# CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

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| Worship leader: Grace Hercyk | Preacher: Jennifer Davis Sensenig<br>Song leader: Angie Clemens | Attendance last Sunday= 218<br>Offering last Sunday = $12,721<br>YTD budget = $117,021<br>YTD giving = $116,239<br>Difference = ($782)<br>Everyone Welcome total giving = $246,853<br>April birthday offering = $321 |

**Thus says the Lord:**
**Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls.**
***Jeremiah 6:16***

## UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

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| Mon., April 11 | CMC senior gathering - reports from CMC seniors on MDS and SOOP service, 7 pm, Fellowship Hall |
| Mon., April 18 | Outreach Commission Meeting, 7 pm, Room 202 |

***Future dates .....***

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| Tue., April 19 | Monthly Gathering, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall |
| Thu. April 21 | Council Meeting, 7 pm, Dean House Room # 1 |
| Thu. April 28 | Women and Vocation, 12 pm, Room 202 |

# CMC Notices

**CMC senior's**: A reminder of our meeting at the church fellowship hall on April 11th at 7:00 p.m. Members of our group who have served in MDS (Sam Miller, Ken and Martha June Graber) and SOOP (Larry and Wilma Miller) will share about there experiences. Bring a finger food to share, hot beverages will be provided. We hope many of you can attend.

**Summer Pastoral Intern:** Goshen College approached CMC to consider hosting a full-time Ministry Inquiry Program student this summer. Are you interested in hosting a pastoral intern in your home for 9-10 weeks? If so, please be in touch with Pastor Jennifer.

**Women and Vocation:** Several CMC women have been thinking about and looking for resources about vocation, calling and life transitions, and we'd love to gather other interested women to have some conversations. We're planning an initial gathering at CMC (room 202) at noon on April 28. Bring your lunch and your stories and questions about vocation. All women are welcome.

**LENT ME YOUR EYES** - The period from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday at CMC is resurrected in a double-poster photo collage on display on the bulletin board at the south end of the fellowship hall. Come and see . . . Jim Bishop

**Mentor/Mentee Ice Cream Social:** There will be an ice cream social on April 24th at Hillandale Park shelter # 9 (Same one as before) from 3:00 till 5:00. Please bring sweet or savory to go with ice cream. Chips, veggies, fruit, pretzels, ice cream toppings (I love hot fudge), brownies, cookies, etc.

Mentors check with your Mentees; Mentees check with your Mentor about coming. If one of you can't come then come alone if you like to party.

RSVP to tom.sawin@gmail.com if you are coming. If you don't RSVP please come if you can – it's just to give us an idea of numbers. – Tom Sawin

**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).

**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.

**Mennonite Higher Education**: CMC supports Mennonite higher education—undergrad and grad programs—in our annual budget and we also support individuals who are members or children of members who are choosing to advance their education at Anabaptist/Mennonite schools. We have a $600/semester grant for undergrad and a small fund for graduate students we disburse annually. So, if you are considering Mennonite higher education, please be in touch with the chair of the Grants Commission, currently Millard Osborne. Pastoral Team

**Highland Retreat Summer Camp - Starting June 19:** Summer camps at Highland Retreat offer 5-17 year-olds a week of activities spent outdoors, learning to work with cabin-mates while incorporating many activities such as swimming, hiking, team sports, tetherball, ropes course, zip-line, etc. Each week offers something different, so check out the opportunities below.
Camp week options: http://goo.gl/JLepai
Register here: http://goo.gl/3cJ7av

**Let the Children Come . . . .** Vacation Bible School is happening August 5-6, 2016 at CMC for children ages 4 through 5th grade. This year's theme is "Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus." Beginning on Friday evening and going through Saturday afternoon, children will interact with four Bible stories through singing, worship and visits to variety of interactive stations. Leaders and helpers are needed as well--contact Joyce Peachey Lind (mjlind@gmail.com) if you have questions or if you are willing to help.

**Everyone Welcome Update.** Like others who attend CMC, we are delighted to see the progress of the renovation project. Together, we have helped make possible these many improvements with our gifts and volunteer efforts. We are grateful for your support!

