

Community Mennonite Church
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God is calling CMC to deepen our spirituality in 2010.

Listen, God is calling.

Listen to the Bible stories in our summer worship series: Tell Me a Story....

*We recognize that God's call to us may not always feel comfortable,
but we that together we can:*

◆ **Enrich our prayer practices.**

-“The one who sings prays twice.” (Augustine).

You're welcome to come to join us Sundays for pre-worship singing beginning at 9 am. Worship begins at 9:30.

◆ **Follow Jesus in our relationships with persons who are gay or lesbian.**

- Reflection Questions for individuals and small groups were in mailboxes (June) and are also on the members page of our website. “Dialogue on Difficult Issues Reflection Questions.” Please return your responses to the church office by July 20th. Pastoral Team will appreciate hearing from you.

◆ **Respond to the Holy Spirit's invitations.**

-Our Biblical Hospitality series generated some good next steps for our congregation. How does the summer open up hospitality opportunities for you?

-CMC's special offering for Habitat for Humanity's local build was \$1311. Thanks! The Mennonite congregations sponsoring this build had set a goal for CMC of \$5000. Some of us may have also given to this same project in memory of Wayne Sneary. If you still intend to contribute, please designate checks for Habitat for Humanity.

“Take heart; get up, he is calling you...”

Bartimaeus regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

1. Worship This Sunday

Scripture: Jonah 3 & 4 **Worship Leader:** Marshall Yoder **Speaker:** Jennifer Davis Sensenig **Sermon Title:** “Repentance” **Song Leader:** Matt Carlson **Nursery Volunteers:** Hannah Heishman & Laura Quass Ferdinand

Last Sunday Attendance: 197 **Offering:** \$7,434.72 **Week Offering vs. Budget:** -\$494 **YTD Offering vs. YTD Budget:** -\$20,159

2. This Week's [CMC Calendar](#)

CMC Forum Sun July 25 11 AM-noon childcare provided

Sandy is on vacation this week.

3. CMC Notices

A. Sunday School teachers needed!! There are almost 90 children waiting for you to sign up to be their teacher. See poster in fellowship hall to see what opportunities still need to be filled. Would love to see males, females, young and old sign up to teach our next generation of young children/youth. Contact Rita Lehman (908-7949) for further details or questions.

B. “Tell Me Again” - Retreat 2010 is just a quick summer away, and the planning is underway. Retelling the Biblical story in fresh ways will shape our work and play for the weekend. **Volunteers** are needed to provide leadership in several workshop sessions, including one using camcorders to capture dramatizations of our top 10 Bible stories and another crafting mezuzahs. We also need folks to light a campfire and start late-night

storytelling/singing around the fire. Talk to David Vogel or any Retreat Committee member: Dan Beachy, Linda Martin Burkholder, and Alisha Huber.

C. Do you enjoy working with children? Assistance is needed caring for and interacting with children at Patchwork Pantry on Wed July 28, from 6-8 PM. If you have school age children, they are welcome to come along. Please contact Joyce Lind if you are available to help out on any of those dates. Thank you!

D. Jesse and Maria Rodriguez have created a blog for their coast-to-coast bike ride. Follow their progress at seattletoboston.wordpress.com.

E. Mark your calendars for the VA Mennonite Relief Sale Oct. 1-2 at the Fairgrounds. Along with children's activities, Penny Power, auction, and lots of delicious food, you'll discover several new opportunities this year. Consider participating in the 5K run/walk Saturday morning. Bring your extra fall produce to the "Farm Market". Consider how you can donate time and/or auction items. With questions, contact CMC reps, Harry and Nancy Showalter or Gloria Rutt.

F. Highland Campers (and parents)! If your child(ren) have been to Highland for a week of camp, you can help your child to prepare something to share with the congregation—a favorite experience, a new friend, a scripture verse, a theme for the week. We'd love to hear from our campers during Congregational Sharing and Prayer time.

G. Want a FREE copy of the new 2010-2011 EMU activities wall calendar? Send an email request to Jim Bishop and then watch for your copy in your church mailbox.

