

CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader:
Pastor Dayna Olson-Getty
Song Leader: Angie Clemens
Prelude: Bradley Lehman

Lent 2
Restore us, O God! We wonder

Attendance last Sunday = 230
Offering last Sunday = \$9,149
Everyone Welcome = \$290



UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

Mar. 5th Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary from 11:30am – 1:30pm
Lunch and Childcare will be provided.

Mar. 7th Lenten Prayer Group meets in the Fellowship Hall from 7:15am to 7:45am

Council Meeting at 7:00pm in Room#202

Future dates

Mar. 12th Time Change – spring ahead!

Mar. 17th St. Patrick's Day

Mar. 21st Monthly Gathering from 6pm – 8pm in the Fellowship Hall.



CMC Notices

Thanks to the many hands who helped make our congregational meeting this past week possible. Whether you helped with tables and chairs, food, childcare, technology, or some other role, we are thankful you were part of the effort. A big thank you is in order to Jen Ulrich who coordinated the food. Many of you expressed appreciation for a meal you were able to show up and enjoy, allowing everyone to sit down and participate. On behalf of Council & Pastoral Team - Thank You!

HYMN SING

The Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center (VBMHC) invites Brethren, Mennonites, and all people of faith to join their voices for ***How Can We Keep from Singing?*** A unity hymn-sing featuring songs of hope and peace on **Sunday, March 19 at 7:00 PM.** In a time that is full of fear, division, and despair for many, VBMHC invites you to join with people from different faith traditions in celebrating that which we hold in common: commitments to seeking Jesus and working to bring God's love and justice for all God's children. Where forces of fear want us to see only differences, let us reflect the Body of Christ and join together to sing and celebrate the things we share. Mennonite and Brethren song-leaders and pastors will lead us together in an evening of singing hope and peace in response to God's faithful love. Join us at **Harrisonburg First Church of the Brethren, 315 S. Dogwood Drive Harrisonburg, VA 22801.** A free-will offering will be received to support the unifying mission and vision of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center.

Everyone is invited to sing in a choir for the March 26 service. (It's like the Advent choir, except for Lent.) Rehearsals will be Thursday, March 23, 7-8 p.m.; and Saturday, March 25, 2-3 p.m., and we'll also meet at 8 a.m. on March 26. If you have to skip one rehearsal, sing anyway. We'll be singing Mozart, Bobby McFerrin, and a South African piece. Please send your name and voice part to Jeremy Nafziger (JFNafziger@gmail.com) if you'd like to join in.

Weekly Lenten Prayer Group:

All CMCers are invited to join a guided prayer group during the 6 weeks of Lent. This group will focus on learning and practicing the tradition of contemplative prayer, a form of meditative prayer that provides spiritual nourishment, a way of grounding action in the love of God, and a space to discern how to act. Join us Tuesday mornings between March 7th and April 11th from 7:15am to 7:45am in the Fellowship Hall. Enter through ramp door.



Exploring Church Membership:

Interested in exploring church membership at CMC or just learning more about Mennonites? Pastor Dayna will be leading a six week adult education class during Lent (March 5 - April 9) designed to create space for considering church membership, learning more about Mennonite history, beliefs, and faith practices, and learning about ways to get involved at CMC. Contact Pastor Dayna for more information dayna.olson-getty@cmcva.org.

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.

This is the last week that we will be stuffing boxes. There are **34 students** this year that would love to hear from CMC. Personal notes, gum, mints, sweet or salty snacks, drink mixes, sticky notes, pens, highlighters, microwave popcorn, granola bars, mechanical pencils, etc. Boxes are in the Fellowship Hall.



Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour before you go to bed on March 11th

Pastor Jennifer is away

Pastor Jennifer serves on the advisory committee for MC USA's Peace and Justice Support Network. The committee members and staff are meeting in Ohio (March 9-12.) She will return to the office on Monday, March 13th.

Compassion Funds

Financial hardships in our congregation arise for a variety of reasons: medical bills, job loss, unexpected major expenses, counseling/therapy. CMCers generously support the Compassion Fund for mutual aid among members, so that we can ease these hardships among our households. If you or a CMCer you know has a financial need, Grants Committee will review your need through a brief application available on our website. CMC households are eligible for up to \$600 twice annually in compassion funds as administered through the Grants Committee, which maintains confidentiality. In situations of higher need the process includes a recommendation from Grants Committee to Council. Please contact Grant Committee Chair, currently Shannon Sneary, with any procedural questions. Pastoral Team

International Women's Day #BeBoldForChange

Join in a march and rally led by women from our local community on Saturday, March 11th leaving from the Rockingham County Municipal Building parking lot at 10:00 with a rally at Court Square. For questions contact Art Stoltzfus at faithinactionva@gmail.com or at the Facebook event page <https://www.facebook.com/event/s/216493282157346/>

J. Daryl Byler, executive director of EMU's Center for Justice and Peacebuilding, is engaging in a 40-day juice and water fast this Lenten season. Each day he blogs and writes to President Trump, sharing reflections based on the Presbyterian lectionary, Mr. Trump's denomination. You can follow Daryl's blog posts, support him in prayer and consider your own fasting this season -- whatever form -- as you support Daryl's commitment. <https://healingjusticefast.wordpress.com/welcome/>

Mennonite Women of Virginia will hold their annual missions event on Saturday, May 6 at First Mennonite Church in Richmond. Moriah Horst, the Nurture & Faith Development Pastor at Parkview Mennonite Church, will speak on the topic "We Are All Missionaries." Brunch and an optional trip to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens are also included. Bus transportation will be available to and from Harrisonburg. More information is available at <http://virginiaconference.org/partners/mennonite-women-of-virginia/annual-missions-day-event-2017/>

Mennonite Church USA will gather in Orlando, Florida in July (Tuesday, 4th through Saturday, 8th). A number of people from our congregation are already making plans to attend including youth group members, pastors, and others. Pastoral team is in the process of confirming four people to participate in the Delegate Assembly representing Community Mennonite Church. If this role (on behalf of the congregation) interests you, please contact Pastor Jason.

