

# CMC Newsweekly

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## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Jennifer Davis  
Sensenig

Preacher: Dave and Rebekka  
Stutzman

Song Leaders: Dorothy Jean  
Weaver

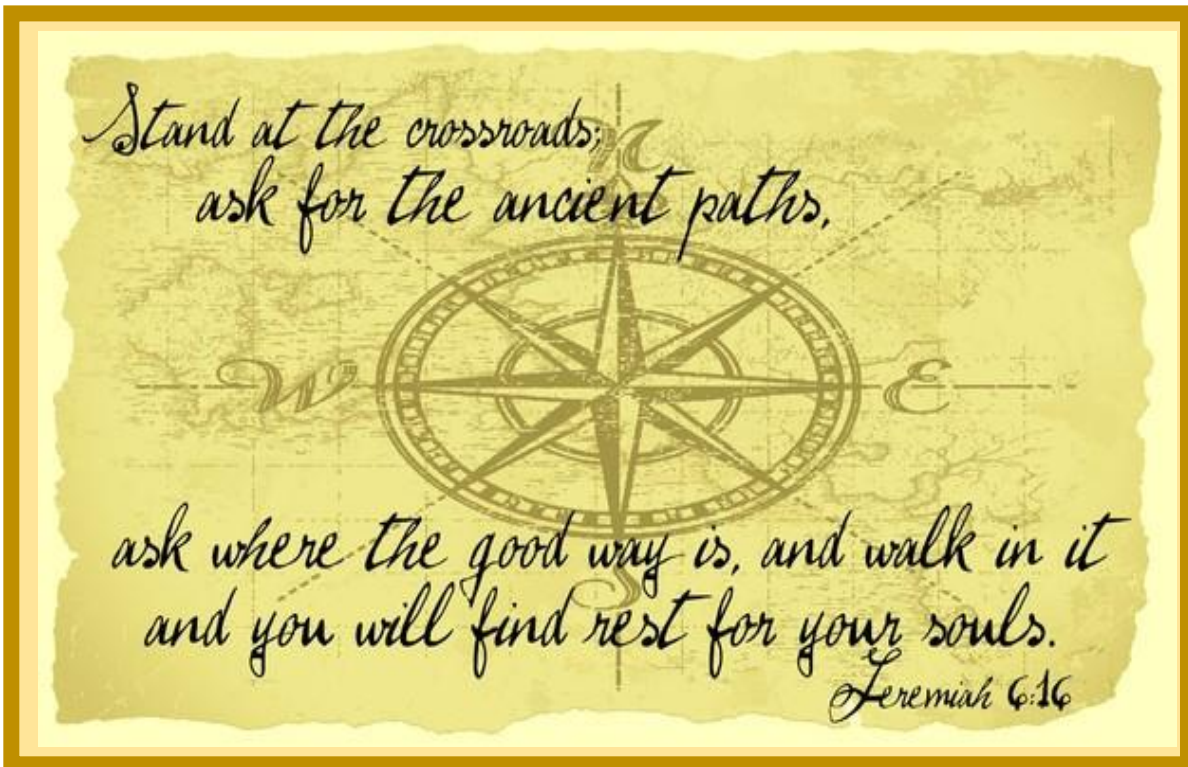
Attendance last Sunday= 218

Offering last Sunday =\$8,366

YTD budget = \$36,006

YTD giving = \$32,402

Difference = (\$3,604)



## UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

### Sunday, Feb. 7

- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner! at noon

### Monday, Feb. 15

- Outreach Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

### Thursday, Feb. 18

- Council Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

## Future dates .....

### Sunday, Feb. 21

- Jim and Ann Hershberger will be sharing stories and observations from their recent trip to Iraq, 7 pm, Sanctuary

### Mon., March 7 – 14

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

## CMC Notices

**Donuts and Gospel** Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday, Shrove Tuesday. It's the day before Lent begins. Come to Pastor Jennifer and Kent's house on **Tuesday, February 9th** for donuts (before your Lenten fast) and reading through the Gospel Luke. We'll start at 6:30pm and should reach the end by 8ish. We live at 518 Switchboard Road, Harrisonburg. Please RSVP to the church office. [cmc\\_office@cmcva.org](mailto:cmc_office@cmcva.org) Pastor Jennifer

**Iraq Storytelling from Jim & Ann Hershberger:** In 2014, Nathan Hershberger and Kaitlin Heatwole moved to Iraq to begin living and serving in the Kurdistan region with Mennonite Central Committee. This past December, Nathan's parents, Jim and Ann Hershberger, visited them on location. **On Sunday, February 21st, Jim and Ann are available** to share stories and observations from their recent trip to Iraq. Please come to hear about the significant ways that both Nathan and Kaitlin, and Mennonite Central Committee, are blessing and being blessed by the people of Iraq. Community Mennonite Church (sanctuary), 7:00 pm.

**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

### **Do you have Super Bowl plans?**

All young adults are welcome to watch the Super Bowl at the Gerlach home. The game starts at 6:30 pm on Sunday, February 7th. We'll provide pizza and drinks. Bring something to share.

