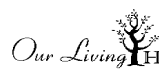


# Conestoga Mennonite Church



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

Aug 22, 2021

10:30 AM Worship

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**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*

Welcome and Opening Prayer Incoming Pastor Jeremiah Martin  
Worship in Song (see blue insert) Team led by Rachel Mast  
Meditation: “A Final Word” from Eph 6:10-20 Pastor Bob  
Hymn “How Great Thou Art” led by Krista Petersheim  
Litany of Release Austin Unruh, Pastoral Team  
Chair

Austin: A church family is constantly changing. Babies are born. Loved ones come to the end of their lives. It is a biblical tradition to recognize beginnings and endings. So we, today, release Pastor Bob as our Pastor as he transitions into retirement.

Pastor Bob: Thank you for the privilege of serving you with the service of leadership. Thank you for the love and support you have shown me. I recognize that in my humanness, I at times missed the mark. I invite your forgiveness. I also invite you to praise God with me for the ways God accomplished His purposes during our work together. God is worthy of praise!

**Cong: We receive your gratitude. We forgive you for any failures. We are grateful for the ways God worked through our time together. We recognize that at times we too missed the mark. We invite your forgiveness. We also praise God for the many things we accomplished together. God is indeed worthy of praise!**

Pastor Bob: I accept your gratitude. I forgive you for any failures. I trust that our years together; and our transition from my lead role, will be pleasing to Jesus Christ whom we are called to serve.

Austin: Do you, as the CMC family of faith now release Pastor Bob from his service as our Pastor?

**Cong: We do, with the help of God.**

Austin: Bob, do you now release your service at Conestoga?

Pastor Bob: I do, with the help of God.

*~Transition to honoring God as we honor Pastor Bob’s retirement~*

Memories of Bob’s Earlier Ministry Cindy Petersheim

Dr. J Donald Kemrer - Neffsville and Seminary (‘75-’85)

J. Richard Thomas - Ridgeview Mennonite (‘85-’97)

Walter Sawatsky - Franconia and TTWM (‘97-’09)

Memories of God at Work at CMC (‘09-’21) Krista Petersheim

Howard Moss (Food Pantry)

Andy Leatherman (Preaching)

Dot Leatherman (Lusengya support)

Rachel Mast (Youth Internships/Mentors)

Greg Petersheim (Church Life)

Marilyn Beam (Cindy Petersheim)

Presentation of Gifts Tina Essick

Prayer of Blessing CMC Elders

Meal Instructions & Prayer Tina Essick & Pastor Jeremiah

## Special Thanks:

1. To the many persons who contributed to this Celebration honoring Pastor Bob & Cindy’s service, especially our Retirement Celebration Committee: Tina Essick, Lois Ann Mast, Carol Moss and Krista Petersheim
2. Dan Mast, Gareth Yoder & Team overseeing sound and recording
3. Greeters: Nevin Mast, Jerry & Freda Petersheim
4. Lyle Essick, Gary Stoltzfus and Connor Kauffman for preparing the chicken BBQ
5. Members giving tithes & offerings on-line, stamped mail or the **box at the back**

## *~This Week at CMC~*

- **Monday, 6 PM** - pizza followed by painting upgrades: RSVP to Lyle
- **Tuesday, 5-6:30 PM** - Food Pantry distribution
- **Wednesday, 7 PM** - Visitation Team
- **Saturday, 8 AM-12 noon** - Yard Sale on the CMC parking lot

## Next Week:

\*Installation Service for Pastor Jeremiah with message “Lamps, Light & The Lamb” from Mt. 22:1-10 by Micah Zimmerman, Pastor at Meadville Mennonite. Please review today’s green insert to strengthen our words of commitment.

\*Nursery - Matt & Rebecca Beam

\*Prayer Ministry - Josiah & Sonya Stoltzfus

## ~Conestoga Notes~

Please update your email contact info for Pastor Jeremiah to [Jeremiah@conestogamc.com](mailto:Jeremiah@conestogamc.com) instead of .org.

**Neighbors** needs **Child Care Workers**, adults or homeschool students, who love working with children ages 6 months - 5, to work Tuesdays, 9:15 -11:15 AM, Sept 21-mid April, 2022. Child clearances are required & compensation is \$20/session. Contact Tina if interested.

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

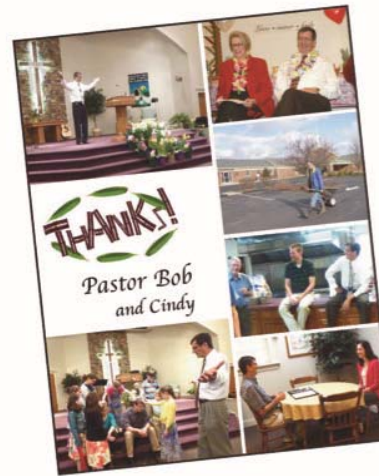
### ~Prayer~

Continue in prayer for **Steve Peck** and his family as Steve is losing strength in his fight with cancer, for **Laura Kurtz**, now in Health Care at Landis Homes and for **Veronica Lusengya** managing throat pain and discomfort.

We celebrate with **Howard & Carol Moss** her good progress healing from knee replacement. Pray for full return to vitality!

Pray for **fellow believers in Haiti**, reeling from violent political instability and the devastation of last week's earthquake and tropical storms and for the **people of Afghanistan** as that country descends into chaos. Pray believers would 'stand firm' in faith.

Today we highlight our budget support of **Tel Hai Camp**. Pray blessing as Howard Moss retires as Director & the Board selects his successor.



Welcome on August 22, 2021, to  
Pastor Bob's  
Retirement Celebration

### August 15, 2021 Reports~

**Attendance:** Sunday School - 65; Worship - 86

**General Offering:** \$3,825.50

**Chords of Love SS Class:** \$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.com, 610-590-4200 (cell)

