

CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship leader: Sue Cockley

Preacher: Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Song leaders: Monica Carlson



UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

Wednesday, Oct. 28

- Alternative Halloween (carnival games/activities), 6:30 – 8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Nov. 1

- Monthly Potluck, after Sunday school, Fellowship Hall
- Harmonia Sacra Sing, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, November 7

- Life after the death of a parent – you are invited to join Pastor Dayna for coffee, tea, and conversation, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Room 109

Future dates

Monday, Nov. 16

- Outreach Commission Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 202

Tuesday, Nov. 17

- Monthly Gathering, 6:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Nov. 19

- Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 202

Sunday, Nov. 22

- Congregational Meeting, 12:00 - 1:30 pm. Lunch and childcare provided

CMC Notices

A nation who cares for the poor and does justice Sunday, Oct 25 at 10:30. The CMC adult ed session on **Deuteronomy: Heart of the Hebrew Scriptures** will focus on chapters 15-18 this week, which establish laws for living and leading justly, so that the poor are liberated and God is honored. Everyone is welcome to join this Bible study for this week or the next several. Facilitator: Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Gift Items for Order from Bethlehem. Dorothy Jean Weaver will be taking orders for gift items from Bethlehem **on Sunday, October 25th**, after church in the Fellowship Hall at CMC. The items are beautiful; and the cause is a worthy one (assisting a struggling Bethlehem shopkeeper). Shipping will add 33% to the in-store costs of the items. **NOTE: Please bring your checkbook with you. Payment will be at the time of order.**

Come support NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center at a Community Shopping Day at Ten Thousand Villages, downtown Harrisonburg, on **Sunday Oct. 25 from 12-4**. Ten Thousand Villages will donate a portion of its sales that day to NewBridges. NewBridges has recently moved to new offices downtown and Executive Director, Alicia Horst is certified to offer legal immigration law counsel. Started as a mission of Harrisonburg District, NewBridges is celebrating 15 years of service and looking forward to its future. Jennifer Ulrich

Come to the sixth annual Harmonia Sacra sing, Sunday, November 1, at 7 p.m. This locally published hymnal has been around since 1832. It's full of great tunes and texts, some of which we still use and others that we don't. Come sing, lead a song, or request a favorite. There will be books available to borrow. Jeremy Nafziger

Help name our podcast! It turns out that there are six other "Community Mennonite" churches that have podcasts on iTunes. This makes ours SUPER HARD to find. We need a great name, one that has meaning and is not the name of any other podcast on iTunes. Suggest the winning name, by emailing me at alisha.huber@gmail.com and I'll give you a \$10 Kline's gift card and my undying gratitude. No limit on entries—send me as many as you want. Alisha Huber

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).

Renovation '15 - Volunteers are needed for painting in the new renovation area, for half-day or 3 hr. evening shifts over the next several weeks.

There will be opportunity to sign up to help after church Oct. 11 or at Fall Retreat, or you can look at the dates now, while you have your calendar handy!

Please look at the sign-up sheet <http://tiny.cc/CMCpainting> with the **proposed dates and work times**, and add your name to volunteer. If you have questions, contact Linda Martin Burkholder at 434-0365 or Imburkholder66@gmail.com.

Lindale Mennonite Church is looking for volunteers for a Pastoral Leadership Consultation from November 9 – 11 at Lindale Mennonite Church. Volunteers will help set up and clean up before and after the meals for about 2 hrs. Volunteers are also needed to provide desserts. If you are interested please contact the church office at cmc_office@cmcva.org

Pastor-Congregation Relations Committee (PCRC) encourages you to participate in Pastor Appreciation Month during October. We invite you to offer written words of encouragement or other expressions of appreciation to Jennifer, Jason, and Dayna during the next month. One way to express gratitude to our pastors is to provide them with a meal. Below are links to the Take Them a Meal website where you can sign up to provide a meal. You can also access the meal schedules by visiting takethemameal.com and searching for Davis Sensenig, Gerlach, or Olson-Getty. The password for each schedule is "pastor." Thank you in advance for your participation! -CMC PCRC (Jennifer North Bauman, Maria Rodriguez & Dick Stoltzfus)

Jennifer <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=OZSS8233&v=337fc9754d>

Jason <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=AJZG6537&v=337fc9754d>

Dayna <http://www.takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=ZBEO4655>

Church Recess started about six weeks ago. During this time 20 to 25 children (ages 4 through 5th grade) have regularly participated. We've taken note that the children enjoy the fresh air. They enjoy running, climbing, drawing with sidewalk chalk, and playing four square. We've learned how best to lead this group to and from the playground amidst the maze of building construction. We've encouraged hand washing at the end of recess. And, we've encouraged the child to arrive at Sunday School class ready to learn from their teachers.

On occasion we've noted that children have been dropped off by a parent out at the playground. If this is the case, we request that the parent simply talk to the supervising adults so that we can have accurate records of which children we are responsible for during this time.

There are still a few things we'd like to test. We've noticed a neat overlap, and it's that during church recess there could be time for Children's Choir (or possibly a Children's Musical sometime later on).

