

# Community Mennonite Church

## 01/11/09 Newsweekly

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## 1. Announcements

**Last Sunday Attendance:** 227    **Offering:** \$11,326.80    **Performance to Budget:**  
**Performance to Budget YTD:**

**The Pastoral Congregation Relations Committee** exists to care for the relationship between the pastor(s) and the congregation at Community Mennonite Church (CMC). The PCRC is the primary liaison between pastors and congregation, and meets regularly with both individual pastors and the pastoral team. Any congregation member is encouraged at any time he/she has an affirmation or a concern regarding pastoral leadership to share it with any member of the committee. In addition, every quarter committee members will telephone randomly selected congregation participants over the age of 13, to ask for your feedback. Committee members are Linda Gnagey, Nancy Heisey, Tim Ruebke, and Hugh Stoll.

**Small Group Formation Gathering.** The Small Group Committee senses that at this time there is the potential for the creation of 2 –3 new small groups at CMC. We would like to gather those who might be interested in being part of a new small group (whether you are currently in a small group or not) to join us from 5–6 PM in Rm 109 Sun, Jan 25 to talk about what you would be looking for in a small group, and we'll see what forms from there. (note: this will not be a "meat market" sort of small group shopping experience). Light refreshments will be provided.

**The January all-church potluck** has been postponed until Jan 18 and will be part of Pastor Jennifer's installation celebration.

**That they may become one in your hand:** Community Mennonite has been invited to participate in a joint worship service with other Harrisonburg congregations on Wed, Jan 21st (7 PM) during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Would you be willing to sing in a small ensemble from our congregation for that worship service? We are also seeking someone to carry a banner in a procession. Please contact Pastor Jennifer if you are interested in building ecumenical relationships in our community by worshiping together.

**Please note:** Community Preschool Open House following Worship to "Come and See" has been changed to Sun, Jan 25. Coffee will be served so we invite you to visit the Preschool area and see the beautiful setting since the teachers painted the walls. Also, REGISTRATION for CMC children for the 2009-2010 year will be open Jan 19-23. See the display in the Fellowship Hall announcing this or speak to Joyce Osborne.

**Check out** the Back Bulletin Board for Nakashima family's annual Christmas letter and get caught up with Mitsunari, Yumiko and Kazuki's experiences.

**Fellowship Hall Space:** In an effort to enhance our fellowship, we are trying to get rid of the clutter in the fellowship hall, and create more space for meeting and greeting. The couches and chairs will be set up on Sundays for better conversation, and can easily be moved to the edges for potlucks and weekday activities. Please help us out by checking under the mailboxes and coat racks on a regular basis for items that might be yours to take home. We'd also ask anyone using the fellowship hall space during the week, to put all tables and folding chairs away in their closet when you are through.

## 2. This Week (Sun., Jan 11 to Sun., Jan 18)

**12-year olds Retreat** Sat-Sun at Highland Retreat

**Jr. MYF** will meet at the VMRC Wellness Center this Sunday from 2-4 PM for fun in the pool. Bring swimsuits, towels, \$2.00 and energy for a good time. Contact Harold if you need a ride or have questions. Parents need to complete the Medical Release form before swimming can begin.

**Quilting** on CMC Relief Sale Quilt Tue 6:30 PM Rm 109 annex

**Learning Interesting Things (LIT)** Tue 7 PM Matt Gnagey reflects on serving with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Indonesia. Gather in the home of Louise and Alden Hostetter. Refreshments provided.

**VMCL Basketball Organizational Meeting** Tue 7 PM at Mennonite Media conference room. If you are interested in playing this year please contact Ken Roth or call Denise Sauder for more information.

**PCRC** Thur 7 AM, Bob Evans

**Church Council** Thur 7 PM, Rm 201

**installation service** for Jennifer Davis Sensenig Sun Jan 18. All-church potluck follows services

**Baby shower** for Kevin and Safiya Mahmoodian Jarvis, Sun Jan 18 12:45 PM (following fellowship meal) on the first floor of the Dean House. The couple is expecting a little boy in Feb., and have registered at Target. Light refreshments will be provided.

**Venture Club** swimming at VMRC Sun Jan 18

## 3. Future Events (Mon., Jan 19 and beyond...)

### Venture Club

### JrMYF

Wed Jan 21 Shane Hipps speaking at EMU

### MYF

### Church-wide

Tue Jan 20 Worship Commission, Rm 109

Wed Jan 21 Outreach Commission, Rm 201

Sun Jan 25 Community Preschool "Come and See" between Worship and Sunday School

Sun Jan 25 Congregational Meeting immediately after worship to vote on 2009 budget

Sun Jan 25 Small Group formation/information gathering, 5 PM Rm 109

Mon Jan 26 – Sun Feb 1 HARTS at the Dean House

## 4. Important Dates to Remember

Feb 6-8, 2009 VA Conference Assembly at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center

June 29-July 4, 2009 MCUSA Assembly at Columbus, OH - See [www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention) <<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/Convention>> for details.

July 14-19, 2009 Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Paraguay - Registration is now open, see [www.mwc-cmm.org](http://www.mwc-cmm.org) <<http://www.mwc-cmm.org/>>

July 23-27, 2009 Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly – there will NOT be a joint Sunday morning worship service.

Aug 28-30, 2009 All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook