



Musaic: 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 Steinberg (piano), Virginia Bethune (piano, organ, and 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. On Saturday, she will keynote the Summit 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://virginiaconference.org/news/2016-youth-workers-summit/>

The **Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center** presents a fall concert of **Harmony & Hope** featuring Into Hymn and Rescored, Sunday, October 16, at 7 PM. Into Hymn, an all-female group, strives to share "Christ's message of love through the performance of a cappella music," and they have reached the broader community with their single, "Mary Did You Know," featured in local stations' Christmas line-ups. Rescored, their all-male counterpart, expresses their Christian faith and love for music at JMU and in the surrounding communities through a diverse repertoire featuring both Christian music and pop tunes. The two Christian a cappella groups from James Madison University share the stage at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren, located at 420 College View Dr., Bridgewater, VA. All proceeds from the event support the work of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center. [Suggested Donation: \$10]

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.

Celebrate Valley Living's 25th anniversary on Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Eagle Carpet Community Room, 1188 Port Republic Road, Harrisonburg. Meet and mingle with Valley Living staff, board, friends and family. Enjoy refreshments, register for door prizes, and view historic early issues. Please RSVP by Oct. 11. Email info@valleyliving.org or call (540) 433-5351. LD&B Insurance & Financial Services is our generous event sponsor.

David and Grace Shenk, Andres Prins and Sheryl Martin, members of the **EMM Christian/Muslim Relations Team**, will present at a public forum at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, in Martin Chapel (Eastern Mennonite Seminary). The goal of the forum is learning how to be better equipped to know, love, and share Jesus with Muslim members of our community. The presenters all bring many years of experiences and knowledge of the Muslim world. The EMM Christian/Muslim Relations Team desires to equip Christians around the world for life-

giving relationships with Muslims through dialogue, witness, peacemaking and hospitality. In a world where complex conflicts sometimes divide Muslims and Christians, and where mutual suspicion can build walls, this team speaks boldly and trains persistently to build bridges of loving and respectful connection between Christians and Muslims, while faithfully confessing Christ.

The **Bridge of Hope Annual Locavore Luncheon & Fashion Show** will be Saturday, November 12, at Park View Mennonite Church. Come enjoy a delicious meal prepared by Bowl of Good and created by local food blogger, Jennifer Murch. Browse and bid on the silent auction items, and be entertained by the fashion show featuring clothing from Gift & Thrift and accessories from Ten Thousand Villages. All proceeds to benefit Bridge of Hope, a ministry serving homeless and at-risk single mothers and their children in our community. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25, or contact a board member or call our office, 478-2356, to reserve a ticket. Doors will open for the silent auction at 11:15 with the meal beginning at 12.

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. *You will find a brochure with more information and a registration form on the Information Board if you would like to attend.*

Courses and learning tours:

Registration is now open for “Places, People, & Prayers, A Cross-Cultural Encounter with the Holy Land,” an Israel/Palestine study tour offered May 4-27, 2017, through Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Trip leaders are Dorothy Jean Weaver, Professor of New Testament, and Kevin A. Clark, EMS Campus Pastor. “Places, People, & Prayers” is open to all interested travelers, with or without seminary credit. NOTE: All MCUSA pastors are eligible to apply to the MCUSA “Come and See” program for a \$500 scholarship to assist with trip costs. If interested, please contact Dorothy Jean Weaver at (540) 432-4276 or at weaverdj@emu.edu at your earliest.

Come and join Matthew Bucher on a learning tour of pilgrimage to Egypt, “Walking the Nile,” May 2-20, 2017. From ancient holy sites to current social change, the tour will focus on meeting people and building relationships, worshiping with the church in a Middle Eastern context, and walking through millennia of history beside the Nile. Check out the tour itinerary or contact Matthew at mbucier@gmail.com. Matthew (MDiv; MA in Conflict Transformation, EMU 2015) is pastor at Immanuel Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg and worked for four years as a peacebuilder in Upper Egypt. He grew up on a dairy farm in rural Pennsylvania, and his heart remains focused on the deep roots of strong communities and the bridges that tie us together as the church around the world.