

CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Brendon Derstine

Preacher: No Sermon

Song Leaders: Nancy Heisey

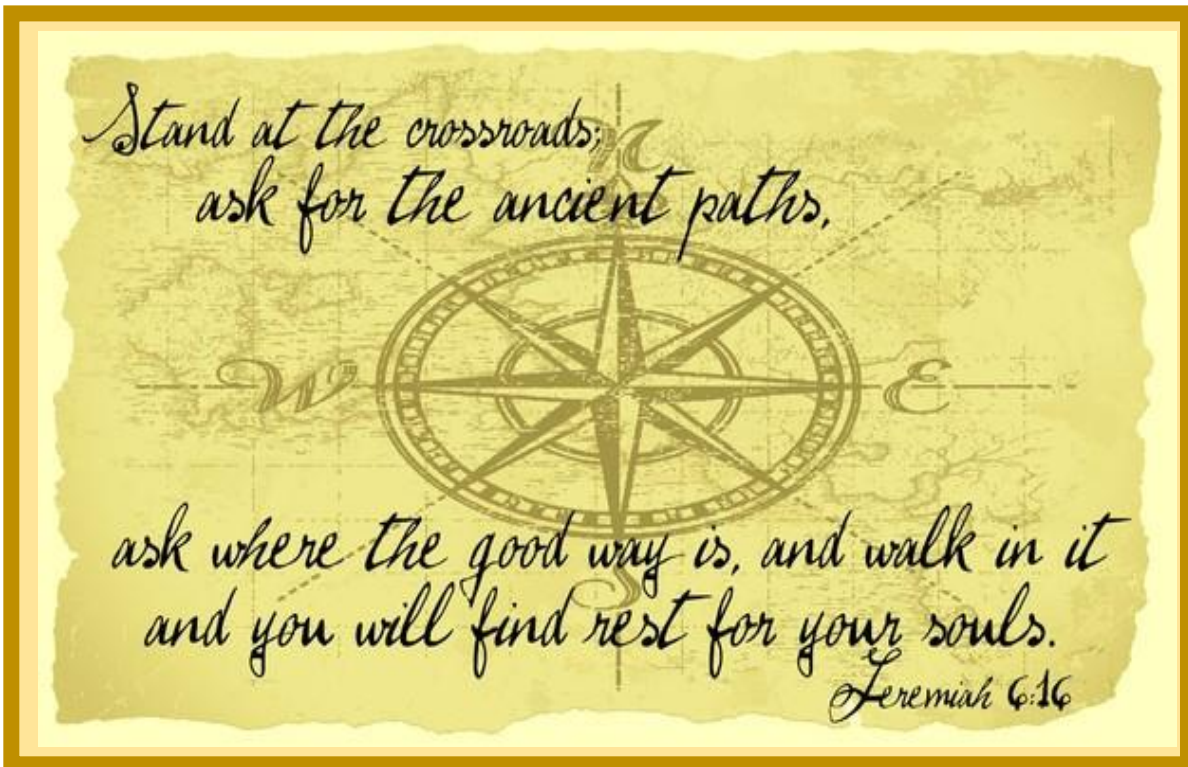
Attendance last Sunday: 258

Offering last Sunday = \$4,520

YTD budget = \$72,013

YTD giving = \$69,158

Difference = (\$2,855)



UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

Sunday, March 6

- Monthly Potluck, after Sunday school, Fellowship

Mon., March 7 – 14

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

Monday, March 8

- Youth Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

Friday, March 11

- German Quiz Night! 7 – 9 pm, Fellowship Hall

Future dates

Monday, March 14

- Outreach Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

Tuesday, March 15

- Monthly Gathering, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 17

- Council Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202

Friday – Saturday, March 18-19

- Venture Club lock-in, Dean House

CMC Notices

Potluck: We are planning to go ahead with Potluck on Sunday March 6. So please bring enough food for your family and some to share. Please bring your own plates, cups and silverware as this cuts down on the amount of paper products we use as well as saves time during clean up. We could use help with set up and clean up. Please contact Jennifer Ulrich, ulrichjm@comcast.net if you can help.

Jodi Miller visits us from Walnut Creek, Ohio. This past fall, Jodi joined the board of Mennonite Mission Network. She's in town for MMN board meetings. This Sunday board members are visiting local congregations. We are glad Jodi can share with us about MMN's work both stateside and international. Jodi has a personal connection to our congregation, her parents are Terry and Sandy Burkhalter.

March Birthday Offering: With gratitude for another year of life and faith, we invite CMCers to contribute a special offering on the first Sunday of the month of their birth--perhaps a dollar per year. (If you contribute by check, please indicate "Birthday Offering" in the memo.) During 2016 birthday offerings are supporting CMC's Everyone Welcome fund for the building renovations.

Lindsay Mustafa Davis has accepted the position of Coordinator of Christian Formation at Emmanuel Episcopal Church. She will be working with the Sunday School teachers, the Education Committee, and the Senior High class specifically to incorporate communal formation practices. She appreciated her time with Community Mennonite greatly, including her time as a pastoral intern, and she hopes to visit when able! Blessings for this amazing community! Pastoral Team

Guitarist needed for Sunday 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>.

German Quiz Night! No knowledge of German (or Germany!) required! Come out yourself or in teams to enjoy an ice cream bar, trivia game about Germany, and light-hearted fun. Freewill offering will be taken in support of VMissions workers, David and Rebekka Stutzman. **Friday, March 11, 2016 from 7 – 9 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of Community Mennonite Church. Registration by March 7 requested by calling Melanie Sherer at (540) 434-9727 or emailing her at melanie.sherer@vmmissions.org.

