

# CMC Newsweekly

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## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Louise Otto  
Hostetter

Preacher: Jennifer Davis Sensenig  
Song Leaders: Matt Hunsberger

Attendance last Sunday: 259  
Offering last Sunday = \$11,265  
YTD budget = \$81,014  
YTD giving = \$80,423  
Difference = (\$592)  
Everyone Welcome total giving =  
\$235,137  
March birthday offering last Sunday =  
\$664

*Stand at the crossroads;  
ask for the ancient paths.*

*ask where the good way is, and walk in it  
and you will find rest for your souls.*  
*Jeremiah 6:16*

### UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

#### 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

#### Sunday, March 20

- Palm Sunday Peace Parade, 1 – 2 pm (meet at Immanuel Mennonite Church 400 Kelly St.)

### Holy Week Services:

Thurs. March 24

**Maundy Thursday meal and footwashing**, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall (please bring soup and/or bread to share.)

Fri., March 25

**Good Friday worship**, 7 pm, Sanctuary

Also **Ecumenical Stations of the Cross**, 12:00 noon to 1:00 pm. This walk begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church (154 N. Main)

Sat., March 26

**Easter Vigil**, 10 pm, joint service with Park View Mennonite Church at their building

Sun., March 27

Easter Sunday

**Easter Breads 8:30 am** (please bring brunch items to share, sweet breads, fruit, egg dishes, etc) and  
**Worship at 10 am** (no Sunday School)

## CMC Notices

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME starts this weekend.** Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour.

**The March Monthly Gathering is scheduled on Tuesday, March 15.** Please plan to enjoy the \$2.00 taco salad meal at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

From 7 pm to 8 pm there will be gatherings for Venture Club, Junior MYF, Senior MYF and Learning Interesting Things (LIT).

LIT for March will feature a conversation on unity and the body of Christ. What exactly do we mean when we talk about our desire for unity within our congregation and with the broader church? Phil Kniss, lead pastor of Parkview Mennonite Church, will identify four different kinds of church unity: kingdom unity, missional unity, functional unity, and covenantal unity. We will use Phil's paradigm, which has sparked vibrant and hopeful conversations within Virginia Mennonite Conference in recent months, as a framework for discussing how we can relate with different degrees of unity within and beyond our congregation.

**Compassion Funds (March):** Financial hardships in our congregation arise for a variety of reasons: medical bills, job loss, unexpected major expenses, counseling/therapy. CMCers generously support the Compassion Fund for mutual aid among members, so that we can ease these hardships among our households. If you or a CMCer you know has a financial need, Grants Committee will review your need through a brief application available on our website. CMC households are eligible for up to \$600 twice annually in compassion funds as administered through the Grants Committee, which maintains confidentiality. In situations of higher need the process includes a recommendation from Grants Committee to Council. Please contact Grants Committee Chair, Millard Osborne, with any procedural questions. Pastoral Team

**The German Quiz Night** scheduled for Friday, March 11 at CMC has been cancelled.

**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. Sheri Smucker

**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

**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](mailto:ross@thecollinscenter.org) or call 432-6430.

**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

**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.**

**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 19<sup>th</sup> (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](mailto:bowbro@juno.com) or [540-383-7792](tel: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.

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## CMC Notices

A copy of the March 2016 issue of **Sojourners** magazine is in the bookcase at the back of the sanctuary. In light of our sharing of communion last Sunday and the coming Passover, an article on communal meals in the early Jerusalem church by Reta Finger in this issue is relevant: "Not a Needy Person Among Them." Read and return to bookshelf.

**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!

**'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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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.

**Join NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center for its 10<sup>th</sup> annual Taste of the World**, an evening of food and music from around the globe with special emphasis on the Middle East. March 19<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rsvp@newbridgesirc.org) or purchase tickets at <http://www.newbridgesirc.org/>. Jennifer Ulrich

**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

**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

**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](mailto:martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org) OR [esther.stenson@emu.edu](mailto:esther.stenson@emu.edu), OR the director in Egypt: [sara.nakhla@gmail.com](mailto:sara.nakhla@gmail.com). They also have immediate openings for longer term teachers. Esther Stenson