

CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Worship Leader:

Pastor Dayna Olson-Getty

Song Leader: Matt Hunsberger

Prelude: Seth Hendricks, Chris Good,
David Hupp & Jacob Crouse

Palm Sunday

Restore Us, O God!

We Hope

Pastor: Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Attendance last Sunday = 255

Offering last Sunday = \$11,240

YTD budget = \$118,919

YTD giving = \$104,843

Difference = (14,076)



UPCOMING CMC EVENTS

- Apr. 9th Palm Sunday
Peace Parade starts at Immanuel Mennonite at 1:00pm
- April 12th CMC Seniors trip to the Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens, meet at the church at 8:00 a.m. to car pool.
- Apr. 13th Maundy Thursday – Meal and Foot Washing in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm

Future dates

- Apr. 14th Good Friday – Ecumenical Stations of the Cross, Prayer Walk from 12:00 noon until 1:00pm, walk begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
- Good Friday Worship Service at 7:00pm, here at CMC, in the Sanctuary
- Apr. 16th Easter Sunday Worship Service 10am. Easter Breads at 8:30am (No Sunday School or Adult Ed. Classes)
- Apr. 17th Church Office will be closed

CMC Notices

Needed: Coffee cups for our coffee and tea fellowship time on Sunday mornings. If you have extra cups to donate bring them to church and place in the kitchen. Thanks. The Hospitality Committee

Easter Breads is on Sunday, April 16th beginning at 8:30am. Bring a bread item or fruit. Juice and coffee will be served. No Sunday School. Church begins at 10:00am.

Glass jars with lids needed. Worship Commission needs glass jars of all sizes for a children's project that is part of our next worship series. Canning jars, recycled jars from the grocery store, big pickle jars, and small jelly or baby food jars are all welcome. It would be helpful, but is not required, if labels are removed. Please deliver jars to the church office by April 21.

The **30th annual Harrisonburg downtown ecumenical Good Friday prayer walk**, based on the "Stations of the Cross," will be held **Friday, April 14**, from noon to 1:00. The walk begins at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, and ends at St. Stephens United Church of Christ, stopping at a total of 10 downtown churches and public buildings. This is a contemplative, communal, and spiritual practice of shared ecumenical worship and witness that has been going on every year in downtown Harrisonburg for 30 years. The walking route is accessible for wheelchairs and strollers.

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 15, 10:00 p.m. to midnight. For the 22nd year, Park View Mennonite Church and Community Mennonite Church are holding an Easter Vigil together, with the rest of the community invited. This dramatic worship service consists of extensive readings of scripture, congregational hymn singing, special vocal and instrumental pieces, a candlelight vigil, a renewal of baptismal vows, the Lord's Supper, and a feast of sight and sound at the moment Easter morning arrives. At 10:00 p.m., we will gather outside around a fire, weather permitting, on the lawn north of the Park View church building, where the service will begin, and then continue with a procession into the sanctuary. The service concludes at midnight. All are welcome. Invite a friend.



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.



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://virginiacommunity.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.

Grief support group. Would you be interested in meeting regularly for mutual care and support with other CMCers who are grieving the death of a loved one? Please let Pastor Dayna know if you are interested: dayna.olson-getty@cmcva.org

Mennonite Higher Education

CMC supports Mennonite higher education—undergrad and grad programs—in our annual budget and we also support individuals who are members or children of members who are choosing to advance their education at Anabaptist/Mennonite schools. We have a \$600/semester grant for undergrad and a small fund for graduate students we disburse annually. So, if you are considering Mennonite higher education, please be in touch with the chair of the Grants Commission, currently Shannon Sneary. Pastoral Team

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.

Money worries weighing you down?

