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CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Scripture: Ephesians 3:1-12

Worship leader: Sue Swartz

Preacher: Pastor Jennifer
Davis Sensenig

Song leader: Jay Hartzler

Last Sunday's attendance:
163

Offering: \$4,760

Week offering vs. Budget:
not available

YTD Offering vs. YTD
budget: not available

Arise, Shine! God's Light has Come!
Celebrate Epiphany and the New Year

with the Lord's Supper
Sunday, January 1st
9 am

After worship join the CMC family for
Christmas Breads!

Sunday School resumes Sunday, January 8th

THE CMC CALENDAR.

Needlecraft Group 7:00 pm each Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall

Youth Choir 6:30 pm each Tuesday in the Sanctuary

Upcoming Worship Events at CMC

Epiphany Jan 1

- Come prepared to take the Lord's Supper.
- Epiphany. worship at 9:00 am. No Sunday School
- Join us for Holiday breads after worship. Please bring sweet rolls and breads, coffee cake, cookies, fruit, etc. to share in a continental breakfast. Coffee and juice will be provided.

Covenant Renewal Sunday Jan 8

- No sermon, sharing by CMCers
- Covenant Renewal
- Presentation of Bibles to 12 year olds
- Congregational vote to approve the 2012 budget

Covenant Renewal Sunday - Celebrating 40 years of CMC Jan 15

- Covenant Renewal
- Parent/Child dedication for Soren Weixler-Landis (Barry & Jessica) and Luke Rodriguez (Jesse & Maria)0

Future Dates

HARTS

suppers/breakfast/overnights
Wed/Thu/Fr (1/4 - 6/12) at
Catholic Campus Ministries as the
partner church.

Senior Breakfast

8:30am Saturday January 21

Bible Quizzing

2-4 pm Sunday January 22
in Fellowship Hall

Remember you can also check our online calendar in the "Member Pages" section in our website. If you forgot or need the password for that, please email the Church Office.

CHURCH NOTICES

A. Christmas Breads. Please remember to stay after church this Sunday January 1 for our annual Christmas Breads fellowship time. Please bring a holiday-type bread and/or fruit ("finger food" style) to share. Hospitality will provide coffee, tea, cocoa, and orange juice. Fellowship time begins immediately following the worship service.

B. Registration for Community Preschool for 2012-2013 is open for Community Mennonite families the week of January 26-20, 2012. Sessions fill up quickly so if you want to register, begin quickly. The 3-year old group meets Tuesday and Friday mornings. Children need to be three by September 30. The 4-year old group meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning and afternoon. These children also need to be 4 by September 30. A registration fee of \$70 needs to accompany the registration form. Contact Joyce Osborne for forms and/or more information (mnjosborne@verizon.net). If you have not visited the preschool, you are welcome to visit during the sessions in January to learn more.

C. The Patchwork Pantry is as busy as ever, and we'd still appreciate help if you're able to join us. Help is needed from 6 PM to 8 PM on the following days:

January 11 (need 4 persons)
January 18 (need 4 persons)
January 25 (need 4 persons)
March 7 (need 2 more persons)
April 25 (need 4 persons)

If your family or small group would like to volunteer together, we'd love to have you. Many thanks, and please feel free to contact Brooke Johnston via email brookejohnston@gmail.com or at 568.9840.

D. Basketball Sponsors. Basketball season is here and Nikita Stoll is playing JV basketball at EMHS. Nikita and his mentor, Harold Shenk, are again looking for "basketball sponsors" during the season to help raise money for Nikita to visit his homeland of Sierra Leone. The basketball fundraiser last year netted almost \$600. Nikita and Harold will have a table set up for sponsorship sign-ups after church. Thanks for your anticipated support. Harold Shenk
morshenk@juno.com

PeaceNotes

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.

Peace is the generous, tranquil contribution of all to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism.

Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is duty.

In it each one has a place in this beautiful family, which the Epiphany brightens for us with God's light.

