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CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Worship leader: Joyce
Peachey Lind

Preacher: Pastor Steve
Schumm

Song leader: Jay Hartzler

Last Sunday's attendance:
304

Offering: \$11,359

Week offering vs. Budget:
\$3,253

YTD Offering vs. YTD
budget: \$2,422

God continues to call CMC to deepen our spirituality in 2011

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

Enrich our prayer practices.

- We continue to offer Prayers of Confession as our Advent preparation for celebrating Christ's birth.

-As you listen and sing the carols and hymns of the Advent/Christmas season, consider that "those who sing pray twice".

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

-Thank you for participating in our survey. This data and a summary of the Samoan Circle process will be shared with Council at our next regular meeting and then with the congregation.

Respond to the Holy Spirit's invitations.

-Not only CMC, but also partner congregations and the broader network of HARTS are responding to the Spirit's call to provide safe overnight shelter to homeless neighbors.

-We are grateful that this congregation responds with practical love when households among us can be supported with a meal during a time of need.

*Come to me...
my burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30*

THE CMC CALENDAR.

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

Youth Choir 6:30 pm each Tuesday in the Sanctuary

CMC hosts HARTS at Mosque Dec 12-19

Upcoming Worship Events at CMC

Advent 4: Reordering our World. Dec 18

- Pastor Steve preaches
- Commissioning Davis Jost for his work in Albania
- Pastoral Elder Decision (Linda Gnagey nominated)

Christmas Eve Candlelight service Dec 24

- Christmas Eve from 6-7 pm.

Christmas worship Dec. 25

- Christmas Day at 9:00 am. No Sunday School

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
- * Note- Holiday breads will replace our first Sunday fellowship meal.

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)

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. The Christmas morning worship service will include a volunteer singing group—if we can get enough people together. We'll have one rehearsal next week, date and time to be determined, and then sing one or two pieces on Christmas. If you're interested and available, please e-mail Jeremy Nafziger (JFNafziger@gmail.com) and include the days or evenings next week you'd be available to rehearse.

B. The Pastoral Team has nominated Linda Gnagey as the next Pastoral Elder for Community Mennonite Church. This is a three-year term beginning January 2012. Linda would join Lonnie Yoder, Anna Maria Johnson and the pastoral staff (Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Jason Gerlach and Steve Schumm) to form the Pastoral Team. Follow this link to read Linda's brief bio <http://www.cmcva.org/online/member-info/> The congregation discernment regarding Linda serving in this role will be completed on Sunday, Dec. 18.

C. A ride needed from Lancaster PA on Saturday Dec 24 during the day. Please call Anna Wyse (432-3696) if you have any ideas.

D. A Note from Dorothy Jean: Greetings, Friends! Spencer Bradford and I are nearing the completion of our recruiting period for the upcoming Nazareth/Bethlehem Work Group (May 10-28, 2012) affiliated with Virginia Mennonite Missions. See the brochure here: <http://www.cmcva.org/online/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/nazareth-bethlehem.pdf>

At this point, however, we still have a single space available that we need to fill with a man traveling solo (*as well as additional spots for other travelers*). If you, or anyone you know, would be interested in this travel space, please contact me ASAP via e-mail (weaverdj@emu.edu) or phone (432-4276 [office] or 433-3336 [home]) to let me know of your/their interest. We need to take action before the end of December. Thanks for considering an outstanding opportunity!

E. A note from Anne Stoltzfus: Thank you very much for the beautiful floral arrangement sent in honor of my mother. I appreciate the compassion, support, and prayers that these flowers represent.

Peace Notes

December 11, 2011 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Revised Common Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

I recently accompanied Rachele Lyndaker Schlabach, from the MCC U.S. Washington Office, to the office of a Kansas senator. We were delivering a big stack of postcards from Mennonite congregations in Kansas asking the senator to support a just federal budget that cared for the poor. Our visit offered us the opportunity to talk with a legislative assistant in the senator's office. The legislative assistant expressed genuine appreciation that the senator's constituents took the time to sign postcards and handwritten comments on them. This personal touch was markedly different from the usual flurry of mass emails generated by public lobbying campaigns. He engaged us respectfully as we expressed our concerns and raised the related issue of out-of-control U.S. military expenditures. At one point he interjected that our perspective was very different from what he usually hears. In one respect it seemed that we were, like John the Baptist, "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness." Yet what we had to say was not unwelcome or completely written off. Even in an often cynical center of political power like Washington DC, people still understand that, "God loves justice, and hates robbery or wrongdoing" (Isa. 61:8a). Isaiah, however, goes beyond drawing attention to that which is wrong, shortsighted, or selfish. The focus is on the new thing God is doing. This involves repairing "the devastations of many generations." Isaiah uses the imagery of new growth springing up in a garden. I like to think that such trust in God's hopeful intervention motivates people of faith from Kansas (and other places) to pray and send their postcards filled with personal comments to their representatives and senators. What a wonderful Advent exercise!