H. MCC response to Guatemalan mudslides: The strong rains caused by tropical storm Agatha during the last weekend in May caused flooding and landslides in Guatemala, especially Guatemala City, but also affected Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador. The Associated Press reported that 165 people were killed in Guatemala and 18,000 homes destroyed. Complicating the situation in Guatemala was the eruption of a volcano, Pacaya, just days before the tropical storm. The eruption forced 2,000 people to evacuate and shut down the country's main airport for five days. In response to the disaster, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) has committed \$20,000 in addition to sending two shipping containers of meat, blankets, dried soup mix, relief kits and health kits to Guatemala. The supplies will be distributed by MCC partners: Caritas of San Marcos, Dioceses of San Marcos, ANADESA (Asociación Nuevo Amanecer de Santiago Atitlan -Association for the New Dawn in Santiago) and the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Guatemala, which includes Rock of Salvation Mennonite Church. The aid will support 800 families, specifically in the departments of Sololá and San Marcos. Plans to address the needs for trauma healing, health and home repair are also under development.

I. Patchwork Pantry could use your plastic bags now that the garden produce is coming in.

4. Future Dates

Venture Club (grades 3–5)

JrMYF (grades 6-8)

MYF (grades 9–12)

Church-wide

All-church picnic at Morrison Park Sun Aug 1 following services

Pastoral Team Wed Aug 4, 1:30 PM

Huber baby shower Sun Aug 15 following services

Pastoral Team Wed Aug 18, 1:30 PM

Church Council Thur Aug 19, Rm 109

All-church Retreat at Camp Overlook Sept 10-12

5. Local Events/Opportunities

A. *Shaping Families* weekend of July 24 – Faith and Suicide: Spouses often respond to crisis differently. Fred and Gail share how the death of their son by suicide impacted their faith. Listen on Radio station WBTX 1470 at 9:15 AM on Sun or visit www.ShapingFamilies.com the weekend the program airs to download a podcast or the transcript.

B. Vespers at the CrossRoads Amphitheater July 25 features John Keim providing the meditation. Roundhill Recorders will perform special music. The service begins at 7 PM. Bring lawn chairs. An offering will be received. In case of rain, go to the one-room schoolhouse.

C. Mennonite Women Fall Retreat: Save the Date...Spread the Word! This year's Retreat will be Oct 29-31 at the Best Western in Waynesboro. Cindy Voth, Assoc Pastor of Youth & Family Life at Lindale Mennonite will be the guest speaker. Look forward to Connecting, Celebrating & Being Cared for by your sisters of the faith! For more information, email Kathy Hochstedler.

D. There will be a Prepare/Enrich Workshop Fri, Sept 27, 9:30-4:30 at Ridgeway Mennonite. Regular cost is \$175.00/\$275 per couple (to get this discount, you will share materials and an I.D.#). Students are \$150. Prepare/Enrich is a pre-marital and marital counseling program. This workshop is open the pastors, therapists, and students who are training in those fields. To find out more about the program and to get a registration form, go to www.prepare-enrich.com. To register, call Naomi Engle at (419) 340-0390. Registration deadline: Fri, Sept 10.

E. Mennonite Voluntary Service is looking for volunteers for several high-need placements in the 2010-2011 season. Among them, MVS is seeking a person to volunteer as a paralegal for ProBAR in Harlingen, TX. Fluency in Spanish is required. ProBAR is an organization that helps guide refugees through the political asylum process. MVS is also seeking a program assistant for the Computers for Youth program in New York City. For information about these opportunities, or to apply online, please visit www.Service.MennoniteMission.net. MVS orientation is scheduled for Aug 8-13.

F. The host of the 'Friday Night Jukebox', Jim (sand in my bathing suit) Bishop, is back from a week-long family bash on the North Carolina beach. No, he won't be playing "shag music" on this week's show, but he is sufficiently refreshed and energized to devote a major portion of the program to a salute to some of the best summers of your life (and summer better than others). Put on your short shorts (Royal Teens), jump in your Nash Metropolitan convertible ("Beep! Beep!") and cruise on down to the drive-in show (Eddie Cochran) where it's family night (\$1 per carload). Those were the daze...8 p.m. Friday, July 23, on 91.7 FM, WEMC, on line at www.wemcradio.org.

G. Save the Date! Tue Sept 21, 3:30-9 PM Harrisonburg Student-Citizen Summit, Memorial Hall. This summit will focus on building connections between local residents and organizations, and students, faculty and administrators at JMU, EMU, BRCC, BC, and other local universities. Free admission, open to the public. Register online at <http://hburgstudentcitizens.eventbrite.com/>.