January 8, 1978

(From Archbishop Oscar Romero's sermon January 8, 1978,

*printed in **The Violence of Love**, p. 64.*

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Everence is accepting applications for scholarships for 2012- 2013

Remember to stay after church on Sunday January 1 for Christmas Breads!

Registration for Community Preschool for 2012-2013 is open

E. Everence is accepting applications for scholarships for 2012- 2013 between January 1 and February 28. Eligible students can receive a \$500 college scholarship award from our local Everence office. Winners from each region will then be nominated for our national competition, making students eligible for one of four national scholarships: a \$2,500 scholarship or one of three \$1,500 awards. These national scholarship awards are in addition to the \$500 regional awards. Previous scholarship recipients may reapply each year. Applicants must meet all of the following requirements:

The student, or the student's parent or legal guardian, must own or use an Everence product or service for **at least 12 months prior to Feb. 28, 2012.**

The student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) in an accredited two- or four-year undergraduate or trade school program.

The student must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

The student must submit a completed application with all appropriate documentation by Feb. 28

Contact Tim or Ruth Jost (jostt@wlu.edu) for an application or go to <http://everence.com/showitem.aspx?id=2044>

F. For our HARTS time in January, we are in the position of "partnering" with the "host" congregation, the Seventh Day Adventist Church with the shelter site being Catholic Campus Ministries (1052 South Main St. in Harrisonburg 22807). We need two small groups to do the supper meal Friday 1/6/12 and maybe another small group to do breakfast Sat. morn 1/7/12. Other than that we're covered. Hooray! For Hadley's benefit, when you sign up, please indicate a contact person with a phone # or email. Summaries on those two tasks:

Supper Meals: I am suggesting that two small groups coordinate this each night. Bear in mind that you will need to plan to feed 40 - 50 people. We expect to accommodate 40 guests and perhaps some "overflow" that will be accommodated elsewhere. Volunteers should arrive about 6:00pm. Registration of guests begins about 6:30pm with meals then served beginning about 7:00pm - 7:15pm. Someone could offer a prayer prior to opening serving.

Overall think nutritious meals - low fat, low sugar, whole grains, veggies! and fresh (but soft! Bananas are ideal) fruit given our guests' chronic dental problems. Finally, clean up in the evening after the meal is served would be needed. If you want to provide some other drink, the supper meal people may provide that.

Breakfast Meals: Providing a breakfast buffet will be a separate task open to either a small group or individuals each morning. Unlike in past years, there will be no "bag breakfasts" (supposedly no one took them!). Instead, the breakfast meal group would organize food like; hot/cold cereal, soft fruit, muffins, boiled egg, coffee, milk, juice, hot cocoa. If you like, you could drop that by the previous night for the Overnight Volunteers to set out the next morning OR you could swing by @ 6:00am and drop it off. Whatever works! If you want to provide some other drink, like juice, the breakfast meal people may provide that.

Hadley Jenner: hjjenner@hotmail.com

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. You have an opportunity to support the ministry of Peace House: Through contribution of needed items such as - couch, chairs, kitchen worktable, shelves, and knife sharpener. (To donate tangible items please contact the residents directly at jmupeacehouse@gmail.com) Or you can support through an end-of year donation by making your check payable to the Harrisonburg District of Virginia Mennonite Conference with "Peace House" designated in the memo line. These monetary donations should be mailed to Dan Martin at 1064 Chestnut Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Peace House is a ministry of the Harrisonburg District to young adults through creative missional service, hospitality, and worship.

2. Want to serve next year alongside a church and community to make a difference? Apply now to Mennonite Mission Network's year-long programs! Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey, Service Adventure and DOOR Dwell are all accepting applications for Fall 2012. Visit Service.MennoniteMission.net for applications and details.