The project has a $675,000 budget -- $625,000 for construction and $50,000 to be given to mission-related projects beyond the congregation. Pledges and cash received currently totals $488,262, broken down as follows:

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| Pledges | $422,335 |
| Non-pledged Gifts | $11,389 |
| CMC Reserves | $53,279 |
| Birthday Gifts | $1,259 |

Cash received through March 31 totals $236,832.

Thus, we must raise an additional $186,736 through pledges and gifts to complete the funding for the Everyone Welcome project. We invite your prayerful consideration of additional pledges and gifts in the months ahead. As a Development Committee, we will be making contacts during the next few months with CMC participants who asked for more time before making a commitment to the project. --Development Committee (Stuart Showalter, Ruth Stoltzfus Jost, Dave Smucker, David Stenson, and Jennifer Davis-Sensenig)

# CMC Notices

**As Mennonites we want our financial investments to follow our beliefs.** We've done socially responsible investment through Everence and its Praxis Mutual Fund. Everence's stated commitment to investing for environmental stewardship is important to us as we understand that the future of our planet is at stake.

We are long-time supporters of Everence and Community's Everence representatives. We were very disappointed to learn last year that one of the trustees of the Praxis Fund is an officer in Koch brothers company. The Koch companies have an appalling environmental record. Worse, the Koch brothers are among the primary funders of climate change denial and opposition to effective climate change policy. This is the moral equivalent of helping to sink a ship, and then as the passengers escape, shooting holes in the lifeboat. How can Praxis invest responsibly to address climate change with a Koch company officer on its board?

In the Spirit of Matthew 18, we have raised this concern both with the individual involved and with Praxis; both failed to take meaningful action. On April 28, 2016, Praxis will ask its shareholders to reelect its Board. Since Everence and the Mennonite Foundation are Praxis' largest shareholders, we urge all Community members with connections with these institutions to ask them to vote their shares to remove from the Praxis board this Koch company officer. It is essential that Everence and Praxis be able to pursue responsible environmental investment without any suggestion of a conflict of interest. If anyone is willing to sign a proxy statement to this end, please contact Ruth or me. -- Tim Jost

**Shenandoah Valley Choral Society to Present Tribute Concert,** directed by Curtis Nolley, will feature the choral music of local composer Dr. John G. Barr on April 15, 7:30 pm, and 17, 3:00 pm, Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The first half of the concert will contrast two settings of the Missa Brevis text, Haydn's Little Organ Mass with orchestra and organ, and Dr. Barr's more contemporary treatment of the text for organ and choir. The second half will feature individual octavos representing John's sacred and secular works for choir and soloist. The Choral Society eagerly pays tribute to Dr. Barr's many contributions to the Valley musical community by dedicating this concert to performance of his choral works. Tickets at the door: adults $15, seniors/youth, $12. Ray Horst

**Olivia Smucker** has recently started a fund raising project on the website GoFundMe for some international friends at Eastern Mennonite School seeking upgraded visas, and she can use your help. For more information, or financially contribute online, please visit https://www.gofundme.com/lmvisas. If you wish to give in person, Olivia is happy to receive cash or checks (made to Olivia Smucker) to add to the fundraiser. Thank you for your support and prayer - Olivia Smucker

**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

**Valley Playhouse presents *Outside Mullingar***, a romantic Irish comedy by John Patrick Shanley, directed by Tom Arthur, and featuring Ron Copeland, Jennifer Murch, Susan Comfort, and Howie Jeffries. The story: Anthony and Rosemary are two introverted misfits straddling 40. Anthony has spent his entire life on a cattle farm, a state of affairs that, due to his painful shyness, suits him well. Rosemary lives next door, determined to have him and watching the years slip by. With Anthony's father threatening to disinherit him, and with a land feud simmering between their families, Rosemary has every reason to fear romantic catastrophe. But then, in this very Irish story with a surprising depth of poetic passion, these yearning, eccentric souls fight their way towards solid ground and some kind of happiness. Their journey is heartbreaking, funny as hell, and ultimately deeply moving. Performances are April 14-24, Thursdays-Saturdays at 7:30 and Sundays at 3:00. Tickets are$12 in advance, $14 at the door. Seniors and students: $10 in advance, $12 at the door. Thursday, April 21 is Pay What You Will Night. Order online at www.valleyarts.org or call 540-433-9189. -- Jennifer Murch