

# CMC Newsweekly

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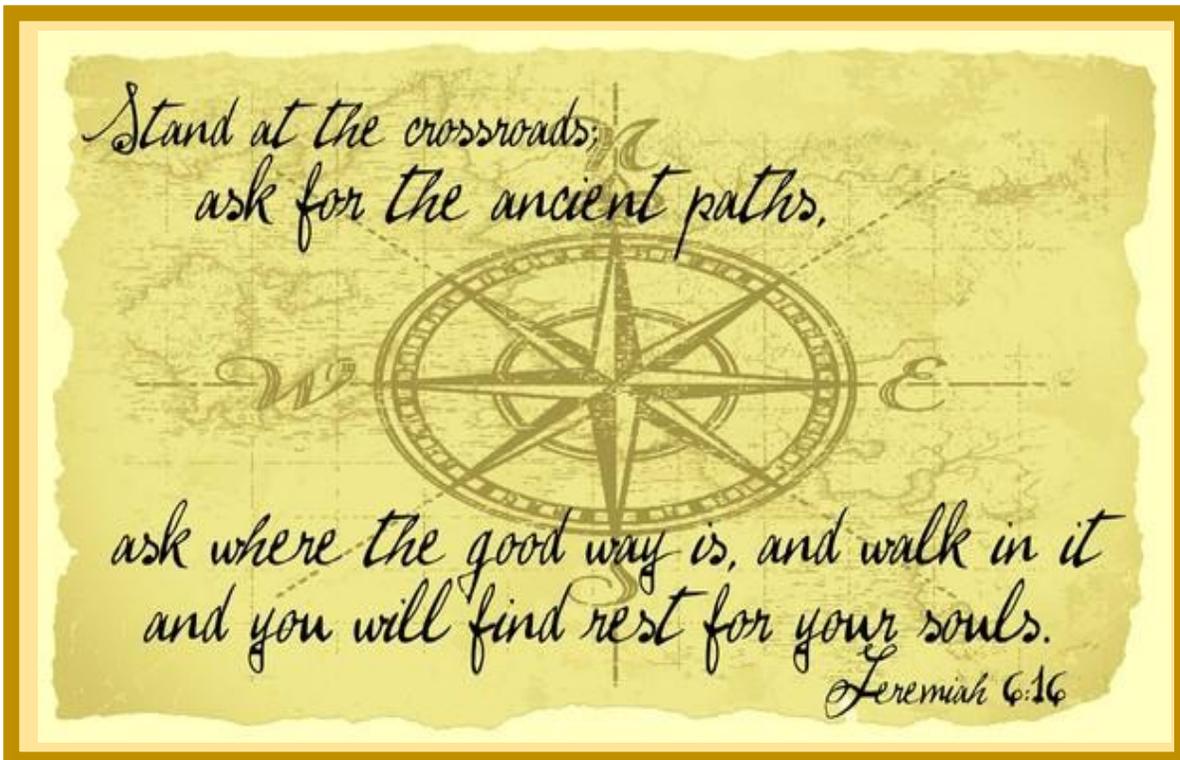
## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Brendon Derstine

Preacher: Jennifer Davis  
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Song Leaders: Jeremy Nafziger

Attendance last Sunday: 250  
Offering last Sunday = \$9,284  
YTD budget = 45,008  
YTD giving = \$45,290  
Difference = \$282  
Everyone Welcome YTD giving =  
\$228,387  
Birthday offering last Sunday =  
\$51.06



## UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

### Monday, Feb. 15

- Outreach Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

### Thursday, Feb. 18

- Council Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

### Sunday, Feb. 21

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

## Future dates .....

### Tuesday, Feb. 23

- Venture Club Ice Skating, 6 – 8 pm,  
Bridgewater's Generation Park Ice Skating Rink

### Mon., March 7 – 14

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

## ☞ CMC Notices ☜

**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

**(Belated) Covenant Renewal:** Did you forget to turn in your membership Covenant Renewal statement and/or sign the membership book this year? Please stop by the table at the back of the sanctuary to participate. Pastoral Team

**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

**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.

**The 42<sup>nd</sup> MCC annual turkey canning project at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center.** CMC has been assigned Tuesday 2/23/16 from 5 am – 11 pm. But then the letter we got also says “Anyone is welcome to come and help on any day” (meaning the week of 2/22 – 26)! If you have questions, feel free to contact either Hadley Jenner or Pastor Jason, as Outreach Commission has recently received the invitation.

**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.

**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.

**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)).

**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**.

**Venture Club ice skating:** If your Venture Club kids are wanting to play in the cold some more, then mark your calendars for our ice skating event, **February 23rd from 6-8**. We'll meet at the church at **5:45** to carpool to Bridgewater's Generation Park ice skating rink. We may need some help with transportation...would a few parents be able to help with transportation to and from the event? (You can join in the fun!) If so, please let either Lindsey Fast or Jonathan Kreider know.

Kids should eat dinner before coming and we'll try to have a few snacks afterwards. We'll return to the church around **8:00**.

Skating costs \$3 plus \$2 for skate rentals. Please send money with your child or they can also bring their own skates. Let us know if you will have trouble covering this and we will make sure to cover the cost. Also, make sure your child has appropriate clothing to wear i.e. coats, gloves, hats, scarves, etc.

Let us know if you have any questions! Jonathan and Lindsey will be chaperoning the event. Thanks! - Jonathan, Lindsey, Greta, and Erika

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### **Guitarist needed for Sun.-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](mailto:horstre@emu.edu)>.

**G'DAY, MATES!** - Three CMC couples - Stuart and Shirley Showalter, Duane and Joan Kauffman and Jim and Anna Bishop - along with Dale and Rita Lehman, formerly of Community, embark Friday, Feb. 12 on a grande adventure tour to New Zealand led by Ross and Allison Collingwood, NZ natives who were deeply involved at Community when they lived in H'burg. They moved to Salem, Ore., in 1987 and still reside there. Anyone interested can follow their itinerary at <http://www.newzealanddiscoverytour.com>. Jim Bishop

**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

**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.

**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

### **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.

**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.