

# CMC Newsweekly

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## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship leader: Dayna Olson-  
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Sermon: Sharon Wyse Miller

Song leader: Angie Clemens

Attendance last Sunday: 232  
Offering last Sunday= \$13,872  
YTD budget=\$401,057  
YTD giving= \$403,916  
Difference = \$2,859



## UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

### Thursday, Dec. 24

- ❖ Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship, 6 pm

### Sunday, Dec. 27

- ❖ Christmas Breads at 8:30 am
- ❖ Worship at 10 am
- ❖ No Sunday School

### Thursday, Jan. 21

- ❖ Council Meeting, 7:00 pm, Room 202

## CMC Notices

**Everyone is invited to a time of fellowship, food and coffee/tea on Sunday, Dec. 27 starting at 8:30 am.** Worship starts at 10 am and there is no Sunday School. Please bring treats to share, Christmas breads, fruit, cheese or other breakfast type items. (left over Christmas cookies?) Finger foods work the best.

**CMC Leadership Development Process-Pilot Year:** Are you interested in deepening your spiritual practices and growing as a leader in the church, in the community, in your workplace or volunteer setting? CMC is piloting a leadership development process in 2016. We're seeking 4-6 participants. Look for a full description in mailboxes later this month. Applications are due Sunday, January 17<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in exploring this for 2016 or 2017, feel free to talk with one of the sponsors: Sue Cockley, Lonnie Yoder, Lee Snyder or Pastor Jennifer.

**Becoming a Member:** CMC takes church membership seriously. Like most congregations, we have an ongoing membership list that we update annually with Virginia Mennonite Conference. We also annually renew membership with CMC in our Covenant Renewal in January. Members are persons who have been baptized and shared their confession of faith in Jesus Christ with the congregation. If you worship with us regularly, we encourage you to become a member so that you can participate in formal decision-making, be eligible for various leadership roles within this congregation and so that our records match reality. If you would like to discuss becoming a member of CMC, please contact one of your pastors. Pastoral Team.

**Apply for 2016 Everence College Scholarships!** If your family uses Everence faith-based services, you are eligible to apply for college scholarships for the 2016-2017 school year. Submit your application by February 29, 2016. Learn more at [everence.com/scholarships](http://everence.com/scholarships) or see Teresa Boshart Yoder for a copy of the application.

### 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](http://www.tiny.cc/CMCreno2015). If you have questions, email Jeremy Nafziger ([JFNafziger@gmail.com](mailto:JFNafziger@gmail.com)).

**AN ADVENT-TAGEOUS ARRAY (TAKING A BOUGH)** - Just in time for your holiday viewing pleasure, Jim (*Will Santa bring him a digital camera?*) Bishop decks the walls with a new pictorial display of early Advent activities that he hopes yule love. To the right, a double poster collage of November scenes settles in for a long winter's nap, both on the bulletin board at the south end of the fellowship hall. Ho, ho, ho and a bottle of sparkling cider - drink 'em in! - Jim Bishop

**DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR? -** Tune in WSVA radio 550 or 92.1 Thursday, Christmas Eve for some rare air fare as Jim Bishop roasts some musical chestnuts over an open CD player. At 9:15 a.m., Jim will deck the halls and wreck the walls with a "Warped Records Christmas" and from 6:05-7 p.m. Christmas Eve he'll stir up the musical ingredients for "A Christmas Potpourri." Jim Bishop

**Thanks to everyone at CMC for their generous gifts to Skyline Literacy this year.** Because of you, Skyline will be able to provide "student scholarships" to 15 learners this year. Each student scholarship covers the \$30 program registration fee and the \$25 cost of a textbook and workbook! For many of our families who struggle to make ends meet, learning English or improving literacy skills is important, but even a small fee or the price of a book is beyond their reach. Your donation will help 15 families in the coming year by helping mom and/or dad improve English, get a better job, help their children with homework, and become more engaged members of the community. Thank you for making a difference for so many community families this year!

**Everyone Welcome Year-end Report:** We are beginning to see and feel the benefits of the CMC building project – for example, restructured and renovated restrooms, offices, and nursery and a new heating (and cooling) system. Thank you for making these improvements possible!

Some members and attenders have given sacrificially to support these vital changes, and we deeply appreciate their commitment. All of us will benefit. Contributions and pledges from 110 households – and building funds that had accumulated previously – have yielded \$466,301 toward our \$600,000 goal.

As we approach the end of the calendar year, we invite especially those who have not yet made a financial contribution or pledge to consider lending your support to this project. Pledge forms are available in the church office.

Also, if you have already completed your financial commitment to this project, we encourage you to review your situation and consider the possibility of increasing your gift or pledge.

Community Mennonite Church has been blessed with strong support for the Everyone Welcome campaign. May you experience the joy that comes from giving during this season of giving. – CMC Everyone Welcome Development Committee

**PUT YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD** in the new year with a beginners line dance class (c'mon, you know you want to do it). Connie Daniels will lead an eight-week session starting Friday, Jan. 8, 7-8 p.m. in her home studio. Cost: \$40 for the eight-week session. For more information, contact Jim or Anna Bishop, 434-6208 or [jimanna.bishop@gmail.com](mailto:jimanna.bishop@gmail.com). To register, call 434-6966. Jim Bishop

**Games needed for indoor church recess:** If you have indoor games that you no longer need, please consider donating them for the children to use during church recess when we can't play outside due to the weather! Please deliver games to Betty Simensen or place them in her church mailbox. Thank you!