I'm very glad to announce that beginning on Sunday, November 8th, Monica Carlson would like to lead a choir for children (grade 2 to 5). The Children's Choir will prepare a few Christmas songs for Advent. This group will practice during Church Recess in room 109 (access through the accordion doors). -- Jason Gerlach (on behalf of CMC Youth Commission and Church Recess supervising adults)

Life after the death of a parent. If you are a CMCer who has lost a parent, you are invited to join Pastor Dayna for coffee, tea, and conversation on Saturday, November 7 from 1:00 - 2:30 pm in Room 109. You'll have an opportunity to share your story and hear from other CMCers about how they have been changed by the death of a parent, how they have grieved, and how they face difficult seasons such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Exploring Church Membership: Interested in exploring church membership at CMC or just learning more about Mennonites? Pastor Dayna will be leading a six week adult education class (October 11 - November 22, with no class on October 18) designed to create space for considering church membership, learning more about Mennonite history, beliefs, and faith practices, and learning about ways to get involved at CMC. Contact Pastor Dayna for more information (dayna.olson-getty@cmcva.org).

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CMC Notices

The Community Preschool is planning to add a new climbing unit for the use of the Preschool and the CMC children at Sunday recess. Because of this we are planning to get rid of the Log House.

If there is a household who has the room and would like to have this, for removing the log house you may take it to your home. Please let Joyce Osborne or the Preschool teachers if you would like to have this. We need it removed in the next two to three weeks or else it will be removed for waste. Joyce Osborne

Please notice the news release from the MCC magazine "A Common Place" Fall 2015-Teacher in Iraq about Nathan Hershberger. Read it on the Mission Bulletin Board. Joyce Osborne

CMC Our Community Place Walk: Want to join a friendly competition with other CMCers, get some exercise, spend time with friends, and help out a worthy organization? Rival CMC men and CMC women teams are forming for the Our Community Place 10K Walk on Saturday, October 31. The walk starts at 9:00 am at OCP and loops around Harrisonburg. To join or donate on behalf of the CMC women's team, contact Pastor Dayna or Jan Jenner. To join or donate on behalf of the CMC men's team, contact Eric Olson-Getty or Hadley Jenner. It's hoped that each team member will bring in at least \$100 for OCP through recruiting sponsors. Eric Olson-Getty

Interested in a short-term teaching experience in Egypt on the Mediterranean Sea? The Coptic Diocese in Port Said, Egypt is looking for English teachers for their intensive summer program for children and youth, beginning June 1, 2016 (for 8 weeks) This is where David and Esther Stenson taught for six months earlier in 2015. This diocese is also looking for longer term teachers and is working with Virginia Mennonite Missions. Please check the bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information. You may also email directly: sara.nakhla@gmail.com who is the contact in Egypt.

Of course, you may also speak with Esther and David. For whatever time you may be able to go, some financial help may be available. Esther Stenson

Host a VMC Pastor? Virginia Mennonite Conference is hosting a pastoral consultation Nov 9-11 at Lindale Mennonite Church. Pastors from across the conference will travel to Hburg. To reduce their expenses we are seeking hosts homes for overnight accommodations and breakfast for Nov 10 and 11. If you are willing to host, please contact anieta.mccracken@vmconf.org with the following: name, phone, email contact, "same day" contact information (in the case of a last minute schedule change), whether you can meet the needs of the few pastors who request gluten-free or vegetarian food, specifics on accommodations (single or double bed), number of guests, and whether there are stairs (a few pastors have mobility limitations). Pastoral Team

For those who would like occasional updates regarding Paul Longacre's life and times, please feel free to sign up for/visit our Caring Bridge page: <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/paullongacre>. Paul will be attending worship at VMRC, but continues to welcome short visits from CMC friends. Thanks for your ongoing prayer and support. Nancy Heisey

Our Stories, God's Story: The annual Mennonite Women of Virginia fall retreat will feature Sharon Clymer Landis, spiritual director and co-author of *The Spacious Heart: Room for Spiritual Awakening*, speaking about "Our Stories, God's Story." The retreat will be held at Massanetta Springs Resort in Harrisonburg from October 30 - Nov 1. Registration is due by October 5. Contact Pastor Dayna at dayna.olson-getty@cmcva.org for more information.

Did you know we're having an election this fall? It's for the State Senator of our district of Virginia, and is always held the year before a presidential election. Our senator, Mark Obenshain, usually runs unopposed and gets re-elected with a low voter turnout (29% last time). Now April Moore, a local, well-informed, well-spoken grandmother, is challenging him. She is working for more integrity in government (Virginia is 47th out of 50 states). This includes "serving the people, not big money, working for real ethics reform, and for climate solutions for our children and grandchildren." For more information, see aprilmoorestatesenate.com. April Moore likes to meet with small groups of people. We could invite both Moore and Obenshain to decide who is working for the best interests of the citizens of Virginia and of our district. If you are interested, see Reta Finger, rfinger@messiah.edu; 564-1516.

Registration is now open for the upcoming **Nazareth/Bethlehem Work Group** (May 6-23, 2016) sponsored by VM Missions as a *Partners in Mission* program. The work group will engage in work projects at Nazareth Village (Nazareth, Israel) and at Diyar Consortium, a ministry of Christmas Lutheran Church (Bethlehem, Palestine). The group will be co-led by Dorothy Jean Weaver (Eastern Mennonite Seminary) and Lee Martin (Mount Clinton Mennonite Church). Registrations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. For more information, contact Dorothy Jean Weaver at (540) 432-4276 or at weaverdj@emu.edu.

CMC Women: Looking to connect with other CMC women? Great news - there is a new women's group at CMC open to all CMC women! We are still in the development phase and would love your input. To hear about planned events, join the new CMC Women email list by contacting Nitsuh in the church office (cmc_office@cmcva.org). You can also join our conversation and hear about spontaneous opportunities to get together on the CMC Women Facebook group (search for CMC Women and click "Join Group.") If you are having problems with connecting on Facebook or don't have a Facebook account, just contact Hannah Bailey, Tina Beachy or Dayna Olson-Getty (dayna.olson-getty@cmcva.org) for more information.