

CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader: Brendon Derstine

Song Leader: Matt Hunsberger
Prelude: Bradley Lehman

Journey with Jesus

Preacher: Pastor Jennifer Davis
Sensenig
Pastoral Payer: Pastor Jason Gerlach

Attendance last Sunday = 268
Offering last Sunday = \$3,163
VMM Jail Ministry = \$1,410



UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

- Feb. 5th Potluck, immediately following Sunday School and Adult Educ. Classes.
- Feb. 9th Bible Stories for Real Life Bible Study – “The Healing Power of Jesus in Occupied Capernaum” from 7pm – 8:30pm in room #109
- Feb. 14th Valentine’s day Date Night (in place of our Monthly Gathering)



Future dates

- Feb. 16th Council Meeting, 7pm in Rm. #202
- Feb. 23rd Bible Stories for Real Life Bible Study – “The Stories Jesus Told—Parables” from 7pm – 8:30pm in room #109
- Feb 26th CMC Senior’s and MYF – Rt.42 Diner Diner
- Feb. 28th Mardi Gras/Fat Tuesday Bible Stories for Real Life Bible Study from 7pm – 8:30pm in room #109. Read aloud the gospel of Matthew.

☞ CMC Notices ☜

Join us this Sunday, Feb. 5th immediately following Sunday school and adult education hour for a **potluck lunch**. Please bring enough food for your family and some to share as well as plates, cups and silverware. As we would like to use the Corelle plates we are looking for persons who would commit to washing dishes. We need 4-6 persons to help with clean up, maybe your small group would like to help. Please contact Jennifer Ulrich - ulrichjm@comcast.net if you can help. Thanks.

On Tuesday, February 14th, the Senior High MYF would like to invite any children (infants, elementary and middle school children are all welcome) to the Fellowship Hall from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Instead of a Monthly Gathering, we're providing childcare so that parents can visit a downtown restaurant for a Valentine's Day Date Night. During the two hour time-frame, we're planning to lead group games as well as show a movie. Please provide dinner for your child prior to arrival. A snack will be served toward the end of the evening.

Happy
Valentine's
Day

Do you need a babysitter? I enjoy babies and young children and would love to take care of yours! If interested, please call 833-4161, or email me at jmuch6@gmail.com - Caroline Murch

This summer I will be traveling in Peru by myself. For the first two or three weeks I hope to stay with a family and learn the culture (the rest of the time I will be exploring the Amazon and being lonely). Problem is, I don't know anyone in Peru. If you know of any families or organizations that would be willing to host me (I'll pay, of course) and connect me to the community, that'd be great. I'm also interested in doing some volunteer work. Jonathan Murch (540-402-5179; jgabrielmurch@gmail.com)
-Jonathan

Extending "Faith and Science Narratives" Adult Ed: Creation and Cosmology in the Bible

During the last 8-weeks, the Faith and Science Narratives adult education class has heard from 15 different science-minded CMCers and gained some perspectives on the origins of the universe; the emergence of the myriad diversity of life; and human evolution. We've decided to keep the party going by spending the last few weeks of the quarter looking more in-depth at major biblical narratives of Creation and Cosmology, like Genesis 1's "Seven Days of Creation"; Gen. 2's "Garden of Eden" (Part 1), and Gen. 3's "the Fall" (Part 2); Psalms 104; Job's "Speech from the Whirlwind"; and various Christ-cosmologies in the New Testament (John 1; I Cor.; Col 1.; Hebrews 1). What might these ancient faith-based stories, poems, hymns and wisdom-texts reveal to us about the Creation, the Creator, and humanity--and other "creatures"--place in the "big picture"? How might they enrich, challenge, deepen, and/or transform our contemporary scientific worldviews and faith pilgrimages? If you're up for continuing the journey with us, come on back to room #202 (2nd floor) for a few more Sunday sessions.