H. Family Life Resource Center: Prepare/Enrich Workshop- This one day training workshop is designed to train pastors, marriage educators, relationship coaches, marriage mentors, lay counselors and others to become a facilitator to administer the prepare-enrich assessment and provide feedback to participants. The workshop will be Sat, Nov 6 8:30-3:30 in the FLRC conference room. The cost per person is \$175 (includes a Resource Kit), cost for couples sharing a resource kit is \$275. Registration is to be made with payment by the Oct 22 deadline. Seminar Director will be Mark Sensabaugh LPC, LMFT. For more information on the PREPARE/ENRICH assessment go to www.prepare-enrich.com

I. The 87th Annual Massanetta Springs Bible Conference will be Aug 1-6 in Hudson Auditorium. There will be teaching sessions and worship each day. For information or registration, call 434-3829 or visit the website www.massanettasprings.org. Additional information is available in the church office.

J. Anna Wyse has a friend who is pregnant, due in Nov, and is looking for a one bedroom apartment to rent. The place where she is now is unstable and she wants a more dependable place for her when the baby is born. She is currently employed. If anyone has an ideas or options please call Anna at 432-3696.

K. Weekday Religious Education is looking to hire a Music Director for Rockingham County schools. This is a part-time paid position. Call 438-9997 for an application.

L. Harrisonburg Gift & Thrift, Inc. is seeking a part time physical plant supervisor. This person is

responsible to oversee basic maintenance, repair, and cleaning of an older building, parts of a new building, and the grounds around both. Skills needed: physically able to move up to 50 lbs. on a regular basis, mechanical aptitude and diagnostic skills, supervisory and organizational skills. Experience preferred; relevant references required. Please contact Deb King at giftandthrift@gmail.com or call 433-8844, ext 103, for an application and job description.

M. EMU is seeking applicants for a full-time position of Web Designer and Social Media Coordinator. This position is responsible for development, design, and updates of web applications and components of the EMU website and applicable microsites. Also to attend to web optimization and usability concerns, and key connector to Information Systems department for technical assistance. This position assists in managing social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, and other Web 2.0 applications for publicizing EMU news and events. Bachelor's degree in communications, digital media, computer information systems or computer science or related field. Ability to work collaboratively with others, do site design and delivery with special focus toward undergraduate program recruitment. Ability to organize meetings, multiple tasks, manage priorities, respond with urgency, and attention to detail. Expertise with HTML, CSS, and JavaScript, strong writing/editing skills, content management, and strong knowledge of design, usability, layout, and traffic analysis. Experience with direct market research and Ruby on Rails programming preferred. Position begins immediately. Twelve-month, full-time position. Submit application, resume, and three references to: hr@emu.edu. For more information visit our website at www.emu.edu/humanresources. Persons who bring diversity are encouraged to apply. EOE.

N. As the celebration of Virginia Mennonite Conference's 175th anniversary continues, Valley View Mennonite in Criders will host a celebration of the history of eight Northern District churches Sun, Aug 1, 2-4 PM. There will be displays from each congregation (Crossroads, Hebron, Valley View, Mathias, Crest Hill, Woodland, Steven City and Big Spring) and light refreshments will be served. All are invited to this free event. Those interested in learning more about Valley View's history may also attend their morning worship service that day at 11 AM with Sunday school beforehand at 10 AM. Questions may be directed to Michael Shenk at 434-0578.

O. On Aug 8th, Zion Hill Mennonite will host a celebration of their 85 year history, along with VMC's 175th. It will be an outdoor service in the church pavilion, 6311 Mayberry Road, Singers Glen, beginning at 10:30 AM. For further information contact pastor Lowell Haarer.

P. Volunteer Tour Guides Needed: Would you like to be a tour guide at CrossRoads? They are looking for a few more people to join their corps of 35 volunteers who host their visitors. Take a shift (or two or three) every month. Training is provided. The public open hours are Wed-Sat, 10-5. Contact Steve Shenk.

Q. New Light, a seven-member vocal ensemble and ministry team from Messiah College, will present a concert of worship and sacred music at Weavers Mennonite Wed, July 28 at 7 PM. For more information call Weavers Mennonite at 434-7758. New Light travels for ten weeks during the months of June, July, and August, presenting concerts across the United States and Canada. They also lead worship and act as counselors at various youth camps. Selected on the basis of music ability and Christian commitment, the group presents a variety of music including sacred classics, Christian contemporary and global music. The group includes Helen Furry, a sophomore vocal performance major from Harrisonburg.