### **Birthday Offerings -- A New Tradition**

CMC is beginning a new tradition of inviting persons to give a special offering during their birthday month--perhaps a dollar per year of life--as a way to express our thanks for a year of life and celebrate a new year with an act of generosity. The February Birthday offering will be this Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. All subsequent birthday offerings will be the first Sunday of the month. For 2016 Council has designated birthday offerings for the Everyone Welcome campaign. We hope this practice will cultivate generosity among CMCers at every stage of life, from children to elders

### **Blog series on biblical interpretation and the LGBTQ issue.**

Reta Finger is writing a series of lessons on this topic for Christians who want to better understand and engage their more conservative relatives, friends, or acquaintances. Rather than ignoring texts that are negative about same-sex sexual behavior, these lessons can help explain what the texts meant in their historical contexts and why there are no biblical examples of committed, loving gay or lesbian relationships.

This series (a new lesson every two weeks) also highlights how different methods of Bible study lead to very different conclusions on a wider range of controversial issues.

Go to [www.eewc.com](http://www.eewc.com), the website of Christian Feminism Today. Click on "blogs," then "Reta's Reflections," then "Studies in Hermeneutics Series Index." Reta Finger

**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)).

**REMINDER:** Following worship this Sunday, you are invited to visit Community Preschool on the lower level of the church. There will be signs guiding you to the rooms of the Preschool. Two of the three teachers will be there to greet you: Lisa Moomaw and Betsey Branner.

**New messages on the Mission bulletin board**—Jay and Sheri Hartzler in Romania. Rose Shenk and Bruce Buckwalter are now serving as MCC Country Representatives in Ethiopia. Watch for More information on the Mission bulletin board. Joyce Osborne

**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.

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## ☞ CMC Notices ☜

### **Workshop for CMCers facilitated by Carolyn Yoder: Emotional Freedom Technique (EFT)**

**Duration:** 4 Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 7:45/8:00  
February 4, February 18, March 3, March 24

**Location:** TBA

**Do you live with stress**, anxiety, physical pain or illness, limiting beliefs, insomnia, depression, or . . . ? Learn about EFT, an evidence-based tool that promotes calm by tapping acupuncture points on the body while processing thoughts, emotions, or sensations (including physical pain) associated with a situation, condition, or belief.

Practicing with EFT (tapping) will be the emphasis during the 4 Thursday evening group sessions, but no previous experience with EFT is required.

**Fee:** \$29 total (or pay what you are able) for the 4 sessions. [Note: The fee will be refunded after session #2 if you decide to discontinue.]

**For more information** about EFT, visit [www.eftuniverse.com](http://www.eftuniverse.com) or see Carolyn's website, <http://transformationalprocesses.com/>

**To sign up** for the workshop, email Keaton Shenk at [kwshenk@gmail.com](mailto:kwshenk@gmail.com) or call 540.908.1657. Money can be given to Keaton on or before February 4. Cash is fine or a check written to Carolyn Yoder.

**YOU BET YOUR SWEET EPIPHANY** – Let us return to those Advent-urous daze of late December-early January at CMC with the latest photo collage on display at the south end of the fellowship hall. The focus is on the marvelous music that filled the sanctuary and stirred our souls, along with lighting of the Advent candles, children's' times and a commissioning service. Also playing, just to the right, is a second collage with scenes from the first several Sundays of Advent. In keeping with changes happening to our facilities, you might find of interest a report on the "great building switch" of July, 1989, a photo-blurb from 1991 on how the stained glass window at the front of the sanctuary came to be and a list of "Ten Reasons to Support the 'Everyone Welcome' campaign at CMC. Come and see . . . Jim & Anna Bishop

**May Rental?** Our niece is looking for housing for her and her family in Harrisonburg during a May sabbatical. If you know of a vacant apartment, someone needing a house sitter or other available housing during the month of May, please let us know. Duane & Sharon Wyse Miller.

### **DO YOU KNOW THAT COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL HAPPENS IN CMC EACH WEEK DAY FROM THE END OF AUGUST THROUGH THE END OF MAY??**

There are three classes:

- A two day class for 3 year olds by September 30 meeting Tuesday and Thursday mornings.
- A three day class for older 3's and young 4's meeting Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.
- A four day class for 4 year olds by September 30 meeting Monday- Thursday, 12:00-2;30 PM

We hope to include children who are wanting to learn English in preparation for Kindergarten.

**YOU ARE INVITED TO VISIT THE PRESCHOOL IN THE BASEMENT** following worship on Sunday, February 7, 2016. Registration for CMC attendees and members is the week of February 15- 19.

For more information contact Joyce Osborne and see the display in the Fellowship Hall. Joyce Osborne

**It's time for the 42nd MCC annual turkey canning project** scheduled for February 22 – 26, **2016** at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, VA. Tuesday, **February 23 is the day CMC is scheduled to provide help from 5 a.m – 11 p.m.** please remember that early morning help is often barely adequate. Friday, February 26 is Community Day and help is needed especially in the early morning. Anyone is welcome to come and help on any day!

### **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.