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SUPPLEMENT

THANK YOU for last Sunday's (December 10) and this week's Electronic Funds Transfer offerings:

- Leadership Support \$4,784.60
- Program Fund \$650.00

Note from the Treasurer

As we approach yearend, we still have significant deficits in several funds. The Leadership Support Fund is in the red by \$1,530. The Program Fund is in the red by \$7,910 which includes the \$1,508 that we still need to cover the cost of our Homecoming celebration. Please give prayerful consideration to these needs as you plan your yearend giving.

Henry Youndt, Treasurer



A tip from your Everence Advocate, Marie Hoover

You can use your retirement savings to make year-end donations. If you withdraw money from your retirement income (known as distribution), you can give these dollars tax-free to our church or a charity. Learn more about gift options at everence.com/charitable-giving.



Reminder about End of Year Giving

To have your contributions applied to the year 2017, they must be received by or postmarked December 31, 2017.

Gifts received after that date will be applied to 2018, unless the postmark is December 31 or before.



DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

December 24—Christmas Eve

9:00 a.m. Christmas Tea
10:00 a.m. Pastor Tom will be preaching
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve service

December 31

Pastor Austin will be preaching



Looking Ahead to 2018

January 5-7—Junior High Retreat at Camp Hebron
January 12-14—Senior High Retreat at Camp Hebron
January 28—Fellowship Meal and Congregational Meeting



Happy Birthday

Cody Kreiner—Sunday, December 17
Amanda Horst—Monday, December 18
Cliff Day—Tuesday, December 19
Miriam L Martin—Friday, December 22
Henry Youndt—Friday, December 22
Mindy Nolt—Monday, December 25
Lauren Greenawalt—Tuesday, December 26



Happy Anniversary

Harold and Doris Mohler—Monday, December 18



Christmas Cards for Ryan and Bethany Umble Family

As the Christmas Season is upon us, we wanted to give you the opportunity to send your Christmas greetings to the Umble family. We are assembling a package of Christmas cards to be delivered via a friend who will be traveling to Cambodia at the end of the month. If you would like to send a card to the Umbles, please mail it to:

Megan Beiler
5261 Denlinger Road
Gap, PA 17527

The cards need to arrive at the address above **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 20TH.**

Umble Mission Support Team

Christmas Giving Project for the people of Puerto Rico

We invite you to share the love of Jesus this Christmas season by participating in our giving project for the people of Puerto Rico. We will have the exciting opportunity to share both globally and locally!

Global Giving—During Advent this year we will be focusing our coin offerings on relief efforts that Mennonite Disaster Service is leading in Puerto Rico. You will have the opportunity to share your coins and bills through Sunday, January 7.

Local Giving—Many Puerto Rican families are choosing to leave Puerto Rico due to the devastation caused by Hurricane Maria. There are many Puerto Ricans joining family members who currently are living in Lancaster City. This influx of families creates a large need for the School District of Lancaster to be providing for many new students entering the school system.

We will be collecting items for these families. Please drop off your items at the table in the back of the church.

December 10—hats, gloves and scarves—any size

December 17—coats—any size

December 24—blankets

December 31—toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, conditioner, hairbrushes

January 7—Food items....more details coming



CVCCS News

CVCCS would welcome donations of the following food items:

- ♥ Canned fruit
- ♥ Canned soup
- ♥ Canned beans of all varieties



Current clothing needs: Gently used coats of all sizes.

Please place your donations in the box provided in the lobby.

Thank you for responding to the request to purchase Christmas gifts for a Conestoga Valley family in need. The

gifts were delivered to Smoketown Elementary. The staff asked us to pass along a heartfelt
"THANK YOU"!!!



MCCL ACCEPTING REGISTRATIONS

The Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster is accepting registrations for the spring semester. MCCL has programs for kindergarten through grade 12. Singers meet Tuesday evenings January through April. For more information about MCCL programs, see www.mennonitechilndrenschoir.org, call 717-455-7025, or email mccl@lancastrmennonite.org.

Position Opening Homes of Hope Coordinator

Homes of Hope, a transitional housing ministry of Love In the Name of Christ (Love INC), is seeking someone to fill the position of Coordinator. The coordinator is responsible for the assessment placement in one of our eleven homes, and case management of families in Lancaster County who are facing homelessness.

For more details, see posting on the bulletin board outside coat room or contact Kim Wittel at 717-735-7540.



CLEAN OUT YOUR SEWING ROOM FOR MCC!

Quilter's Attic at the PA Relief Sale is collecting quilt-related items—the used/unused/unfinished things no longer needed in your sewing room. For a detailed list of items, please see the flier posted on the bulletin board outside the coat room. These items can be dropped off at the New Holland Re-Uzit Shop in New Holland. Please clearly mark items: **"Quilter's Attic"**.

*Donations accepted during business hours,
All Year Long!*