Fill the boxes! It's time to remember our young adults by sending them treats, snacks, notes, school supplies, etc. We want to encourage our recent high school grads and let them know we are thinking about them and praying for them. The boxes will be available to fill for the next three **Sunday's, March 6, 13, and 20.** The total amount of boxes will be 24.

Church Recess has been operating most every Sunday since the fall. Quickly, its value was appreciated. It has helped children participate better in singing before Sunday school as well as arrive at the Sunday school class ready to learn. Four adults have provided supervision of recess either at the outdoor playground or in the fellowship hall during cold/wet weather. I am looking for one or two adults to join this team. If you would be available, please contact me. Jason Gerlach

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.**

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).

Tamar Speaks: A Retreat for Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse The Collins Center's "Safe Church" Project works with local congregations each year to help equip all adults to protect children and teens from sexual abuse, not only in our churches, but also in the communities in which we live. A core aspect of Safe Church is lifting up and empowering adult survivors of sexual abuse in our faith communities. We invite adult survivors of abuse to join with others from faith communities **on Saturday, March 19th (9:00 to 3:30)**, for a day of reflecting on how our journeys of healing give voice to Tamar, a daughter of King David, raped by her brother. Like many survivors today, Tamar silently carried the shame that rightfully belonged to her abuser. This retreat is intended to provide a supportive group environment, and a safe space for survivors to share in their common experiences. If you would like to talk with a CMCer who attended this retreat last year, please contact Mary Jo Bowman, bowbro@juno.com or 540-383-7792.

Registration deadline is March 16. CMC would gladly cover the \$35.00 registration fee. If you'd like a registration form, please email the church office.

For all staff and volunteers who work with children or youth: If you have not yet had the opportunity to take the training, on May 21, 9:00-12:00, Park View Church will be offering the Approved Adult Training. This is open to all from area Safe Churches which includes CMC. Please RSVP to Ross Erb: ross@thecollinscenter.org or call 432-6430.

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☞ CMC Notices ☜

Message from Sheri and Jay Hartzler in Romania:

While Romania is not experiencing an influx of refugees from Syria, we border countries who are. Friends of ours working with the Nazarene church in Budapest have been helping in refugee assistance particularly at the border between Serbia and Croatia. I recommend to you these blogs by Teanna Sundberg: <http://centraleuropenaz.org/2016/01/15/the-sole-people/> and also <http://centraleuropenaz.org/2015/12/18/now-rise-up-church/>.

Two of our colleagues from Sighisoara will be going to work at this border during the month of March. Our church in Sighisoara had a special offering for shoes for these refugees, and we invite you to contribute as well, if you have interest. \$10 will buy a pair of shoes from a local vendor and is one of the most needed items. The link to donate online is <https://give.nazarene.org/donate/f/125784>

'Rise Up Singing Show': The creators of the iconic songbook 'Rise Up Singing' are coming to Harrisonburg with their newest work, 'Rise Again.' These people were close friends with Pete Seeger. A must-see event for the whole family! March 15th, Church of the Incarnation (292 N Liberty St) 7 pm. Please Reserve your seat by buying your ticket online for \$10! at lightninglucas.yapsody.com Or a Free-will offering of \$10-\$15 at the door (\$5 for kids). Doors open at 6:30. Show at 7:00. Andrea Wenger

On Friday, March 18, at 7:00 pm, Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg Rockingham will be hosting a music concert by Walking Roots and Into Hymn (all female Christian acapella group from JMU). If you are interested in tickets, please contact Wayne Hochstedler (540-421-5065), Mark Sawin (540-282-1999), or Sue Swartz (540-421-9237). Tickets are \$10. Come and support Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg Rockingham.

On Saturday, April 16th, 2016 Shenandoah Valley Autism Partnership & JMU will join together to host the 9th annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Va. **The** event is being sponsored by community organizations around the Shenandoah Valley to help support the many families touched by the ever growing epidemic of autism. The event has chip timing and over 1,000 participants in the past. Jim Bishop will once again emcee the event and anyone is welcome to join Team Jacob Hummel for the team rate. Any questions, please contact Jenny Hummel 540-246-8925

On Sunday March 13 at 7:00 pm, Eastern Mennonite School will be hosting a concert by the world-renowned a Capella group Voces8. If you are interested in tickets, please contact Megan Good, Olivia Smucker, or Leah Wenger. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 for students and seniors, and \$20 at the door. Please come enjoy an evening of great music and help to support EMHS's touring choir!

Update information about Community Preschool Scholarship Fund — we are so grateful for more than four families who have contributed toward a scholarship fund. We are hoping to include children who have needs to be supported by scholarships. We have established a separate account for the Scholarship Fund that will be tax-free.

We appreciate so much the care and support we are experiencing from Community Mennonite Church. Our registration is filling for 2016-2017. We have openings for just 6 more children in the 3 classes.

We do hope to provide support for the son of the father who is still in the hospital in UVA for next year to assist the family. We invite your thought and prayers. Joyce Osborne

Join NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center for its 10th annual Taste of the World, an evening of food and music from around the globe with special emphasis on the Middle East. March 19th at Park View Mennonite Church. Door open at 5:30 pm for silent auction with dinner at 6 pm. \$65 a plate, \$464 for a table of 8. RSVP by March 9 by calling (540) 438-8295 or email:

rsvp@newbridgesirc.org or purchase tickets at <http://www.newbridgesirc.org/>. Jennifer Ulrich

Wouldn't you like to teach English this summer?

The language school in Port Said, Egypt is looking for young or older native speakers for their intensive summer English program for children and youth, beginning June 1, for two months. Room and board provided. You will fall in love with these kids! For more information, please contact Martin Rhodes at Virginia Mennonite Missions: martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org OR esther.stenson@emu.edu, OR the director in Egypt: sara.nakhla@gmail.com. They also have immediate openings for longer term teachers. Esther Stenson