

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

December 12, 2021

Number 50

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	Mark & Hannah Petersheim
Worship in Song	Team led by Jody Essick
<i>Greetings of Peace</i>	
Welcome & CMC Highlights	Pastor Jeremiah
Our Living HiStory Prayer	
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting	Kristy Unruh & Johanna Essick
Hymns	
The Word of the Lord	Luke 19:1-10
Message: "Dare to Bring Joy"	
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 - Janet Peachey and Marilyn Beam
- Prayer Ministry - Josiah & Sonya Stoltzfus
- Nursery - Bryce & Madison Petersheim

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tues., 9:15 AM** - Neighbors - Christmas craft, making a set of 3 yarn covered trees, led by Rebecca Beam. Cost \$5.
- **Wed., 7 PM** - Food Pantry Stocking
- **Thurs., 7 PM** - Cancer Support Group
- **Fri., 9 AM** - Prayer
- **Sat., 11-7 PM** - Youth Room Reserved
5 PM - Youth Caroling (meet @ CMC)

Next Week:

*Pastor Jeremiah will share *"Dare to Offer Love"* from John 8:1-11

*Nursery - Mike & Liz Petersheim

***Christmas Brunch** during SS, serving begins at **9:15 AM**. Egg casserole will be provided. Please bring fruit, muffins, breads, deviled/red beet eggs, cheese & crackers, cookies or donut holes.

~Looking Ahead~

Dec. 24, 7 PM - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 26 - Message by Elder Bob Horning

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

Feb. 13, 2022 - Annual Meeting during SS Hour

~Conestoga Notes~

Elder Discernment - We are grateful our discernment process led to a consensus to recommend Carol Moss, Greg Petersheim and Jerry Petersheim to join our Elder Team. You are invited to respond to this recommendation the next two weeks by submitting the bulletin insert in the lobby box.

Advent Sermon Resource - For a great 5-minute summary of the Good News of Advent, check out the Bible Project's Gospel Kingdom video on our Facebook page or at bibleproject.com.

Tithing envelopes were distributed last week. If you wish to use the envelope system and are not set up, please contact Beth Luna.

~Prayer~

We praise God for the release of three more of the CAM hostages in Haiti as we continue in prayer for the remaining 12, their families and their captors. For detailed updates and prayer requests, go to christianaidministries.org.

We praise God for **Walter Petersheim's** long, rich life & for his peaceful passing into the full presence of God on Tuesday. A public memorial service will be held after the holidays. Please be in prayer for Walter's family as they mourn his absence while celebrating his life.

We pray for **peace and grace** for all who find the holidays to be a difficult season for a variety of reasons. May the Prince of Peace comfort us in our losses, give us hope in our struggles & rest in our busyness!

Continue in prayer for **Wes Boyer** as his arm continues healing and that he will be able to rest well. *Praise the Lord* that the sores in the roof of his mouth were not cancerous!

We praise God with **Cheryl Heineman** that doctors were able to identify the cause of her recent loss of vision & that a full recovery is expected following surgery on Dec. 23. Please pray for a successful operation and a smooth recovery.

Lois Boyer's sister, **Betty Denlinger**, is back at Landis Homes after emergency surgery for a broken hip. Pray for her full healing!

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **Mennonite Mission Network** as they take "the whole Gospel to the whole world". Pray that their creative Gospel witness would draw many followers of Jesus into a deeper engagement with Him and His world.

Dec. 5, 2021 Reports

Attendance: SS - 88; Worship - 123

General Offering: \$3,423.25

Designated Offering: Tuition Assistance - \$1,500

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 . . .

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