

CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship leader: Brendon Derstine

Preacher: Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Song leader: Dorothy Jean Weaver

Attendance last Sunday = 201

Offering last Sunday = \$6,200

YTD budget = \$243,043

YTD giving = \$227,668

Difference = (\$15,375)



Traveling Mercies: Walk in Persistence

UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

- Sat., July 30 Baby Shower for Kaitlin Heatwole and Nathan Hershberger, 2:30 - 4:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Mon.- Thur. Aug 1 - 4 Day of prayer for our country, 12 pm - 7 pm, Sanctuary
- Fri. & Sat, Aug. 5 & 6 Vacation Bible School, Friday evening, and Saturday, 8:45 am - 3:00 pm, CMC

Future dates

- Sun., Aug. 7 Monthly Potluck after worship, Morrison Park
- Mon., Aug. 15 Outreach Commission meeting, 7 pm, Room 202
- Tues., Aug. 16 Monthly Gathering, 6 pm, Morrison Park
- Thur., Aug. 18 Council Meeting, 7 pm, CMC

CMC Notices

Mailbox Changes: Please note that the mailboxes HAVE BEEN REARRANGED to accommodate new members. Please be sure you are taking the right mail before you empty the box. If you do not have a mailbox and would like one please contact the church office.

Heatwole/Hershberger Baby Shower: Please join us for a drop-in reception to welcome Kaitlin Heatwole and Nathan Hershberger's child, and to celebrate their journey into parenthood! The reception will be on July 30th from 2:30-4:30 in the CMC fellowship hall. Because of travel and space logistics, Nathan and Kaitlin will be acquiring most of their baby items in Iraq. If you would like to contribute to their preparations, please consider items on their registries. Another meaningful option would be to make a donation to the Iraq/Syria crisis response, benefiting displaced children and parents. More information at the links below:

[Amazon Registry](#)

[Target Registry](#)

[MCC Syria & Iraq Crisis Response](#)

David Jost and Sophie Lapp warmly invite you to their Harrisonburg Wedding Reception in the CMC Fellowship Hall on Sunday, July 31st at 2:00 PM. It will be a dessert potluck, so bring a dessert to share (and don't worry in the least about making anything gluten-free). Somosas will be provided. The gathering will include the wedding hymns and an opportunity to celebrate in food and fellowship. If you would like to honor the couple with a gift, they would like to invite you to consider a contribution in their honor to one of their favorite organizations, which can be found at <https://www.theknot.com/us/sophie-lapp-and-david-jost-aug-2016/registry>. If you want to give Sophie and David something instead, gifts will also be accepted at the reception.

Church Administrator Opening- Community Mennonite Church welcomes applications for our church Administrator position. For more information visit our website at <http://cmcva.org/job-opening-cmc-office-administrator/>. Interested persons can apply by submitting a résumé with references. Hard copy documents can be mailed or dropped off for Alisha Huber, 70 S. High Street, Harrisonburg, VA, 22801. Or you can email your information to Alisha Huber at: alisha.huber@gmail.com. Feel free to contact the Lead Pastor for more clarification: Jennifer Davis Sensenig, 540-433-2148.

As you may have noticed, there are still various painting-related tasks to be completed here and there before we can say the whole Everyone Welcome project is finished. Also, we committed to keeping costs down by using all volunteer labor for the painting. If you can paint, your help is needed! Please visit the spreadsheet linked below to see a list of remaining tasks, and dates/times the building is not in use for other activities. If you have skills in coordinating a work crew, we definitely need your help! You probably won't get a chance to actually paint much, so you don't need great painting ability for this job! Sign up as a lead and we promise to orient you. [CMC Painting Signup](#). Thanks for your help! Linda Martin Burkholder

Sue Byler will be in town July 24. She was one of the original charter members at CMC. There will be a potluck at the Dean House after church on the 24th. If you plan to attend please RSVP Linda Pfamatter at 540-820-8816.

Thank you for all the offers of rooftop carriers for our van for our upcoming trip. We were able to locate one that works well with our Odyssey. Matt Carlson

Days of Prayer for Our Country -- One month after shootings in Baton Rouge, Falcon Heights and Dallas, Pastoral Team is planning for opportunities for individual and group prayer. The sanctuary will be open August 1st through 4th (noon to 7:00 pm). Childcare will be provided on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Pastoral Team is preparing a prayer that will be read each day at noon and 6:00 pm, and in worship on August 7th. The prayer will be distributed to the congregation before August 1st.

CMC's Vacation Bible School which will take place on August 5-6 for children ages 4-Grade 5. Bible school will be held Friday evening from 6:30-7:45 and Saturday from 9 am-3 pm. Children will interact with Bible stories through singing, worship and visits to a variety of interactive stations. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall following the Sunday service, or you can register online at <http://cmcva.org/learn/vacation-bible-school/>. This year's theme is "Surprise! Discovering Stories of Jesus." Please contact Joyce Peachey Lind (mjlind@gmail.com) if you have registration questions.

Help support a single mother: CMC's mentor support group for a local single mother and her two year old through the Bridge of Hope program has been active in the past year. We are seeking another two people to join our group to help spread out the joys and challenges of helping this mother who has few connections and resources, as well as ongoing health challenges. The commitment is minimal if we all pitch in occasionally. Could you join us? Talk to any group member to learn more. We are: Sue Swartz, Ed Pomicter, Thora Pomicter, Shirley Showalter, Rebeca Barge, Andrea Wenger.

Over the summer the following children will attend summer camp. Some are at camp this week. Others anticipate the week they will attend camp later in the summer. Please remember these campers in your prayers. And, check in with them about how camp enriched their summer!