3. Help Wanted: Full-time Director of Development for MennoMedia, effective April 1, 2012 with earlier start date negotiable. The job includes oversight of all development functions, including fundraising, donor contacts and capital campaigns. Requirements: bachelor's degree and at least three years' experience in fundraising and development, ability to travel 5-10 days per month and a commitment to the Anabaptist/Mennonite faith. Application deadline January 30, 2012. Full job description available at <http://www.MennoMedia.org> click on Job

4. Massanutten Promotion and benefit for Harrisonburg Rockingham Free Clinic. Join us at Massanutten Resort, January 2nd for Monday Night Madness

Special Pricing includes:
\$18 Lift Tickets
\$18 Rentals

This package usually is \$75 and you can go for \$36. Please ask for the Special Pricing and Massanutten will make a donation to the Free Clinic. Help the Free Clinic and have fun at the same time!!

5. A community Taizé service will be held this coming Wednesday, January 4, 8:30 p.m., at Park View Mennonite church, following the format of evening prayer used in the ecumenical community of Taizé in France. It is mostly a service of sung prayer with additional periods of silence, scripture reading and intercession. All in the community are welcome to participate. For more information, contact the church at 434-1604.

6. First Night Harrisonburg is back and we are planning for a big event New Year's Eve around Court Square. There will be an opening at 6:00PM and programs will begin at 6:30. There are 20 different programs, activities and events for all ages: Explore More Discovery Museum for children, Ted and Ingrid, Abby Road, Clymer Kurtz, Jessica Crawford, Scott Murray, Nothing Fancy and the list goes on. Of course the fireworks to usher in the New Year. Buttons can be purchased at a number of location in town; \$6 prior to the 31st, and \$8 the night of. Go on the web for more info on the program and where buttons can be purchased:

<http://www.firstnightharrisonburg.com>

Messiah Sing-along January 6, 7 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church

"Luke's Quest Stories: Seeking and Finding," at the Park View Mennonite Church's Women's Bible study

MennoMedia is looking for a full time director of Development

INTERVIEW: Cristina Graber Neufeld

Name: *Cristina Graber Neufeld*

Date of Birth: *7/31/1969*

Attends CMC: *since 1998 when we moved to Harrisonburg*

Interesting thing about you: *My first major move was when I was only 3 weeks old.*

Favorite places: *So many! Machu Picchu in Peru, Halong Bay in Vietnam, Punakaiki in New Zealand, the Sonoran Desert in Arizona, the plains of eastern Bolivia...and many more!*

Favorite thing about Sunday Services: *singing hymns in a variety of styles*

I'm good at: *knitting. And my kids are helping me develop those skills even more by asking for all kinds of interesting knitted animals!*

I'm bad at: *keeping in touch with friends who do not live close by.*

The best age to be is: *42--the age I am now.:-)*

7. Messiah Sing-along: Celebrate Epiphany by joining others in the community in singing the Christmas portion of Messiah on Friday, January 6, 7 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church. The singing will be conducted by Jay Hartzler and Lisa Mast. Bring your copy of the score; extras available. Information: 434-1604.

8. Park View Mennonite Church's Women's Bible study on Wednesdays, January 11 - February 15, starting at 8:30 p.m., will focus on "Luke's Quest Stories: Seeking and Finding," led by Shirley Yoder Brubaker. All women are invited. Information: 434-1604.

9. Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Partners in China seek a teacher/administrator for the English-language program of the Nanjing Theological Seminary, beginning in Fall 2012. A B.A. in English or an education-related field is required; an MA degree in ESL or education is preferred. Several years of English-language teaching experience, preferably in China or a similar overseas location, are required. The candidate should possess experience in arranging curriculum, testing, lesson planning and preparation and overall administration of a language-teaching program. Some theological training or a background in theological studies is preferred. Must have genuine interest in and sensitivity to Chinese students and colleagues. Please contact Sharon Norton at SharonN@Mennonitemission.net for more information or apply on our website <http://www.MennoniteMission.net>

10. The Bible Quizzing season will start on January 8, and continue through March as youth quiz over the gospel of John. Several chapters are covered each week, and the season will culminate with a trip to Ohio for the tournament. Teams from Virginia, Ohio and Pennsylvania come together at the tournament for a day full of quizzing, fun, reconnecting with friends, and sharing in the excitement of the weekend. Visit <http://www.vmquizzing.com> for more information.