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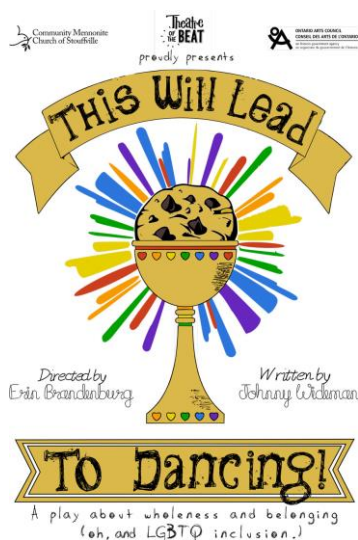
Larry Miller is a CMC volunteer financial coach. Contact him to give coaching a try. ldmiller11@comcast.net



Congregational meeting, Sunday, May 7th: CMC's discernment process regarding our relationship with VMC. The CMC core team for our discernment process will host a congregational meeting. Joining us will be Clyde Kratz, VMC's executive conference minister, Roy Hange, VMC's Harrisonburg District Minister, Patsy Seitz, chair of VMC's Faith and Life Commission and Elroy Miller, VMC's moderator. VMC leaders will respond to questions developed from the data we received from our previous meeting. There will also be time for table groups to write additional questions. The core team will read the questions and VMC leaders will respond to as many as possible. The meeting will be from 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM. A meal will be provided by hospitality. Childcare will be provided. Please talk with a core team member if you have questions: Heidi Derstine, Jan Jenner, Mike Brislen, Joyce Peachy Lind, Lee Good.

CMC Senior April event: For April we are planning a trip to Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens to enjoy the spring gardens, which they call "1 million blooms." The event is planned for Wednesday, April 12, 2017. We will meet at the church to car pool between 8:00 and 8:15, planning to leave by 8:30 a.m. We will have lunch together at the Garden Cafe. If you have questions e-mail Joan Kauffman or call 620-960-3495.

Acclaimed international theatre troupe, Theatre of the Beat, uses drama to engage communities on difficult issues. *This Will Lead to Dancing* is a new production about wholeness, belonging, and LGBTQ inclusion. This story is written to be set in a Mennonite Church sanctuary and follows two teenagers who are attempting to change their church. More details at theatreofthebeat.ca/



Justice for the Poultry Workers Rally

The Martin Luther King Jr Way Coalition, The Poultry Workers Center and COSPU (Comite Salvadoreno Paisanos Unidos) have come together to organize a rally for: **"Justice for the Poultry Workers."** The rally will be held in **Court Square in Downtown Harrisonburg at 2:30 PM, on Sunday April 9, with speakers and live music.** Several leaders of the poultry workers' movement and their religious and larger community allies, including Father Daniel Robayo, will speak. Five injured workers will tell their personal stories. **The "Justice for the Poultry Workers Rally" is part of this year's annual Commemoration of the Assassination of Martin Luther King.** The "Justice for the Poultry Workers" rally is an opportunity for area residents to honor the memory and vision of Dr. King, by supporting the poultry workers in their struggle to exercise their human and legal right to organize and defend their dignity as human beings. The poultry workers' movement in the Shenandoah Valley was greatly strengthened by the unprecedented outpouring of community support that occurred on Poultry Workers Appreciation Day, on November 22nd, 2016. The "Justice for the Poultry Workers" rally is a chance to hear firsthand from the workers and their allies in the community about what has been happening in their movement and for the community to continue expressing the support the workers and their families need to succeed. **Michael Snell-Feikema <sniekema@yahoo.com> 540-830-1431**

"Cuba after Fidel Castro and Barack Obama." is the title of **Elaine and Nathan Zook Barge's** presentation at the April 10th breakfast, 7:30 AM, West Dining Hall, Northlawn. **Elaine and Nathan** will share on how they've experienced Cuba over the years. They have engaged with the Baptist Church as it related to the government and society at large. They will also report on responses from the Cuban Church to the current situation in Cuba and the United States since the Trump election. In addition to leading numerous MCC learning tours to Cuba, Nathan and Elaine have also lead a number of EMU student groups there in recent years, the culmination of a dream and request that Raul Suarez, head of the Baptist Church in Cuba, shared when he visited EMU in the mid 1980s. -- Terry R Burkhalter for ACRS Program Committee, Margaret Foth & Vernon Jantzi.