Attending Highland Retreat:

- Nina Alabanza
- Jalyn Sneary
- Jedrek Sneary
- Lane Martin Burkholder
- Jakob Gerlach
- Justin Yoder
- Ravi Holsinger
- Afton Lehman
- Cormac Lehman
- Aaron Smucker
- Natalie Smucker
- Oliver Hertzler
- Arwen Hertzler
- Milo Hertzler
- Augusta Nafziger
- Atticus Nafziger
- Helena Nafziger
- Rebecca Murch
- Caroline Murch
- Nicholas Murch
- Linnea Siderhurst
- Robin Vogel
- Iris Cessna
- Micah Cessna

Attending Brethren Woods:

- Noah Olsen-Getty
- Silas Huber
- Andrian Kreider

Attending Beaver Camp (NY):

- Norah Gerlach

Attending Laurelville Camp (PA)

- Jill Yoder
- Anna Yoder
- Mira Yoder

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CMC Notices

If you would like to help with CMC's Vacation Bible School but cannot commit to teaching or assisting in the classroom, please consider a food donation or helping with lunch preparation! You may sign up to donate food using the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Make sure your donation is delivered to CMC by August 4. If you would like to help prepare lunch for our kids on Saturday, August 6th (11am - 1pm), please contact Marsha Thomas at marsha.thomas8417@gmail.com or 540-607-7753. Thanks for your help!

BUILDING UP THE KINGDOM, the saga continues - Hope you've noticed the "Everyone's Welcome" church building celebration photo collage from our June 26 worship service. If not, it remains up for your viewing pleasure on the bulletin board at the south end of the fellowship hall. Next to it, you'll find a resurrected photo collage on the worship theme, "Summertime Discipleship" from 2014 and, for a little historical perspective on our current building program, a news story from the front page of the July 27, 1989 *Mennonite Weekly Review* on CMC's "trading" buildings with the Harrisonburg Church of God in July of that year and a news clipping/photo on how the stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary came to be from the Feb. 19, 1991 issue of *Gospel Herald* (try diagramming this last sentence). Jim Bishop

Conquer your Debt: Every Everence member – as a member benefit – is eligible for up to six sessions per year of financial counseling through Lutheran Social Service financial counseling. The service is completely confidential; LSS only reports total utilization numbers back to Everence – never names or personal details. Pastors are used to *giving* confidentiality and nonjudgmental support – this service is an opportunity to balance the scales and receive that privacy and support. To make an appointment, call LSS at (877) 809-0039 or learn more at <http://lssmn.org/everence/> Pastoral Team

CMC Lending List: What do a canoe, a pickup truck, a chicken plucker, a 25 ft ladder, and a cider press have in common? They're all things you can borrow on the [CMC lending list](#). Lots of camping gear, sports equipment, garden tools, and even dance lessons are available... and all of them offered by only thirteen households from CMC! It would be great to get more of the church body involved, so please consider what you might be willing to lend, and add it using [this form](#). Please remember to return items promptly and in good condition. Email Michael Courtney with any questions. mac1572@gmail.com

End of Life Planning and CMC Memory Garden: Do you have preferences or plans for your funeral and the care of your body after death? CMC pastors would like to have updated versions of this information on file for all CMC members and regular attendees. You may use CMC's End of Life Planning Form (available in the Fellowship Hall and from Pastor Dayna) or your own format to record your preferences. If you are interested in interment of cremains in CMC's Memory Garden, please contact the church office for information about purchasing a plot.

Elder care-giving support group: Are you currently providing support or care for a spouse, parent, or other family member who is facing limitations due to aging? You are invited to join other CMCers for an elder care-giving support group. Our meetings will be from noon - 1:00 on August 24 in room 202 at CMC. Pastor Dayna Olson-Getty

Need a little extra help this summer? Olivia Smucker is available [through August 21](#) for jobs such as child care, mowing/weeding, running errands, pet sitting, and house cleaning. [540-236-2244](tel:540-236-2244) or livi425@gmail.com. -Olivia Smucker

Looking for a pick-up truck for sale: We would appreciate any leads on pick-up trucks for sale. Alex is needing something that has 4-wheel drive and is hefty enough to pull a trailer. If you have a lead, you can let either Jim (810-4553) or Alex (810-4698) know by phone or text. -- Angie, Jim, and Alex Clemens

Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale: As we look for new missions that God may be calling our church to through the visioning process, we need to remember the missions to which we are already committed. One of these is the MCC relief sale. Ruth and I spent the past 8 days in Poland on a Mennonite Heritage tour. Also on the tour were a number of Mennonites from Manitoba. They confirmed what I had already heard—two relief sales in Manitoba, including the Winnipeg sale, have closed down because the people who were involved in the sale became too old to do their jobs and new people did not volunteer for the tasks.

Community Mennonite continues to be actively involved in the Virginia sale, including the Murches who have stepped forward to take over the donut making. But the sale really needs help filling other positions if it is to continue. Please consider prayerfully whether you can take on one of the following positions. Let Tim Jost or Sam Miller know if you can help.

Friday Evening Dinner Organizer - This person's responsibility is to call churches to ensure food and volunteers will be provided, buy drink mixes, and be at the dinner area for set up to organize and provide direction throughout the dinner.

Food Committee Member - This person will work with a committee of 4-5 people to contact reps for each food department, order supplies from various vendors, provide lunch/dinner for volunteers setting up, and deliver supplies Friday and Saturday of the sale.

Baked Goods Organizer - This person's responsibility would be to organize the baked goods area at the sale Friday and Saturday. This would include organizing a group of volunteers to receive the baked good, price them, and then sell them.

Kiddie Corner Organizer - This person would help organize a group that would be at the sale Friday and Saturday. Joyce Showalter (current leader) is still interested in collecting the toys, but would like someone to organize the set up, pricing, and selling of the toys.
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