove his kidney stone
- **Nevin** receiving outpatient back surgery tomorrow
- Family members needing **healing of body, mind & soul**

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **Atlantic Coast Conference** as they network local MCUSA churches "*centered in Christ, building connections and sharing God's love*". We are also blessed to have numerous members contributing their leadership gifts, including Cindy as volunteer moderator.

~December 27, 2020 Reports~

Attendance: Sunday School - 45; Church - 81*

*attendance does not record online participation

General Offering: \$9,910.11; **Designated Offering:** Still Waters: \$50

Tuition Assist: \$1,205; Homes for Christ: \$110; Fees Donated: \$1

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

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

Ministry Council:

Dir. of Shepherding: 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:

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Welcome

on January 3, 2021, to

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