

# CMC Newsweekly

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## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Pastor Dayna Olson-  
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Song Leader: Matt Hunsberger and  
Jeremy Nafziger

Prelude: CMC Adult Choir

Welcoming Emmanuel -  
God's Surprise  
Music Sunday  
Pastoral Payer: Pastor Jennifer Davis  
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Attendance last Sunday = 322  
Offering last Sunday = \$8,786  
YTD budget = \$414,074  
YTD giving = \$402,034  
Difference = (\$12,040)



### UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Monthly Gathering – Advent Hymn Sing  
6 – 8pm in the Fellowship Hall

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at  
6:00pm

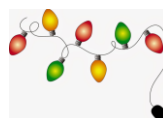
Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas Day Worship Service at 10am  
(No Sunday School or Adult Educ.)

### Future dates .....

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> First Night Harrisonburg

Jan 1<sup>st</sup> New Year's Day Worship Service at 10am  
(No Sunday School or Adult Educ.)

New Year's Breads to follow



## CMC Notices

**"You're invited to sing in the annual CMC Advent choir"**—all ages are welcome. We will sing in the service on December 18, with rehearsals on Tuesday, Dec. 13 (7-8 p.m.) and Saturday, Dec. 17, (3-4 p.m.). If you can only make it to one of those rehearsals, that's OK, but both is good too. Songs will include a setting of a poem by Thomas Traherne and another anthem that I haven't quite picked yet. Email Jeremy Nafziger ([JFNafziger@gmail.com](mailto:JFNafziger@gmail.com)) with your interest and voice part, and I'll send you music before the first rehearsal!

**The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society**, directed by Curtis Nolley, will present its annual Christmas concert on Friday, December 16, at 7:30 PM, and Sunday, December 18, at 3:00 PM at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. The concert will include Conrad Susa's "Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest", a collection of carols of Spanish descent, accompanied by classical guitar, marimba and harp. The second half of the concert will feature a variety of new and traditional carol settings. Tickets are available at the door, from Choral Society members, Red Front Supermarket (Harrisonburg), Bridgewater Foods (Bridgewater), and on-line at [www.singshenandoah.org](http://www.singshenandoah.org). Admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors/students.

**Many thanks to the many people who supported Lindsey and Asher Fast's** service term in Botswana through the fundraising meal and silent auction. Through your generosity, over \$11,000 was raised. The Ministry Support Team for Asher and Lindsey continues to work on raising the additional funds needed for them to leave early in 2017 to begin their work at the Mother Teresa Center in Francisville, Botswana.

**The Peace and Faith Community in Harrisonburg/Rockingham County is inviting you to attend:**

**What:** A Peace Vigil to stand in solidarity with the Syrian civilians.

**Where:** Court Square, Harrisonburg.

**When:** Friday, December 16, 2016 @ 06:00pm.

**Set it and forget it!** Did you know that you can set up automatic contributions to the church for your regular giving? Check out the [instructions on our website](#)

**San Antonio Mennonite Church has recently opened** their church building and guest house to shelter several hundred asylum-seeking women and children, primarily from Central American, who were unexpectedly released from immigration detention facilities. You can read more about their efforts and find information about financially supporting their work at: <http://mennoworld.org/2016/12/12/news/san-antonio-church-finds-room-for-refugee-influx/>. Pastor Dayna

**CWS Refugee Resettlement Linking Communities training** January 7 from 9am-12:30 at Parkview Mennonite Church, 1600 College Ave, Harrisonburg. Anyone interested in attending the Linking Communities training on Jan. 7 please contact Rebecca Sprague at [Linkingharrisonburg@cwsqglobal.org](mailto:Linkingharrisonburg@cwsqglobal.org) or call Rebecca Sprague at 540-217-4589. Leave your name, phone number and email address.

Linking Communities is a CWS initiative that partners local families with newly arrived refugee families. Its goal is to form connections and strengthen the fabric of understanding, acceptance and integration across our community. Linking Communities allows individual families or small groups who might not have the resources to provide a full-refugee sponsorship, the opportunity to none-the-less reach out to newly arrived refugees in friendship and support at whatever level they can. Local individuals/groups interested in partnering with a refugee family go through a 3 hour training. The training covers, program expectations, background about refugee resettlement, refugees sharing their experiences, L.C. families talking about joys and challenges, and scenarios for discussion. People interested in learning more are welcome to come to the training and then decide if they would like to sign up for Linking Communities Program.

**Roger, is a local painter**, here in Harrisonburg. He was recently laid-off from his position. Unfortunately, his van has broken down, as well. He was set to do some interior house painting in the Elkton area, next week, but, does not have a way to get there. He is looking for a ride to and from Elkton. If you can help him out, please call him at: 540-209-5889. He is happy to furnish references.

**Lost! One large set of keys with Subaru fob**, lots of grocery store tags, and at least 10 other keys. If found, please notify the Rhodes/Lehman household.

