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CVCCS Welcomes New Director

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One would surmise that it would take a very intriguing opportunity to bring a happily retired man back into the workforce. Michael Chandler, the new executive director of Conestoga Valley Community Christian Services (CVCCS) is just such a man who found such an opportunity. "I was happy retired, but (when) I found out about the opening here, I gladly unretired in order to have an opportunity to (serve here)," said Chandler.

Sitting comfortably at his new desk at CVCCS, located at 2420 Gehman Lane, Suite 105, Lancaster, Chandler quickly discussed his assessment of the ministry, and it became apparent why the position was attractive enough to lure him from long walks, plenty of leisurely reading time, and playing with his dog. "I see a lot of strengths (in the ministry) right now," said Chandler. "I see that what we're doing now, we are doing really well, and I am pleased with that." He went on to discuss the particular attributes of the different divisions of the ministry. "The food bank services are impressive in the amount and quality of goods families receive," he noted. "I like that (the clothing bank) is well stocked, and we have (volunteers) who are courteous and caring to meet people when they come in and assist them with their shopping." He added that the Weekend Blessings program, which provides food over the weekend for Conestoga Valley School District (CVSD) elementary school students, also operates efficiently. "I know there is a generous spirit behind this place and a great deal of support," he said.

Looking ahead, Chandler feels confident that CVCCS can expand. "I would like to see us identify other (needs) that are going unmet within the community and be able to provide the same quality of services in those areas that we are now (with our current programs)," he said.

Volunteers are a necessity for CVCCS to expand its services or even continue to meet needs as it has since its inception. The food bank requires up to a dozen volunteers on days that clients are seen, and the clothing bank has a rotating crew of 18 or more volunteers. Chandler has given hours in a volunteer capacity throughout his life, and he understands the process. "I have worked with a number of nonprofit agencies ... as a member of the board of directors or as a volunteer," he said. "It has always been important to me, and I appreciate the volunteers that are here." Individuals who are interested in volunteering may contact Chandler at mchandlercvccs@aol.com.

Chandler spent the early years of his life in Bloomington, Ill. He served for four years in the United States Navy, including a year in Vietnam. He attended Goshen College in Goshen in northern, Indiana, and seminary in Elkhart, Ind. He completed his masters at Eastern Mennonite Seminary and the University of Virginia. After school, Chandler became a church pastor, serving churches in Indiana, West Virginia, and Albuquerque, N.M. After a pastorate brought him to Pennsylvania about 18 years ago, he decided to undergo a career change. "I worked in mental health as a service director overseeing six programs for Keystone Mental Health," said Chandler.

CVCCS will take part in the upcoming Extraordinary Give, a fundraiser that is overseen by the Lancaster County Community Foundation. Donations for the Give will be accepted at http://extragive.org on Friday, Nov. 21.

CVCCS is open to serve clients by appointment on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays from

Michael Chandler, the new executive director of Conestoga Valley Community Christian Services, stands ready to welcome clients and volunteers to the organization's location at 2420 Gehman Lane, Suite 105, Lancaster.

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Individuals who would like to make appointments to receive services may call 208-3711 for the food bank and 490-6423 for the clothing bank.

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