

CMC Newsweekly

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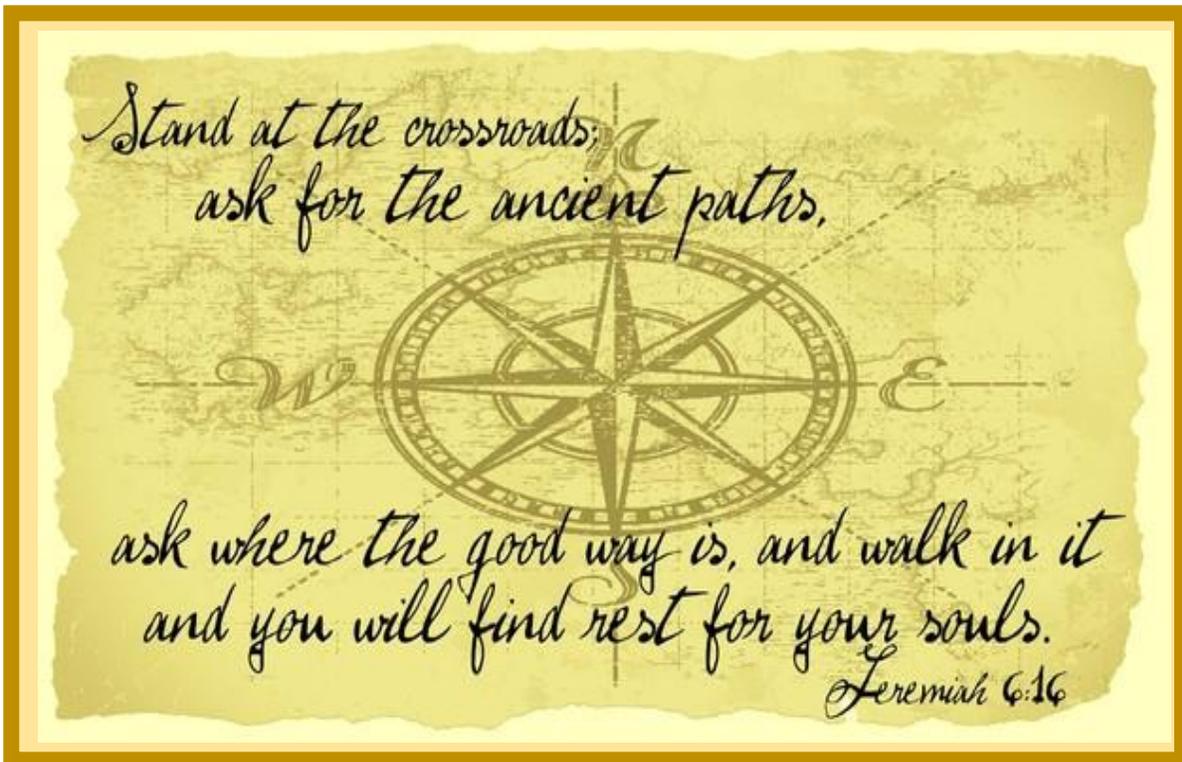
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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Dayna Olson-
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Preacher: Jennifer Davis Sensenig
Song Leaders: Nancy Heisey

Attendance last Sunday: 251
Offering last Sunday = \$5,525
YTD budget = \$63,011
YTD giving = \$ 58,566
Difference = (\$4,445)



UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

Sunday, Feb. 28

- Jr. MYF Duckpin Bowling, meet at the Dean House after church

Sunday, March 6

- Monthly Potluck, after Sunday school, Fellowship

Mon., March 7 – 14

- CMC will be hosting Open Doors at Asbury United Methodist Church

Monday, March 8

- Youth Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

Future dates

Friday, March 11

- German Quiz Night! 7 – 9 pm, Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 14