**IMMEDIATE OPENING** at Wingfield Ministries for Development Support Staff Specialist. Seeking individual with Christian character. Detail oriented with strong knowledge of Microsoft Office and data entry experience and excellent communication skills are mandatory. Duties include data resource management, word processing, the filing of initial and renewal of state charitable solicitations and supervision of mailings. Email resume with three professional references to [Katelyn@victoryweekend.com](mailto:Katelyn@victoryweekend.com). Please no phone calls.

**The Personnel Committee has hired Kent Davis Sensenig** to take over the open custodial position, effective immediately. In compliance with our recently created conflict of interest policy, Alisha Huber, Heidi Derstine, and Larry Miller interviewed candidates and decided, in conjunction with Ruth Stoltzfus Jost, that Kent would be the best fit. Kent has served as the rental manager for the building for several years, so he's familiar with the needs of the various groups that use our space. Please join us in welcoming Kent into this new role.



4TH SUNDAY OF Advent

*Blessings to All!*

**DECK THE WALLS** - An "All Saints" service, welcoming several new members, much robust music-making and other inspirational moments from the month of November are recaptured in the latest photo collage posted on the bulletin board on the west wall of the fellowship hall. Next to it, check out a collage that captures some Advent activities from December, 2010 and remembers some CMC people no longer with us. While absorbing these sensory images, check out a "Bishop's Mantle" column from Nov. 27, 2010 on an Advent "waiting" theme, a congregational report for Sept.-Oct. in *Mennonite World Review*, and a seasonal serenade, "Deck the halls with Boston Charlie," courtesy of Pogo Possum ("We have met the enemy and he is us") and other denizens of the Okefenokee Swamp. 'Tis the season! *Jim Bishop*

**We sadly bid a fond farewell to Jack and Gloria Rutt.** They are headed to Boston for at least the next year, possibly two to care for their grandchildren. Please keep them in your prayers as they make this move and start an incredible new chapter in their lives.



*Good Luck Jack & Gloria!*

**CMC Parents,** Do you have a baby rocker and/or a changing table just sitting around and perhaps collecting dust that you wouldn't mind parting with? We could really use a gently used baby rocker and changing table in our newly created Mom and Baby space. Please contact Ellen at: (540) 433-2148 or [cmc\\_office@cmcva.org](mailto:cmc_office@cmcva.org) if you can help. Thank you!

#### **BECOMING A CMC MEMBER:**

CMC takes church membership seriously. Like most congregations, we have an ongoing membership list that we update annually with Virginia Mennonite Conference. We also annually renew membership with CMC in our Covenant Renewal in January. Members are persons who have been baptized and shared their confession of faith in Jesus Christ with the congregation. If you worship with us regularly, we encourage you to become a member so that you can participate in formal decision-making, be eligible for various leadership roles within this congregation and so that our records match reality. If you would like to discuss becoming a member of CMC, please contact one of your pastors. Pastoral Team.

**Hi, I'm Timothy Heatwole Shenk, son of Keaton and Betty Shenk.** I grew up in the CMC congregation. After graduating from EMU, my wife Cheryl (sister of Kaitlin Heatwole) and I moved to Camden, NJ, following our passion to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). We are part of an intentional Christian community in a neighborhood that has suffered under the weight of poverty and racism. We saw the need for quality early childhood education, and after years of visioning, we started a full-day

Montessori program for 3-5 year olds. If you would like to know more about our work or have interest in supporting low-income families in our program, visit: [MontessoriSproutsInCamden.blogspot.com](http://MontessoriSproutsInCamden.blogspot.com). Thank you!



*Wishing you a peaceful and joyous Christmas...*

**Do you know the biblical stories of Judith and Susanna?** They are both in what we call the Apocrypha, writings by Jews in between our Testaments. The December issue of *Sojourners* magazine has an article about these women called "Mary's Role Models," by Reta Finger. If you are interested in reading it (or other material in this issue), there will be two copies of *Sojourners* to borrow on a shelf in the bookcase in the back of the sanctuary on Sunday.-Reta Finger

#### **Community Dinner**

Neighbors getting to know Neighbors Join us Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck Dinner. This will be a time of fellowship, getting to know neighbors from different backgrounds and sharing friends with friends in the community. Bring your family, bring your friends, and come to enjoy the time together. Location: Waterman Elementary School Cafeteria, 451 Chicago Ave, Harrisonburg, VA 22802 Time: 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm (doors open at 5:00 pm) Date: Sunday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016 Style: Potluck, bring an dish or two to share (please no pork products) Questions: Email Thomas at [trea@vt.edu](mailto:trea@vt.edu)

**Join Good Company at 7pm on Saturday, December 17** at Park View Mennonite Church for a festive concert of a cappella holiday music and the release of a brand new Christmas album, *From the Heart*. Admission is by donation (\$10 suggested) and a light reception will follow the concert.

**Faith in Action has made more signs available--No matter where you're from, we're glad you're our neighbor.** With larger print, in Arabic, English and Spanish, we hope that by mid-January Harrisonburg and Rockingham are sporting more of these signs. Let's ring in the New Year with a sign of welcome for immigrants and refugees. Signs are \$10. Please contact [faithinaction@gmail.com](mailto:faithinaction@gmail.com) or [cmc\\_office@cmcva.org](mailto:cmc_office@cmcva.org).

