



*Behold, I send an angel before you
to keep you in the way
and to bring you into the place
which I have prepared.*

Exodus 23:20 NKJV

Behold, I Send An Angel...

OUR FEBRUARY WORSHIP SERIES

FEBRUARY 9

Isaiah 58:1-12, Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon by Pastoral Elder Brian Martin Burkholder

FEBRUARY 16

Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon by Pastor Jason

FEBRUARY 23—TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Exodus 24:12-18, Matthew 17:1-9

FEBRUARY 26—ASH WEDNESDAY

As Community Mennonite Church we gather at 8 pm that evening for a contemplative service of scripture, song, and prayer. We also offer an anointing of ashes in the sign of the cross as we remember that we are dust and follow Christ toward the cross and beyond. Everyone is welcome.



A WORD FROM PASTOR JASON

This week Pastor Jennifer and I have received invitations to attend Allegheny Mennonite Conference's Pastor Peer Meeting, which takes place next Tuesday. We've decided not to attend the meeting this time but we will prioritize it the next time it's offered in April. Currently, we're preparing for AMC's Faith & Life Gathering on Saturday, March 7 at Hyattsville Mennonite Church (Maryland) when we anticipate that AMC will welcome Community Mennonite Church. In preparation for that meeting we will extend invitations to CMC members to consider serving as our delegates to AMC. As we extend these invitations we trust that our delegates will embody our 2020 theme verse: Behold, I am sending an angel before you to keep you in the way and to bring you to the place which I have prepared.

—Pastor Jason

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First Friday Art Opening Event Set Feb. 7

CMC's first First Friday of 2020 will be Feb. 7, from 6-8 pm. It will feature work from *The Elephant in the Room*, a series of paintings about climate change by Charlotte Shristi. The Green Congregations Committee will be hosting, and will share information about CMC's green initiatives. There will also be music by Aaron and Susannah Oda. We invite all CMCers to come to the event, but you can view the exhibition in the entrance hallway on Sunday mornings or during church office hours, 9 am-4 pm, Mon.-Fri.

—Aili Huber, Arts Committee Chair



Snow Tubing: Fun For ~~All~~ Most Venture Club-

In January, Venture Club spent a Tuesday afternoon snow tubing at Massanutten! Including some parents and friends, 28 of us enjoyed the slopes. It was a fast and icy hill, which ~~all~~ most of the kids loved! When we reached the bottom, a moving walkway took us back to the top of the hill to do it over and over again. Everyone left in one piece and with a hot chocolate in hand. It was an extra cold and extra fun adventure!

—Traci Stoltzfus, Youth Commission Chair & Venture Club coordinator



Rejoice! CMC Group Devotional Subscription Is Here

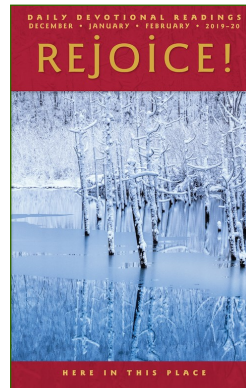
CMCers are invited to join a group subscription of *Rejoice!*, a daily devotional pamphlet produced by Menno-Media:

"Nurture your soul through the quarterly devotional magazine, Rejoice! Each day's entry features a Bible reading, a short inspirational message, and a prayer of response. The magazine also includes inspirational stories and poems, and daily prayer requests representing Mennonite mission workers, schools, and church agencies."

To take advantage of our discounted rate, please deliver a check for \$32.20 to the Church Office. A devotional booklet will be mailed to your address quarterly. Please indicate if you would like it delivered to a location that is not the address you have listed in Breeze.

—Ben Bailey, Church Administrator

DAILY DEVOTIONAL READINGS REJOICE!



CMC Welcomes Two Children to the Congregation

On Sunday, Jan. 18, CMCers welcomed two new children to the congregation. Sophia Sauder, daughter of Juni and Zach, and Lydia Gingerich, daughter of Sara and Matt, were dedicated with a congregational liturgy. We are delighted for the chance to raise them together in our faith community.



Above: Juni & Zach Sauder look on as Pastor Jennifer introduces their daughter, Sophia, to the congregation; Left: Pastor Byron introduces Lydia Gingerich to the congregation

ARE YOU RETIRING? LET US KNOW!

CMC would like to celebrate the recent or upcoming retirements of CMC attenders on April 26. Retirement is a significant transition from one's life of work, schedules, professional and skill development, to a new phase of life. Retirement can equally be a time of growth and contribution to others, but it also means changes in one's daily rhythm and how one "spends" one's time. We will have a retirement ritual on Sunday, April 26 as part of our morning service. If you would like to participate in this ritual celebrating this life transition, please contact one of the pastors.



SUNDAY MORNING SNAP SHOTS

Clockwise from top right: Anna & Stefan Showalter Hess lead music during worship, the Murch kids stick together during fellowship time, Paul Leaman (head of Eastern Mennonite School) leads children's time, Alden Hostetter contributes his medical expertise as an analogy embedded in a sermon, Pastor Jennifer anoints CMCers during worship, lanterns connecting our January worship theme Light for the World, Andrea Schrock Wenger facilitates an adult ed Sunday school class. Photos by Jim Bishop



CMC News & Announcements

Pastor Jennifer is Away—Pastor Jennifer is with her family in Minnesota. She will resume pastoral responsibilities on Monday, February 17. Until then, please be in touch with Pastor Jason and Pastor Byron.