- Outreach Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

Thursday, March 17

- Council Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

Friday – Saturday, March 18-19

- Venture Club lock-in, Dean House

CMC Notices

This Sunday, February 28, the Junior MYFers will meet immediately after church at the Dean House. Please bring a bag lunch and a dollar bill (shoe rental). We'll eat together, then leave around 12:15 to drive up to Mount Jackson for some old timey duckpin bowling. We'll bowl from 1-3, and get back to CMC around 3:30-3:45. [Here's the signup](#): if you can't access the document, just email Michael at mac1572@gmail.com with the following info:

1. Is your junior MYFer going?
2. Sibling/ parents going?
3. Can someone from your family drive?

Sponsors: Kent Sensenig, Adrienne Griggs, Harold Shenk, and Steve Cessna

German Quiz Night! No knowledge of German (or Germany!) required! Come out yourself or in teams to enjoy an ice cream bar, trivia game about Germany, and light-hearted fun. Freewill offering will be taken in support of VMissions workers, David and Rebekka Stutzman. **Friday, March 11, 2016 from 7 – 9 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of Community Mennonite Church. Registration by March 7 requested by calling Melanie Sherer at (540) 434-9727 or emailing her at melanie.sherer@vmissions.org.

To all who have interest in a spring MDS adventure the next tour is planned for March 7-11. As you may recall this region in South Carolina was severely impacted by flooding last year and so MDS is mounting a significant response. The work will housing repair rather than new buildings. So to all who have handy skills in home repair please consider this option. So far we have at least 8 persons planning to go on this project including Joe Yoder who is returning from Honduras March 5 and then leaving the next morning for South Carolina. We can expand our numbers to 15 persons. Many of you have in the past said "I would like to do this sometime". This time we can drive to the location within 7+ hours. Also if you wish to even come for 3 days your work will be worthy. If you have additional questions call Sam Miller or Joe Yoder.

Please see the Open Doors sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall as we are still in need of people to set-up, clean up, stay overnight and provide meals during the week.

Potluck: We are planning to go ahead with Potluck on Sunday March 6. So please bring enough food for your family and some to share. Please bring your own plates, cups and silverware as this cuts down on the amount of paper products we use as well as saves time during clean up. We could use help with set up and clean up. Please contact Jennifer Ulrich, ulrichjm@comcast.net if you can help.

Security Concern: After a series of deeply troubling encounters between our pastoral and staff team and a man in the CMC neighborhood, we consulted with local pastors who were also acquainted with him, as well as folks who know him from OCP and Open Doors. Given the personal and property security concerns within the CMC building, CMC Council has decided to temporarily keep the doors of the building locked during office hours and issue a notice of no trespass to John Whittaker. We are grateful that the notice was delivered in person by a CMC leader in the presence of a police officer without escalating concerns. We regret the inconvenience of the locked doors, but hope you will support this temporary measure toward creating a community of compassion, respect and accountability. CMC Council

On Sunday March 13 at 7:00 pm, Eastern Mennonite School will be hosting a concert by the world-renowned a Capella group Voces8. If you are interested in tickets, please contact Megan Good, Olivia Smucker, or Leah Wenger. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$20 at the door. Please come enjoy an evening of great music and help to support EMHS's touring choir!

Status of Renovation Project: Plans, schedules, pictures, and weekly updates on the Everyone Welcome renovation project are on our church web page here: www.tiny.cc/CMCreno2015. If you have questions, email Jeremy Nafziger (JFNafziger@gmail.com).

Notice to parents of EMS and college/university students: It's time to make applications for church matching grants for the 2016-2017 school year. Blank forms are in the boxes of likely students. Find extra forms in the wall rack near the boxes. Turn in completed forms to Millard Osborne by **Sunday, March 20**.