The Fresh Air Fund, an independent, not-for-profit agency, provides free summer experiences for children from low-income New York City neighborhoods. Sign up today to host a child! Trip dates for this summer are July 6-13, July 16-18, and July 27-August 3. For more information call Jennifer Murch at 833-4161, or Shannon Sneary at 209-1234.

As part of our continuing effort to end child sexual abuse in our community, the Collins Center will offer an Approved Adult training for congregations practicing Safe Church policies. Those of you currently working with children and youth (or those who would like to in the future) and have yet to complete the Approved Adult process, please mark this date on your calendar. This training is free of charge and will be held at Park View Mennonite Church on Saturday, May 20, from 9am-12 noon. Please RSVP to Marsha.thomas8417@gmail or contact her to find out more about CMC's Safe Church practices.

If you are a survivor of childhood sexual abuse, the Collins Center would like to invite you to attend their annual Survivor Retreat on April 22 from 8:30am-12noon at the Collins Center (located in the Ice House near CMC). This retreat is free - please see the attached flyer for more information or contact Ana Arias at the Collins Center at ana@thecollinscenter.org.

Thanks to many of you who continue to check in about Paul Longacre's situation. Paul has been in hospice now for four years. We just went through our most recent every-60-days recertification visit. A Sentara doctor from headquarters visited this time. I also recently participated in the quarterly care plan meeting scheduled by Oak Lea. Paul's physical capacities have been greatly reduced for a long time. He still feeds himself. Staff in the meetings mentioned have all underlined a marked decline in his cognitive functioning in the recent past, which I also have noted. While often it seems there is little to report, I do try to offer periodic updates on our Caring Bridge page: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/paulongacre> Thanks to the men's off-campus Sunday school class for ongoing fellowship and support, and to Paul's faithful visitors from CMC. – Nancy Heisey

A Syrian refugee family of five currently living in Bridgewater are in need of regular work and affordable housing. Munzer was a nurse and swim coach in Damascus and later worked construction and driving jobs in Jordan. He arrived here in May of last year and has a weekend job now with Marshalls, but needs an additional job or a more regular one. Munzer is willing to do custodial, moving/lifting, driving, or landscaping (actually, he said he's willing to do anything). Their current housing situation is ending soon, and they need to find a two or three-bedroom place by June. Please contact Michael Courtney at mac1572@gmail.com if you'd like to meet with Munzer and Neriman or if you have any job or housing ideas for them. [This article](#) in Port & Main tells about their situation upon arriving here. Thanks so much.

WONDERING WHERE LENT WENT? - With another week to go, you can relive the first several weeks of Lenten activities at CMC leading up to Easter by checking out the newest photo collage just posted on the bulletin board on the west side of the fellowship hall. Next to it, turn back the hands of time with a poster loaded with Lenten scenes from 2014 on the theme, "Encountering God." In addition, at no extra charge but maybe some obligation, you'll find a *Daily News-Record* op-ed piece on sweet things a certain Bishop gave up for Lent. Read 'em and chuckle - or cry! Jim Bishop



Congratulations to Michael and Simone Horst on the birth of their son, Emerson Frederick Horst. He was born at 8:30 pm on March 31st. He weighed 7lbs 13oz and is 20 inches long. Michael, Simone and Emerson are happy and healthy and adjusting to life at home.

Just a quick reminder: **Our Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 17th, in observance of Easter.** We will open at 9:00am on Tuesday the 18th.



Our Church Photo Directory will soon be on its way! They are in for a 2nd proofing with LifeTouch Photography and will be in your hands shortly.



Please be sure to take a look inside the Lost and Found cupboard for any articles that you or your family may have left behind, here at church. Any items remaining there will be donated to Gift and Thrift on Tuesday, April 18th. Thank you. Ellen



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