

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

December 26, 2021

Number 52

Teaching the Word (9:30 AM)

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

Morning Worship (10:30 AM)

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	Dana Ebert
Worship in Song	Team led by Krista Petersheim
<i>Greetings of Peace</i>	
Welcome & CMC Highlights	Pastor Jeremiah
Our Living HiStory Prayer	
Advent Reading	Kristy Unruh & Mike Petersheim
Children's Handbells	
Hymns	
The Word of the Lord	Phil. 2:5-11
Message: "Dare to Be Humble"	Elder Bob Horning
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
- Prayer Ministry - Josiah & Sonya Stoltzfus
- Nursery - Justin & Sarah Kolb

~This Week~

Next Week:

- *CMC Annual Covenant Renewal Service*
- *Pastor Jeremiah will share "A Growing Family" from Eph. 4:1-16
- *Children's Church with Audrey Mast & Austin Unruh, M4:6a
- *Nursery - Susan Johnson and Emma & Cora Parsons

~Looking Ahead~

- Jan. 23, 2022* - Walter Petersheim Memorial Service
- 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. Today is the last day to respond to this recommendation. Ballots can be submitted in the lobby box.

*Next week we will hold our annual **Covenant Renewal Service**. You are invited to prepare for this service in prayer, asking God to show you what you may be called to leave behind as the new year begins, and also what God may be calling you toward, that we might together "grow into the fullness of Christ".



*You are the Son
of God;
And sinless you
will be.
Oh, holy lamb
of God;
One day you'll
die for me.*

~Prayer~

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!

We continue in prayer for:

the **CAM missionaries** recovering from their captivity in Haiti, that the God of all hope would fill them with His peace and healing!

Cheryl Heineman as she recovers from eye surgery.

The **Lusengya family** as *Veronica* was recently diagnosed with COVID. We pray that her family would remain in good health, that they would have a peaceful & joyful Christmas and that any financial impacts from missing work would be minimal.

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **MC USA Racial Ethnic Leadership Fund**. We are grateful for this opportunity to equip minority Pastors in biblical, Anabaptist foundations, especially since many are bi-vocational and deeply appreciate support.

Dec. 19, 2021 Reports

Attendance: Christmas Brunch - 95; Worship - 127

General Offering: \$43,744

Designated Offering: Capital Improvement - \$5,000

Tuition Assistance - \$600; Youth - \$100

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:

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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 . . .

BE HUMBLE

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