

Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

December 5, 2021

Number 49

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 Jody Essick
Worship in Song Team led by Rachel Mast
Greetings of Peace
Welcome & CMC Highlights Pastor Jeremiah
Our Living HiStory Prayer
Advent Reading and Candle Lighting Kristy Unruh & Jody Essick
Dismiss children K-Gr. 5 for Children's Church
Hymns
The Word of the Lord Luke 22:1-6, 47-53
Message: "Dare to Make Peace" Preaching Elder Austin Unruh
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 - Bob & Karen Horning
- Nursery - Tina Essick & Kelsie Drumheller
- Children's Church with Lois Ann Mast & Brendon Petersheim
- Christmas Hymn Sing, 6 PM

~This Week at CMC~

- **Tues., 9:15 AM** - Neighbors - Christmas themed morning with a cookie exchange. Bring 3 dozen cookies to share & a take home container!
7 PM - 3rd Circle of Discernment with Pastoral Team Candidates
- **Thurs, 12 N** - Senior Connections Lunch followed by a Christmas program from the 2nd & 3rd grade students from Conestoga Christian School
- **Fri, 12-8 PM & Sat., 8-5 PM** - Sanctuary & FH Reserved

Next Week:

*Pastor Jeremiah will share *"Dare to Bring Joy"* from Luke 19:1-10

*Nursery - Mike & Liz Petersheim

~Looking Ahead~

Dec. 18, Youth Caroling (meet at CMC at 5 PM)

Dec. 19, 9:30-10:20 - Christmas Brunch

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 Gospel kingdom video on our Facebook page or at bibleproject.com.

Fruit Baskets for Seniors - CMC's Visitation Team is blessing seniors with fruit baskets today. Names can be found on the baskets located in the FH. Enjoy!

Christmas Brunch on Dec. 19 - Egg casserole will be provided. Please bring fruit, muffins, breads, deviled or red beet eggs, cheese & crackers or small sweet things like cookies or donut holes. Serving will begin at 9:15 AM.

Please note the new **Nursery Leaders** as listed below:

Nursery Scheduler - Kelsie Drumheller

Nursery Facilitator - Madison Petersheim

Mother's Room Coordinator - Carissa Nafziger

The 2022 sign up sheet for the **M4:6a Promise** is on the lobby shelf. This is for men who are trained in the CMC child protection policies.

~Notes, cont.~

My mouth surgery was successful! **Thank you** for your continued prayers as I heal and await the biopsy results. ~Wes Boyer.

Congratulations to Sam Waters for receiving the 'Judge's Favorite' Award from Viewbug, a photography community & photo sharing site. (article on lobby board)

~Prayer~

Pray for the remaining 15 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 prayers and encouragement as he continues to heal from his knee replacement surgery!

***Steve Peck** has completed his chemo and will not be receiving radiation at this time. His tests showed the tumor has shrunk minimally so he now waits to see his surgeon in January. He values your on-going prayers!

***Wes Boyer** as he endures a hard cast to heal his broken hand.

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **MennoMedia** as they publish educational and worship resources from an Anabaptist perspective. Pray that their creative gospel witness would draw many followers of Jesus into a deeper engagement with Him and His world.

Nov. 28, 2021 Reports

Attendance: SS - 71; Worship - 94

General Offering: \$4,744.25

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 . . .

MAKE PEACE

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