

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

November 21, 2021

Number 47

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	Sharon Stoltzfus
Worship in Song	Team led by Shaelagh Martin
<i>Greetings of Peace</i>	
Welcome & CMC Highlights	Pastor Jeremiah
Our Living HiStory Prayer	
Hymn	
<i>Dismiss children K-Gr. 5 for Children's Church</i>	
Pre-Advent Reading: A Bitter Beauty, Part 2	Kristy Unruh
The Word of the Lord	Nehemiah 12:27-43
Message: "A City Without a King"	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 - Gary & Sharon Stoltzfus and Nevin Mast
- Prayer Ministry - Nelson & Marilyn Beam
- Nursery - Dot Leatherman & Rachel Mast
- Children's Church with Lois Ann Mast & Justin Kolb

~This Week at CMC~

- Thursday & Friday - Office Closed for Thanksgiving

Next Week:

- *Pastor Jeremiah will share "Dare to Bring Hope" from John 3:1-18
- *Nursery - Rosa Johnson & Kathleen Weaver
- *Baptism and Receiving New Members
- *Fellowship Meal - will feature Polynesian chicken, beef & broccoli teriyaki, rice, and creamy chicken vegetable soup. Please bring a generous salad or dessert as we anticipate guests for the baptism. All are welcome!

~Looking Ahead~

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~

Youth Auction: Thank you again to all who came out to the Youth Auction and contributed so generously! Together we raised **\$18,662** for next year's youth activities.

Pre-Advent Sermon Resource: This week's sermon is the second of two pre-Advent messages intended to prepare us to think about the meaning of Jesus' arrival in human history. 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.

Elder Nomination Update: We are grateful for each of the gifted, godly Elder-nominees who were present with Pastoral Team for the second Circle of Discernment on Nov. 18. Due to the high number of qualified nominees, Pastoral Team has discerned to take another 2 weeks of prayer and reflection with the nominees before presenting a final slate of recommendations.

Sunday morning Prayer Ministry: 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/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 info., please see Pastor Jeremiah or Bob & Karen Horning.

Children's Church Today: After learning about how God blesses us so we can bless others, the children would like to "bless" each of you as you leave today.

Neighbors is looking for a childcare worker who loves children, ages 3-5, to work weekly Jan. 4, - April 19, 2022 on a Tuesday morning, 9:15-11:15 AM. Compensation is \$20/session. Contact Tina Essick if interested or know of a qualified candidate.

~Prayer~

Continue to pray for the **Christian Aid Ministries missionaries** who have been held hostage in Haiti for over a month. For detailed updates and prayer requests, go to christianaidministries.org.

We praise God for **Lyle Essick's** successful knee replacement surgery and pray for a rapid & full recovery through physical therapy!

Please continue to pray for:

***Laura Kurtz** at Landis Homes as she continues to adjust to living in the Personal Care unit, that she would have full healing in her mouth and that she would experience our Lord's presence and peace daily.

***Steve Peck** has completed his chemo regime and anticipates starting radiation soon. On Monday he will have a procedure for which he would value prayer.

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** as they serve as our hand and feet of Jesus around the world. Pray our partnership would bear much kingdom fruit!



Nov. 14, 2021 Reports

Attendance: SS - 90; Worship - 125

General Offering: \$2,997.25

Designated Offerings: Christian Ed - \$600; TVFP - \$250;

Youth Benefit Auction - \$18,662

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

Church Staff:

Pastor: Jeremiah Martin - Jeremiah@conestogamc.com, 610-590-4200 (cell)

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2021 Youth Auction

Hoagie Assembly Line
Photo credit: Tina Essick



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