

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

November 14, 2021

Number 46

Teaching the Word (9:30 a.m.)

Classes available for all ages to connect with God & one another

Morning Worship (10:30 a.m.)

2021 Theme: *"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* 1 Thes 5:16-18

Prelude	Cheryl Heineman Veronica Lusengya
Worship in Song <i>Greetings of Peace</i>	Team led by Jody Essick
Welcome & CMC Highlights	Pastor Jeremiah
Ministry Update - Still Waters	Sam Waters, Director
Our Living HiStory Prayer	
Hymns	
Pre-Advent Reading: A Bitter Beauty, Part 1	Kristy Unruh
The Word of the Lord	Ezra 3:8-13
Message: "A Temple Without Joy"	Pastor Jeremiah
Response Hymn	
Benediction	

Thank You for giving tithes and offerings on-line, stamped mail or the rear wall sanctuary box. **Message copies** are behind our Sound Booth.

Today:

- Greeters - Lyle & Tina Essick
- Prayer Ministry - Austin & Kristy Unruh
- Nursery - Celia and Rosa Johnson
- Youth Room (2-6 PM) and FH (6-9 PM) are reserved today

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tuesday, 9:15 AM** - Pre-register for "Neighbors" to create a wall hanging craft led by Alyssa Thiel (cost is \$3)
5-6:30 PM - Food Pantry Distribution
- **Thursday, 7 PM** - Cancer Support Group
7 PM - Pastoral Team, meeting in Youth Room
7:30 PM - 2nd Circle of Discernment with PT Candidates
- **Friday, 9 AM** - Prayer
5-10 PM - Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved
- **Saturday, 8-3 PM** - Fellowship Hall & Kitchen Reserved

Next Week:

- *Pastor Jeremiah will share "A City Without a King" from Nehemiah 12*
- *Nursery - Dot Leatherman & Rachel Mast
- *Children's Church with Lois Ann Mast & Justin Kolb

~Looking Ahead~

Nov. 28 - Baptism & Welcoming New Members
Dec. 5, 6 PM - Christmas Hymn Sing
Dec. 24, 7 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Jan. 28-30, 2022 - Camp Deerpark Service Weekend

~Conestoga Notes~

Thank you to all who came out to the Youth Auction and to all who contributed so generously! Your support and participation is deeply appreciated by our youth and their families.

*This week's sermon is the first of two **pre-Advent messages** intended to prepare us to think about the meaning of Jesus' arrival in human history. These two sermons will be based on chapters from the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. For an engaging, quick overview of this part of God's story, check out the 8-minute Ezra-Nehemiah video at bibleproject.com or on our Facebook page.

We are grateful for each of the **gifted, godly Elder-nominees** who were present with Pastoral Team for the first Discernment on Nov. 4. The eight nominees are Dave Johnson, Sarah Kolb, Rachel Mast, Carol Moss, Blair Petersheim, Greg Petersheim, Jerry Petersheim and Mike Petersheim. Please pray that each one would sense God's direction, and that God's Spirit will lead during the second Circle this Thursday as we seek to discern with candidates who to recommend for the three open positions.

An online sign-up form is available for the **Sunday morning Prayer Ministry**. If you have not received the link, or prefer to sign up by email or phone, please contact Beth Luna. The Christian Ed office and Pastor Jeremiah's office will be designated prayer spaces during each Sunday service. For more information, please see Pastor Jeremiah or Bob and Karen Horning.

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Nov. 28th **Fellowship Meal** will feature Polynesian chicken, beef & broccoli teriyaki, rice, and creamy chicken vegetable soup. Please bring a generous salad or dessert since we anticipate guests for the baptism.

~Prayer~

Elder Discernment Process: Please pray for all who were nominated for Pastoral Team and for our 2nd Circle of Discernment this Thursday evening.

Please be in prayer for:

- **Lyle Essick** having knee replacement surgery on Monday
- **Zaid and S'Korah Belloma** adjusting to a new life and also their older siblings as their guardians.
- **The 17 American & Canadian Anabaptist missionaries kidnapped in Haiti.** Pray for strength, grace and safety for each one and wisdom for the authorities negotiating their release.
- **Steve Peck & family** as Steve receives ongoing chemo

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **Still Waters**, no cost to clients, **Counseling Ministry.** Praise God for the opportunity to partner with Still Waters in God's restoring, healing work. Let's continue to pray for each counselor and client, that the Spirit would be at work in each session.

Nov. 7, 2021 Reports

Attendance: SS - 88; Worship - 105

General Offering: \$4,711.50

Our Ministers: Every Member

Pastoral Team:

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

Ministry Council:

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

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