The CMC Arts Committee, which organizes First Friday events, curates the art in the building, and potentially does other art-related projects, is looking for new members. We are also looking for small groups or committees to host First Friday events throughout the year. Please contact Aili Huber if you're interested.

EnLIGHTening EXPERIENCE —A double-poster photo review of our January worship services on the theme, "Light for the World," is shining brightly on the CMC: Today bulletin board on the east wall of the fabulous fellowship hall. To its left, you should find a photo retrospective of "Covenant Renewal Sundays" from 2015 and 2017 on the CMC: Yesterday (all my troubles seemed so far away) bulletin board. Enjoy! Jim Bishop

CMCers are invited to register for Community Preschool. Early bird registration for CMC families will take place the week of Feb. 10-14. There is a short form to fill out with a \$70 registration fee. Contact the Church Office for more info.

I would welcome some action shots of your small group spending time together. I'll use these photos to develop the Small Groups page on the CMC website. Just email them to me at the Church Office. Thanks! -Ben Bailey, Church Administrator

The Everence Sharing Funds provided \$3,000 in matching funds to support special needs in our church last year. Everence members are people who own or participate in products and services from Everence Financial or Everence Federal Credit Union. Purchase of these products and services help fund the Sharing Fund. Wayne Hochstedler serves as the Everence advocate for our congregation. Please contact him for more information.

Notes from the Harrisonburg Area & Beyond

You're invited to an evening of song, dance, and worship representing 23 countries around the world! The participants of the IVEP (International Volunteer Exchange Program) will present an International Worship Festival on Feb 9, 7:30 pm at Park View Mennonite Church. All are welcome. Come experience culture from around the world as we celebrate the creativity of God. Learn more about IVEP at ivep.mcc.org

VOCES8, an internationally celebrated a cappella vocal ensemble based in London, England, will make their 11th appearance at Eastern Mennonite School, February 15 and 16 at 7:30 pm. Information on tickets and each concert at easternmennonite.org/tickets

Aspiring songwriters and Americana music aficionados are invited to an interactive experience with a few local legends at Eastern Mennonite University's upcoming Songwriters in the Round event on Feb. 13. Trent Wagler '02 of The Steel Wheels, Charlottesville singer-songwriter Devon Sproule, and guitar-vocalist duo Clymer & Kurtz, comprised of Maria Clymer '00 and Christopher Kurtz '00, will each give a performance, speak on their work and creative process, and answer audience questions. The event is sponsored by the EMU Music Department and student organization Composer Collective, and is free to the public. The event begins at 8 p.m. in the MainStage Theater.

Join us for a special "Love Your Neighbor" event this Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at 7:30 pm at Park View Mennonite Church. In partnership with Mennonite Disaster Service, Ted & Co presents the original play, *The Jesus Stories: Faith, Forks & Fettuccine*, starring Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught, in conjunction with a unique, fun, and participatory auction of theme-filled buckets. All auction proceeds will benefit the good work of MDS, restoring and rebuilding hope and homes in communities ravaged by natural disaster. Admission is free and open to the public. Please come prepared to bid on auction items! Cash, check, and credit cards accepted. This is a family-friendly event—bring your loved ones, your date, your Uncle Harold, and spread the love. This event is hosted by Park View, Lindale, Community, Weavers, and Harrisonburg Mennonite churches and the Shenandoah Valley MDS Unit.

Need & Plenty

CMCERS ARE SEEKING ...

...a bingo game or set up to be used in an upcoming CMC Seniors group activity. If you have one or know where we might find one to use for an evening, please talk with Roveen Yoder.

OR OFFERING...

...nothing right now. CMCers may submit things they have to share for free or at a significant discount to office@cmcva.org. The next newsletter will be distributed on Friday, Feb. 21, 2020.

Upcoming CMC events

Every Sunday	Congregational Worship Service, 9 am, Sanctuary Sunday School & Adult Ed, 10:30 am, various locations Contemplative Worship Service, 8 pm, Fellowship Hall
Every Wednesday	Women's Bible Study, 8:30-9:45 am, CH 109
1st & 3rd Wednesday	Kids' Club, 6 pm, Basement
Sunday, Mar. 1	Monthly Potluck, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall Group prayer circle, 11:45 am-12:00 pm, prayer alcove
Sunday, Apr. 5	Monthly Potluck, 11:45 am, Fellowship Hall Group prayer circle, 11:45 am-12:00 pm, prayer alcove

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GIVING UPDATE

2020 Donations

YTD: \$53,865	
Week (01/27-02/02):	\$12,706
Week (01/20-01/26):	\$15,917
Week (01/13-01/19):	\$4,445
Week (01/06-01/12):	\$6,731
Week (01/01-01/05):	\$14,066

WAYS TO GIVE

By cash or check — Either place your contribution in the offering basket or mail checks to the church. Use the memo line to indicate a particular fund ("Compassion Fund," "General Fund," etc.).

By text message — Text the amount you wish to donate (e.g. "\$25") to 540-779-1276. The first time, you'll receive a link to register your information. Undesignated funds will go to CMC's general fund.

On our website — Click "Give" on the top right corner of our website, cmcva.org.

On your smartphone — Search for "GivePlus Church" in the Android or iPhone app store. Once you've installed it, search for "Community Mennonite Church."

*CMC follows
Safe Church practices*

