

Conestoga Mennonite Church



Joyfully Living Christ's Story to Benefit Others

December 19, 2021

Number 51

Christmas Brunch in Fellowship Hall (9:15 a.m.)

Everyone is invited for food & fellowship!

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	David Heineman
Worship in Song	Team led by Krista Petersheim
<i>Greetings of Peace</i>	Pastor Jeremiah
Welcome & CMC Highlights	
Our Living HiStory Prayer	Kristy Unruh
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting <i>(Dismiss children K-Gr. 5 for Children's Church)</i>	
Hymns	John 8:1-11
The Word of the Lord	
Message: "Dare to Offer Love"	
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 - Nelson & Marilyn Beam
- Prayer Ministry - Austin & Kristy Unruh
- Nursery - Mike & Liz Petersheim
- Children's Church with Lois Ann Mast and Bob Ebert, M4:6a
- Christmas Brunch (serving will begin at 9:15 AM - 10:20 AM)

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tues., 5-6:30 PM** - Food Pantry Distribution
- **6 PM** - Pastoral Team with spouses
- **Fri., 7 PM** - Christmas Eve Candle Lighting Service

Next Week:

- *Elder Bob Horning will share "Dare to Be Humble" from Phil. 2:5-11
- *Nursery - Justin & Sarah Kolb

~Looking Ahead~

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 by Dec. 26. Ballots can be submitted in the lobby box.

We will have the privilege of celebrating the life of our brother and lifelong Conestoga member **Walter Petersheim** on Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022. The memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. followed by a meal. We are deeply grateful for all that Walter and Lorraine & their family have meant to our church family over these many years.

At the end of another year, I am most thankful to be the Office Administrator at CMC! Thank you for the opportunity to work with and serve with each of you. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! ~Beth Luna.



~Prayer~

We praise God that all 17 of the CAM missionaries in Haiti were released on Dec. 15!! Continue to pray for them as they process what they have endured and seek to integrate back into life through wise counseling.

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!

Please pray for good results for **Cheryl Heineman's** eye surgery on Dec. 23. Pray for a successful operation and a smooth recovery.

Thank you for your prayers this past week for **Sharon Refford and her family** during the days before and after the passing of Sharon's grandmother, Melinda Stoltzfus. Please continue to hold the family in prayer as they mourn Melinda's absence & celebrate her life of faith.

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **Mennonite World Conference** as they connect the international Anabaptist family in fellowship, worship and mission. Pray for blessing and wisdom for their leaders and for the work of Christ to be furthered by their work!



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)

Dec. 12, 2021 Reports

Attendance: SS - 90; Worship - 123

General Offering: \$8,264

Designated Offering: Capital Improvement - \$5,000

Our Ministers: Every Member

Ministry Council:

Austin Unruh, Preaching Elder, Chair

Bob Horning, Elder

David Heineman, Deacon Elder

Jeremiah Martin, Pastor

Nelson Beam, Elder

Sonya Stoltzfus, Preaching Elder, Vice Chair

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 - conestogamc.com, 610-590-4200 (cell)

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During this Advent Season
we Dare to . . .

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