

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

November 28, 2021

Number 48

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	Shaelagh & Mira Martin
Worship in Song	Team led by Rachel Mast
<i>Greetings of Peace</i>	
Welcome & CMC Highlights	Pastor Jeremiah
Our Living HiStory Prayer	
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting	Kristy Unruh & Roger Mast
The Word of the Lord	John 3:1-17
Message: "Dare to Speak Hope"	Pastor Jeremiah
Hymns	
Baptism**	
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:

**Today we have the joy of welcoming Mitch Peiffer into membership through baptism. We praise God for what He has been doing in Mitch's life and for the honor of walking with him, as he continues his journey of faith and as part of our congregation.

- Greeters - Tina Essick & Freda Petersheim
- Prayer Ministry - Nelson & Marilyn Beam
- Nursery - Rosa Johnson & Kathleen Weaver
- Fellowship Meal - everyone is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall!

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tues., 9:00 AM Departure** - Neighbors will visit Elva's Barnyard Art Studio & Gallery in Lititz. Pre-register for the 9 AM departure
- **Wed, 8:30-2:30 PM** - Sewing Circle
- **Thurs, 7 PM** - 3rd Circle of Discernment with Pastoral Team Candidates

Next Week:

- *Preaching Elder Austin Unruh will share *"Dare to Make Peace"*
- *Nursery - Tina Essick & Kelsie Drumheller
- *Christmas Hymn Sing, 6-7 PM

~Looking Ahead~

Dec. 18, 5 PM - Caroling (details to follow)

Dec. 24, 7 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Jan. 28-30, 2022 - Camp Deerpark Service Weekend

Feb. 13, 2022 - Annual Meeting during SS Hour

~Conestoga Notes~

Elder Discernment - Our 3rd Circle of Discernment will meet Dec. 7 after which we anticipate bringing our slate of recommendations to you for 2 or 3 additional members for Pastoral Team. This is a sacred calling for which we value your prayers and God's leading!

Advent Sermon Resource - In our pre-Advent sermons, we saw the Good News - the Gospel - as the announcement that Jesus came into human history as the world's true King. During Advent, we will be exploring how Jesus the King lived out that Gospel, and how we can, too. For a great 5-minute summary of that Good News, check out the Bible Project's video Gospel of the Kingdom at bibleproject.com or our Facebook page.

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.

Socially Distanced Seating is available at the back of the sanctuary on the east side of the building. This section can be entered directly from the Fellowship Hall for those who wish.

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas gift bags for Lakeview Personal Care residents at Tel Hai Retirement. Your generosity will bless the residents! Merry Christmas & joy to you too from the Lakeview Activities Team.

~Prayer~

We praise God that 2 of the 17 **Christian Aid Ministries** missionaries have been released! Continue to pray for the remaining hostages and their captors. For detailed updates and prayer requests, go to christianaidministries.org.

Please continue to pray for:

***Lyle Essick** is thankful for your prayer support as he regains strength and mobility through physical therapy.

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

***Steve Peck** is thankful that his procedure went well and that the MRI was clear. He values your ongoing prayers!

***Wes Boyer** healing from a broken hand due to a fall this past week.

***David & Cheryl Heineman** in the death of Cheryl's mother in TX and for their traveling this weekend.

Today we highlight our budget mission investment in **Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS)** as they clean up, repair and rebuild homes damaged by natural disasters across North America. We are grateful that we can partner to support their mission!

Nov. 21, 2021 Reports

Attendance: SS - 67; Worship - 113

General Offering: \$4,126.50

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

Church Staff:

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

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Dare to Be Good News

Dare to Speak Hope (Nov. 28)
Dare to Make Peace (Dec. 5)
Dare to Bring Joy (Dec. 12)
Dare to Offer Love (Dec. 19)
Dare to Be Humble (Dec. 26)

During this Advent Season
we dare to . . .

SPEAK HOPE

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