I have a (theater directing) gig in the Grand Rapids area for Feb 24- March 29. The housing I've used for this in the past has fallen through. It's going to be me, my kids, and my husband. Typically, we've had housing donated by patrons of The Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company. Just wondering if anyone has any connections in that area and might know somebody who would be up for donating housing. It's tax deductible as an in-kind donation. Thanks. Alisha Huber

Please notice the important and thoughtful letter from Nathan Hershberger on the Mission Bulletin Board. Also keep Nathan and Kaitlin in your prayers at this uncertain time in Iraq. Joyce Osborne



Bible Stories for Real Life

Everyone is welcome to join us for Bible study in CMC room 109 on a series of Thursdays from 7:00-8:30 pm. The upcoming dates are Feb 9th and 23rd. and Tuesday, Feb. 28th. Pastor Jennifer will lead the study. On February 9th we will focus on *The Healing Power of Jesus in Occupied Capernaum*, Matthew 8:5-17. Pastoral Team

Pastoral Care at CMC

Did you know that in 2016 there were 400+ adults who considered CMC their congregational home and Pastoral Team (pastors and pastoral elders) were able to visit personally with 75% of them? As a congregation we also provided 115+ meals to demonstrate our care for each other during challenging times. If you need pastoral support, please be in touch with someone from Pastoral Team: Pastors Jennifer, Jason and Dayna. Pastoral Elders: Jan Jenner, Mike Brislen, and Esther Stenson.

Welcoming Children and Youth at CMC

In our 2016 CMC Vision Process we recognized welcoming children and youth into all aspects of our congregational life as a core practice. During January and February 2017 our scripture themes in worship coincide with the scriptures used in our children's SS curriculum. We hope this provides natural opportunities to talk about God's word together across the generations. Pastoral Team

Is God calling you into mission or service?

CMC encourages people of all ages to be ready to respond to God's call into mission and service assignments—both short and long-term. We set aside funds annually to support CMCers in this way. If you are considering an assignment domestically or abroad, be in touch with the chair of Outreach Commission, currently Hadley Jenner, or Pastor Jason, who works with this commission. They can talk with you about funding that may be available. Pastoral Team

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](#)

JANUARY REDUX - Relive a few activities in the life of CMC from the first month of 2017 with a new photo collage now up and running, with primary focus on Membership Commitment Sunday. Next to it, turn back the hands of time and re-experience some CMC events from January, 2014 on the worship theme of "Anabaptist Identity." While checking out these displays, take a moment to reflect on a poster with some practical suggestions on "How to Build Community," all awaiting your consideration on the bulletin board on the west wall of the fellowship hall. Jim Bishop

People's State of the Union Story Circles - every story matters
Sunday, February 5, 5-7pm. Trinity Presbyterian, 725 S High Street

You're invited to a Story Circle as part of the People's State of the Union, joining thousands across the country in making sense of this tumultuous year, strengthening the social fabric of our communities, and finding pathways forward, creating much-needed space for truth-telling and deep listening. We The People need to be heard. The news has had its chance. The new president will have many chances. It is our turn. Stories shared at this Harrisonburg event will be sent on to the national organizers for inclusion in the Poetic Address to the Nation in San Francisco, March 11. More information: <http://usdac.us/psotu> or art.stoltzfus@yahoo.com

On Wednesday, February 8, Eastern Mennonite University welcomes Bob Zellner, long-time Civil Rights Advocate. Come for his presentation in Lehman Auditorium from 10 - 10:30 a.m with a talk-back afterwards in Common Grounds Coffeehouse. He will also give a public lecture, "The Wrong Side of Murder Creek," in Martin Chapel (Seminary) from 7-8 p.m. For more information email campusministries@emu.edu.

Join Highland Retreat for a Benefit Auction on Saturday, February 18 at Eastern Mennonite High School. The auction is designed to subsidize camp tuition for all camper families and provide scholarships for families with greater need. Doors open at 7:45am, and the event will be wrapping up by 1pm. We have some great items and experiences for auction this year; see www.highlandretreat.org for a growing auction list and other details. Stop by for a tasty meal and baked goods, or stay for the whole auction – we'd love to see you there!



DO YOU KNOW THAT COMMUNITY PRESCHOOL HAPPENS IN CMC EACH WEEK FROM THE END OF AUGUST THROUGH THE END OF MAY??

There are three sessions for children- one for 3 year olds which meets Tuesday and Thursday morning.

A three day morning class for four year olds which meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Three day afternoon class for four year olds which meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoon-12:00 pm - 2:30 pm

For any of these groups the child needs to be either 3 or 4 by September 30.

We hope to include children who are wanting to learn English in preparation for Kindergarten.

Registration for CMC attendees and member is the week of February 13- 17. See display in the Fellowship Hall. For questions see Joyce Osborne.

The Annual Report for 2016 is uploaded and ready to be viewed on our CMC website.



Wishing You Blessings of abundant Peace!



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