



- **An invitation to a retreat for inner healing:** Tilda Norberg will be leading a 2-day Opening to Grace Retreat at Highland Retreat Center in Bergton, VA, November 17-19, 2016. For more information, please contact: Pat Hostetter Martin, 1013 College Avenue, Harrisonburg, V A 22802 *(There will also be registration forms available in the CMC Information turnstile, next to the Fellowship Hall.)
- **Consider serving at Lezha Academic Center**, which is in critical need of teachers this next school year and is seeking persons who will go for a 4-week, 8-week or semester-long segment to help staff the school this year. Virtually all subjects are needed. VMissions works in partnership with LAC and has sent teachers there since its formation six years ago. (Term length and qualifications are flexible). Learn more about the school at <http://www.albanianchristianschool.org/> and the assignment at <http://vmmissions.org/service-opportunity/teacher/>
- **You are invited to a delicious Ethiopian fundraising meal** hosted by NEW (Nurturing and Encouraging Women) at Lindale Menonite Church from 5:30 –7:00 PM on Friday, September 9. With Ethiopian women as its focus, NEW supports efforts in evangelism, counseling, education, healthcare, poverty and hunger reduction and small business development. RSVP to Leanne Benner at (540) 432-9064 or benbiz29@aol.com
- The **Shenandoah Valley Menonite Historians are sponsoring a local Old Order Menonite Tour** led by Phil Kniss, September 10, from 8:30 am to 2 pm. Contact Jim Hershberger for registration/information at (540) 833-8033 or (540) 908-8005 or jimhersh254@gmail.com
- Join the **MHI Friends Dinner** “Making Disciples as We Go!” on September 16 to celebrate Menonite Hispanic Initiative’s accomplishments in the last year and recognize and thank our many partners in mission. A delicious Latino meal will be served! Special Guest Ying Kai will speak. The event will be at 7 pm at Shady Oak (Weavers Menonite Church), Harrisonburg, Va. Tables will be available for \$100.00 (includes 8 people). Churches can RSVP and send up to 8 people representing the congregation. Also, individuals can RSVP and invite 7 more friends to participate. Finally, if you don’t have a party, you can RSVP and we will accommodate you with other people around a table. RSVP to 540-209-1450 or to marvinl@menonitemission.net to reserve a table before Sep. 9.
- **Blue Mountain Sunrise** will be performing at **Pleasant View, Inc.'s Community Pork BBQ** on Saturday, September 17, from 4 to 6pm (BBQ will be moved indoors at the same location if there is inclement weather). Come join us for inspirational music, delicious BBQ prepared by Maynard Weaver and his team, and lots of fun. All proceeds go to help support individuals with intellectual disabilities served in Pleasant View, Inc.'s day and residential programs.

- Make plans to ride in the **19th annual Bike Shenandoah ride on Saturday, September 17**. Register online at bikeshenandoah.org. A fun new part of the ride this year is a **Kids Bike Rodeo beginning at 10:15 a.m.** before the family friendly 5 mile ride. The rodeo will feature basic biking skills, fun biking games, and prizes. Join in the fun! If you can't ride that day shop at the Harrisonburg Ten Thousand Village store on Saturday, Sept 17th. Mention "Bike Shen" and a portion of your purchase will go to support local ministries. A portion of sales at Gift and Thrift and Artisan's Hope on September 17th will also benefit Bike Shen.
- **Tending the Church's Song: An evening of listening and singing** - As a new committee gathers to begin work on the next Mennonite song collection, all are invited to come and reflect on the gift of congregational music. Come for a time of worship and sharing of hopes and dreams for a new Anabaptist song collection Wednesday, September 21, 7 p.m., at Park View Mennonite Church. Hosted by the Mennonite Song Collection Project, Bradley Kauffman, Director.
- **Money webinars for Millennials** - Everence encourages young adults to join Darryl Dahlheimer, Program Director for LSS Financial Counseling, for two live chats designed to help people think about how their faith affects their financial decisions. *Conquering your debt: the overlooked key to faith and finances* will be at 8 p.m. (EDT) Sept. 28. *Happier holidays: ways to get off the consumer escalator and capture the spirit of the season* will be at 8 p.m. (EDT) Nov. 16. Visit <https://stewardshipresources.org/compass-live-chats> for more information or to register.
- **The Missional Partnership** (Eastern Mennonite University, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Park View Mennonite Church, Virginia Mennonite Conference and Virginia Mennonite Missions) will host **Scot McKnight, author of *The Kingdom Conspiracy*** in the Harrisonburg area September 27-29. Entitled *Kingdom Vision as a Way of Life*, he will lead EMU and EMS chapel, a church and community event entitled "A Fellowship of Differents and the Challenge of Slavery," and a Pastor's Breakfast on "Mission from a Network of Friends." This event will include times of public worship and chapel services at EMU and Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Learn more at <http://virginiacconference.org/news/kingdom-vision-as-a-way-of-life-with-scot-mcknight/>
- Don't miss the **Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale's Skeet Shoot Event**. This year's Sporting Clays (skeet shoot) fundraiser welcomes individuals and teams of two-to-four. Some people say it's like "Noisy Golf!" The event runs continuously at the Flying Rabbit (¾-mile south of Rockingham County Fairgrounds), Thursday-Saturday, Sept. 29 - Oct. 1. You may drop in anytime from 10 am to dusk. You'll have a blast! Contact James Åkerson at [\(540\) 421-4577](tel:5404214577) to sign up or with any questions. *A poster with more information is attached.*
- **Mosaic: A Mosaic of Music** will be held at 3pm, Sunday, October 2 at the Park View Mennonite Church (1600 College Ave, Harrisonburg). Stay in Harrisonburg after the relief sale and treat yourself to the musical talents of Paulo Steiner (piano), Virginia Bethune (piano, organ, harp), Edward Gant (cello), John Fast (organ), Park View Mennonite Choir, and Pleasant View Worship Team. Free-will Offering will be taken in lieu of tickets and reception to celebrate Pleasant View, Inc.'s 45 years of service to people with intellectual disabilities will follow. All proceeds from the concert and the "To God Be the Glory" CD sales will go to Pleasant View, Inc.
- **Those working with upper middle school students to younger adults** (ages 13-19) are invited to participate in "Yearning to Know and Be Known," a **Youth Workers' Summit** on October 7-8, 2016 with speaker Debra Hirsch. She is the author of *Redeeming Sex: Naked Conversations about Sexuality and Spirituality*. In conjunction with an EMU faithful sexuality series, Debra Hirsch will speak on Friday at an EMU Chapel service and Eastern Mennonite School Chapel.

On Saturday, she will keynote an 8:30 am event at Eastern Mennonite School, along with times of worship and various workshop opportunities. Sunday school teachers, residence hall advisors, instructors and teachers, youth pastors and leaders are extended a special invitation. Learn more and register at <http://virginiacconference.org/news/2016-youth-workers-summit/>

- **A Cappella Voices Celebration** will be Friday, October 14, at 8 p.m. in Eastern Mennonite University's Lehman Auditorium. Groups who will be singing include Shekinah, Good Company, Bellaccord, and Emulate. General admission is \$10.
- Join EMU alumni, parents, students, and friends at the **Eastern Mennonite University Fall Festival** on Saturday, October 15 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. All are welcome to this featured Homecoming event! There will be food trucks, live music, bounce houses, face painting, yard games, athletic events, etc. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon of fun on the EMU front lawn.