Lucy and Nate Malenke are looking for an individual, couple, or pair of housemates to sublet their house this summer, from mid-May to mid-August. The house is on E. Elizabeth Street—a few blocks from the Co-Op and an easy walk to downtown, the Farmer's Market, and CMC. The house is fully furnished and has two bedrooms (one queen, one single) and 1.5 bathrooms. Amenities include a washer/dryer, dishwasher, back deck and yard with garden space. \$850/month includes wireless internet and utilities (and we'd like some help with basic lawn care). We'd prefer graduate students, visiting faculty, professionals, or retirees. Contact Lucy at lucybgreen@gmail.com or 814-360-2699.

Looking for someone to work for us, to clean our car and do a few other cleaning chores. Contact Joyce or Millard Osborne at: 438-8390.

Join us for a drop-in baby shower for Simone and Michael Horst this Sunday, March 12th from 2 pm - 4 pm in the CMC Fellowship Hall. Simone and Michael are registered at [Amazon](#) and [Target](#). Baby Horst should arrive sometime early April! Come and celebrate!

Notice to parents of EMS and college/university students: It's time to make applications for church matching grants for the 2017-2018 school year. Please turn in completed forms to Shannon Sneary Alabanza by Sunday, March 12th.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PART OF THE CMC SENIOR'S GROUP: Questions frequently heard are: What age do I need to be to join? Do I need to be retired? The present CMC senior's planning committee considered these questions and here is our answer. **AGE:** Are you 60? Under 60? Over 60? Age is not that important. If you would like to be a part of the senior's group, JOIN US. **RETIRED:** Are you retired? Are you still employed? For the senior's group that also isn't important. So welcome to anyone "around the age of 60" "working or retired" who would enjoy the fellowship and joining in the activities that we plan. The senior's group meets every other month, 6-7 times a year. We plan a variety of activities. If you wondered if a CMC senior's group is "any fun" join us and find out. If you would like to be involved and included in the senior's group, inform the church office and have Ellen add you to our senior group email list. Also email me, Joan Kauffman at kykauffmans@yahoo.com so we as a committee are aware you have joined. So welcome to anyone interested in becoming a part of the CMC senior's group. Senior's Planning Committee: Joan Kauffman, Larry Miller, Dick Stoltzfus, and Dayna Olson-Getty

We are happy to announce that we have created a quiet space just for nursing mothers. You will find this room next to the 6th through 12th Grade Sunday School Classrooms, downstairs in the main church building.

The Shenandoah Valley Choral Society presents its spring concert, *Mass Eclectic*, on Friday, April 7th, at 7:30 pm, and Sunday, April 9th, at 3:00 pm at Bridgewater Church of the Brethren. Content: Glenn McClure's, *St. Francis in the Americas: A Caribbean Mass*, accompanied by steel drums and percussion, plus Schubert's exquisite *Mass in G*. Both pieces will feature soloists from the JMU vocal performance department. Tickets: at the door; Red Front Supermarket (Harrisonburg), Bridgewater Foods Supermarket (Bridgewater), and online at www.singshenandoah.org. Admission is \$15 for adults/\$12 for seniors and students.

Meet Marcus Yoder, our ACRS March speaker.....Monday, March 13th at 7:30 AM - West Dining Room. His research includes: *An Experiment in Democracy: Civilian Public Service and Conscientious Objectors in World War II* and "Eight Pounds of Good Washed Wool." *Identity and Development in the Holmes County Amish Community, 1807-1846*. "Currently I am working on a monograph length publication on the early years of the Holmes County Amish community. My focus is how that these people's history of martyrdom, and life in Europe, coupled with their north-Atlantic migration affected their settlements in Pennsylvania and Ohio. In addition, the issue of identity development in community life as noted in the early years of the community help shape the current Amish (and Anabaptist) world."

The upcoming Revival at the School event will include a meal, and is in need of food contributions (entrees, salads, desserts) for approximately 100-200 people on **Thursday, March 16 from 5:30-8:00pm** at Harrisonburg High School. The event will gather people, organizations, and agencies to demonstrate our collective commitment to protect, defend, and build safety for ourselves and our neighbors regardless of race, ethnicity, documentation status, sexual orientation or gender expression, class, religious background, disability, mental or physical health. The Revival will be a celebration with food, music, poetry and speakers. Please contact Eric Olson-Getty if you would like to contribute: ericolsongetty@gmail.com, or [413-519-3786](tel:413-519-3786).

FEBRUARY FORTE - February may be the shortest month of the year, but it was chock-full of activities at CMC. Relive some highlights - including a child dedication, a commissioning for overseas service, a stained-glass window dedication and a "Rt. 42 Diner" bash - with the latest photo collage on display on the bulletin board on the west side of the fellowship hall. Next to it, a poster with scenes from March 2013 at CMC on the theme, "Ashamed No More." *March* right up and check 'em out! Jim Bishop