Tamar Speaks: A Retreat for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse The Collins Center's "Safe Church" Project works with local congregations each year to help equip all adults to protect children and teens from sexual abuse, not only in our churches, but also in the communities in which we live. A core aspect of Safe Church is lifting up and empowering adult survivors of sexual abuse in our faith communities. We invite adult survivors of abuse to join with others from faith communities on Saturday, March 28th (9:00 to 3:30), for a day of reflecting on how our journeys of healing give voice to Tamar, a daughter of King David, raped by her brother. Like many survivors today, Tamar silently carried the shame that rightfully belonged to her abuser. This retreat is intended to provide a supportive group environment, and a safe space for survivors to share in their common experiences. If you would like to talk with a CMCer who attended this retreat last year, please contact Mary Jo Bowman, bowbro@juno.com or 540-383-7792. Registration deadline is March 16. CMC would gladly cover the \$35.00 registration fee. If you'd like a registration form, please email the church office.

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☞ CMC Notices ☜

Guitarist needed for Sunday school class, March-May. The Adult Ed committee is planning a Spanish class which will use hymns and choruses in Spanish, along with Scripture readings. Also, anyone interested in helping teach this class please contact Ray Horst - 432-9548 or <horstre@emu.edu>.

Message from Sheri and Jay Hartzler in Romania: While Romania is not experiencing an influx of refugees from Syria, we border countries who are. Friends of ours working with the Nazarene church in Budapest have been helping in refugee assistance particularly at the border between Serbia and Croatia. I recommend to you these blogs by Teanna Sundberg: <http://centraleuropenaz.org/2016/01/15/the-sole-people/> and also <http://centraleuropenaz.org/2015/12/18/now-rise-up-church/>.

Two of our colleagues from Sighisoara will be going to work at this border during the month of March. Our church in Sighisoara had a special offering for shoes for these refugees, and we invite you to contribute as well, if you have interest. \$10 will buy a pair of shoes from a local vendor and is one of the most needed items. The link to donate online is <https://give.nazarene.org/donate/f/125784>

The Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) continues to serve in the task of caring for the relationship between pastors and the congregation and as a primary liaison between them. Further PCRC is available as a sounding board for the pastors. In order to be effective it must maintain a balanced third party stance and listen to all voices. PCRC also has helped pastors in transition and has reminded the congregation to recognize them in pastor appreciation month and celebrate their birthdays and anniversaries. Congregational feedback to PCRC is welcomed. The current PCRC members are Jennifer North Bauman, Maria Rodriguez, Lynn Roth, and Dick Stoltzfus.

Requests for cash on Sundays: Recently a few guests at CMC have asked for money to meet urgent financial needs. We appreciate the welcome that CMCers provide to guests and the openness to conversation and relationship. We request that before giving cash to persons, you invite a pastor into the conversation. Sometimes pastors have had previous experience with these guests. Often pastors and office staff will be the persons to follow-up with requests during the week and make referrals to our network of local resources. A listing of local resources is available in the Fellowship Hall near the mailboxes. We appreciate working together in this way. Council and Pastoral Team

Wouldn't you like to teach English this summer? The language school in Port Said, Egypt is looking for young or older native speakers for their intensive summer English program for children and youth, beginning June 1, for two months. Room and board provided. You will fall in love with these kids! For more information, please contact Martin Rhodes at Virginia Mennonite Missions: martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org OR esther.stenson@emu.edu, OR the director in Egypt : sara.nakhla@gmail.com. They also have immediate openings for longer term teachers. Esther Stenson

Lucy and Nate Malenke are looking for an individual, couple, or pair of housemates to sublet their house this summer, from approximately mid-May to mid-August (we are flexible). The house is on E. Elizabeth Street—a few blocks from the Co-Op and an easy walk to downtown, the Farmer's Market, and CMC. The house is fully furnished and has two bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms. Amenities include home office space, a washer/dryer, dishwasher, back deck and yard with garden space. \$500/month includes wireless internet and utilities (and we'd like some help with basic lawn care). Contact Lucy at lucybgreen@gmail.com or 814-360-2699.

See new messages on the Mission Bulletin board. Greetings from the boys and girls club in Romania. And also new article of interest about a young adult from Community Mennonite! Keep noticing this section of the bulletin board for other articles of interest. Joyce Osborne