By Earl Zimmerman, former MCC representative in India, on sabbatical in the MCC Washington Office

F. Immanuel Mennonite Church invites Community Mennonite to join them Wednesday Dec 21st at 7:00 pm for "The Longest Night." This is a special worship service of scripture, prayer and song that helps us face the darkness of December and our grief and losses of the past year, as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth. Call: 540-432-0711

G. Volunteers needed. Winter is coming, and the college-age Sunday School class that meets at Alden & Louise's house is looking for volunteers who could pick up students in Park View at a designated spot, bring them to church, and then drop them off at Alden & Louise's around 10:45. If you could help with this, please contact Kaitlin Heatwole or Hannah Schrock at hannahschrock09@gmail.com or at kaitlin.heatwole@gmail.com

H. A Creation Care Task Force (CCTF) was recently approved by Church Council. This group will care for congregational efforts in caring for Creation as well as broader advocacy initiatives. By nature of serving as the CMC liaison for Mennonite Creation Care Network, I will provide initial leadership for the CCTF. If you have interest in being part of the CCTF leadership team or contributing to its work in some way, please let me know. -Brian Martin Burkholder (brian.burkholder@emu.edu, 540-746-6419)

I. Patchwork Pantry is seeking for 4 childcare volunteers each Wednesday from 6 PM to 8 PM. Upcoming dates are:

- December 21
- March 7
- April 25

Please consider joining us. Brooke Johnston 540.568.9840

J. Needed at Patchwork Pantry on Dec. 21: four kitchen workers; 5 cart pushers; and for Dec. 14 only - 2 English interviewers. Email Sheri at Patchworkpantry@gmail.com to indicate your interest. I'll confirm in case there are more people offering than there are spaces! - Sheri Hartzler

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"The Longest Night" a special worship service of scripture prayer and song at Immanuel Mennonite Church

Nikita Stoll & Harold Shenk, are looking for basketball sponsors

K. 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

L. Pine cone fire starters for sale: I'm making wax-based fire starters out of beautiful large pinecones from my grandparent's home in Chesapeake, Va. These make great Christmas gifts. I'm selling them to raise money for a trip with Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir to Carnegie Hall next May. Please email orders to Leah Wenger, leahjwenger@gmail.com or phone 896-3346. Individual gift wrapped fire starters with card and instructions for use are \$3 per piece. A gift basket of three fire starters and additional large pinecones, \$10. If you'd like to see a photo before ordering, send me an email. - Leah Wenger

M. Please notice the new messages on the Mission Board. Hannah Kraybill and Jessica Sarriot. Look also for some of our young persons to be home for Christmas.

N. Christmas Breads. Please remember to stay after church on 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.

O. 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:

December 21 (need 4 persons)

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.

P. 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.

See Tim or Ruth Jost for an application or go to <http://everence.com/showitem.aspx?id=2044>



HARTS

Harrisonburg and Rockingham Thermal Shelter



Thank you CMC for all the volunteers and work organized so far for HARTS!

This is just to update you on the two remaining tasks still needed for our week at the mosque and to inform you of the few tasks needing volunteers for our second (and last) round of HARTS work as we “partner” with the Seventh Day Adventist Church first week in January. Sign up sheets are again posted on the wall leading to the Fellowship Hall from Room 109. Descriptions of the tasks are found below.

For those interested in the broader picture of homelessness locally and what is being done to work on this, you are invited to an “Action Committee” meeting being convened @ Emmanuel Episcopal January 11, 2012 to be convened by the Rector there, Rev. Daniel Rubayo, 7:00pm.

QUESTIONS/CONCERNS/COMMENTS?? Contact Hadley
[\[hhjenner@hotmail.com\]](mailto:hhjenner@hotmail.com) or 908-6815]

NEEDS FOR WEEK OF 12/12/11 - 12/19/11 AT THE MOSQUE

Supper Meal Friday, 12/16/11: Ideally two small groups could collaborate on this.

Clean Up Person needed Mon AM 12/19/11: Just need someone to team with Hadley to clean up.

