

# Conestoga Mennonite Church

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

August 15, 2021

Number 33

## 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 Sharon Stoltzfus  
Worship in Song led by Krista Petersheim  
Foundations: "We Believe" Pastor Bob  
*Greetings of Peace*  
Welcome, CMC Highlights and our Living HiStory Prayer  
Back to School Recognition and Prayer of Dedication  
Marilyn Beam, Dir. of Ch. Ed.  
*Dismiss Children K-Gr. 5 for Children's Church*  
Hymns  
Message: "You, Impacting Culture" Jeremiah 29:1-7  
by 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 - Nevin Mast &
- Prayer Ministry - David & Cheryl Heineman
- Nursery - Emma & Cora Parsons and Rachel Mast
- Children's Church with Lois Ann Mast and Lemar Mast, M4:6a

## ~This Week at CMC~

- **Tuesday, 6 PM** - Pastoral Team & families at Petersheim Pond for picnic
- **Wednesday, 7 PM** - Food Pantry Stocking
- **Thursday, 7 PM** - Cancer Support Group
- **Friday, 9 AM** - Prayer
- **Saturday** - Trustee Sanctuary work day

### Next Week:

\* 10:30 AM Outdoor Worship at Tel Hai Camp in Honey Brook (no SS). Rachel & Team will lead worship and Pastor Bob will briefly share "A Final Word" from Eph 6:10-20 before we honor his ministry as he retires. Chicken BBQ will be served at noon. Surnames A-L, please bring fruit or a dessert and surnames M-Z, please bring a side dish or salad. Please arrive early *with lawn chairs* and bring your dish to the Hemlock Bldg prior to our 10:30 worship. Please bring a **generous serving** as we expect guests.

Children's Activity Packets will be available for toddlers - grade 6 as they enter for worship.

The camp will be available until 3:30 PM with the following activities available: swimming, minigolf, Gaga Ball, Carpet Ball, 9 Square, human foosball and good ol' fashioned fellowship!

## ~Conestoga Notes~

**Inserts** - You are encouraged to familiarize yourself with today's insert that Pastor Bob developed for use in next weeks service. You are also encouraged to use today's 'Back to School' insert for prayer and encouragement!

**Yard Sale on Sat., Aug. 28**, 8 AM-12 noon at CMC. Items include Boyd's Bears, home goods, Princess House glassware and a Shop Vac. There's room for you to participate by selling or shopping!

**Updated Photo Shoot Info.:** The Oct. 15-17 pictorial directory photo weekend has been cancelled by the studio due to staffing issues and illness.

**Painting Upgrades:** speak with Lyle if you can help repaint the Pastors office and several other rooms Monday evening, Aug. 23. Pizza will be served at 6 PM.

**Cancer Support Group Picnic** will be held on Sat, Aug. 28; 4:30 PM at the West Nantmeal Park. (Rain location is CMC Fellowship Hall) Please RSVP to Cheryl H.

**Summer Reading Challenge** - What have you read this summer? There's still time to accomplish more as we've rescheduled handing out prizes until Sept. 5!

*~Looking Ahead~* Aug. 29 - 10:30 AM **Installation message** for Pastor Jeremiah Martin by Micah Zimmerman, Pastor at Meadville Mennonite

~Prayer~

Pray safety as **Pastor Jeremiah** returns home tomorrow after performing a wedding rescheduled due to Covid. We celebrate this opportunity to wrap up final France responsibilities as he and Shaelagh conclude their World Venture mission service.

Praise God for the rich connection of our **youth families and youth workers** yesterday! Pray blessing as Mike and Liz conclude their service as leaders, as Jeremy and Shannon embrace a new year, and Tina as she shoulder taps for an additional support person or couple.

Praise God the **Johnson family** could again participate with excellence in 4H projects. Ask them about the results!

**Continue praying for members in transition or needing healing:**

- **Carol Moss** beginning her healing after knee replacement
- **Lois Boyer** healing through physical therapy
- **Steve Peck** receiving low-grade chemo
- **Laura Kurtz** adjusting to her new room in personal care
- **Mindy Beam** settling in to life and ministry in Columbus

Praise God our young families **were a blessing at Senior Connections** with their Talent Show! We are grateful for God's generosity to us!

Today we highlight our budget mission support of **Tel Hai Camp**. It is a blessing to partner with this ministry begun by CMC and Maple Grove members decades ago, and to witness God still at work!

August 8, 2021 Reports~

**Attendance:** Sunday School - 88; Worship - 110

**General Offering:** \$6,965.12

**Compassion Fund:** \$50

**Our Ministers:** Every Member

**Pastoral Team:**

Austin Unruh, Preaching Elder, Chair

Bob Horning, Elder

Bob Petersheim, Retiring Pastor

David Heineman, Deacon Elder

Jeremiah Martin, Incoming 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 Bob, Chair

Dir. of Stewardship: Lyle Essick

Dir. of Worship: Kristy Unruh

**Church Staff:**

**Retiring Pastor:** Bob Petersheim - leadcmc55@gmail.com, 610-507-8862 (cell)

**Incoming Pastor:** Jeremiah Martin - Jeremiah@conestogamc.org, 610-590-4200 (cell)

**Office Administrator:** Beth Luna - admin@conestogamc.com, 610-286-9124

back2school  
prayer

"Dear Lord, use my eyes to *see* new friends.

Open my ears to *hear* my teacher.

Open my mind to *learn* new things.

Let my heart *remember* YOU are near  
when I'm afraid.

Help me to *love* others like you do.

I want to *shine* your light so bright in my school."  
*Amen.*

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*Within the next two weeks, Conestoga's children and teens and teachers will return to school: Pottstown begins Aug. 23, Hinkletown Mennonite begins Aug. 25, Conestoga Christian begins Aug. 30, Twin Valley begins Aug. 30, Eastern Lancaster County begins Aug. 30, Owen J. Roberts begins Aug. 31, Eastern Mennonite University begins Aug. 31, and Goodwill Preschool also begins on Aug. 31. Blessings to all!*

Welcome to Back to School Sunday

on August 15, 2021, at

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