NEEDS FOR WEEK OF 1/2/12 - 1/9/12 AT CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRIES

Supper Meals	Th, 1/5/12	_____
	Fri, 1/6/12	_____
Breakfast	Th, 1/5/12	_____
	Fri, 1/6/12	_____
	Sat, 1/7/12	_____
Overnight Volunteers	Wed, 1/4/12	_____
	Th, 1/5/12	_____
	Fri, 1/6/12	_____



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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. I am expecting that three other churches will be partnering with us in the provision of meals so our CMC need is for four nights (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) that week. 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. We will coordinate menus using a Take-them-a-meal schedule (details just below). 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, although this is simplified somewhat at the mosque because they have no dishwasher. There is simply a lot of throwing stuff in trash bags and the guests themselves can help with that. Please be sure to check the website www.takethemameal.com (Find a meal schedule last name: **harts** / password: **harts**) to find out **who** is bringing **what** and **when** to avoid having lasagna three nights running! The Supplies Guys should provide all the stuff needed for a meal (i.e. plates, utensils, cups, coffee, tea & hot cocoa, etc.). Those supplies will be available at the mosque when you arrive. 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. I am hoping the partner churches will come through for breakfasts following their turn at evening meals, so that means for us at CMC breakfasts needed for Tues, Wed., Fri., Sun. (12/13, 12/14, 12/16 & 12/18). 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! The Supplies Guys should provide all the stuff needed for a meal (i.e. plates, utensils, cups, coffee, tea & hot cocoa, etc.). Those supplies will be available at the mosque when you arrive. If you want to provide some other drink, like juice, the breakfast meal people may provide that.

Overnight Volunteers: I will need two volunteers to stay with our guests each night, a total of 14 people. But thankfully, the mosque will also be providing two of their members who will be in the prayer room in case we would need someone more familiar with the facility. Plus there will be a HARTS night Shelter Manager awake and on duty throughout the night. The purpose of these volunteers is simply to humanize the sheltering, oversee things and work with the HARTS staff. These volunteers should be there by 9:00pm to allow some overlap with the guests before lights out at 10:00pm. In the morning, it would be helpful for these volunteers to have set out coffee, hot water & breakfast stuff by 0600. When the guests leave at 0700, the volunteers may leave unless you want to help out the morning clean up crew.

Morning Clean Up Crew: The mosque requests that each morning the floor be swept and mopped together with the two bathrooms. I am asking for two volunteers each morning to work at this perhaps augmented by some overnight volunteers (!?). The crew could come at 7:00am and maybe in 1 - 2 hours job done!

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LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. Discounted preaching class at Eastern Mennonite Seminary Advanced Topics in Preaching, Tuesdays 8-10:40a.m. January 9- April 23, will be offered as participation audit for \$460. This course is for students and preachers who desire to explore the theology and practice of preaching at a greater depth. Topics addressed will include: awareness of different theological foundations for preaching and articulation of one's own theology of preaching; different sermon forms; preaching without notes; preaching and the cross; preaching Paul; special occasion sermons, and the use of technology and visual arts in preaching. Students will engage these topics through readings, smaller written assignments or oral assignments, and preaching sermons in class. As auditors, students will have some freedom and choice in terms of level of engagement with each topic. For more information or to register email Beth Bergman at bergmane@emu.edu by **December 20**.

2. 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.

3. On December 28, soprano and EMU alumna Rachel Bowman will return to the concert stage for the first time after developing postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS) one year ago. The chronic illness interrupted her doctoral studies in rhetoric and composition at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she had also earned a Masters degree in music. Though the POTS has affected her health and stamina, she has enjoyed becoming involved in the Harrisonburg community and at Park View Mennonite Church. She says, "Of course this year has been difficult, but I've been offered extraordinary love and support. When I was approached about the possibility of doing a recital like this, it felt like a perfect way to express joy in living, joy in the beauty of what people can do for each other in moments of crisis." The recital will be at 7:00 p.m. in Strite Auditorium at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community. The program

will include operatic arias by Puccini, lieder by Strauss, and "Rejoice" from Handel's Messiah. Fellow EMU music performance graduate Daniel Stutzman will join her as accompanist as well as offering solo piano work.

4. 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.

Fulltime opening for a receptionist/administrative assistant at Everence

Go to Israel & Palestine with Virginia Mennonite Missions in July 2012

Apply to Mennonite Mission Network to serve with a Church & Community

INTERVIEW: Anna Wyse

Name: *Anna Magdalena Wyse*

Date of Birth: *3/3/72*

Attends CMC: *since... in college 92-95 and then after I got married fall 2001*

Interesting thing about you: *I once rode an oil well in a Kansas field and I am the only women to have climbed the 7 summits at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp in Colorado*

Favorite place: *Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp and Archbold Ohio*

Favorite thing about Sunday Services: *the children's lesson and sharing time*

A phrase I use far too often: *"Wait a minute Martha and Sam", or "No Sam and Martha"*

One of the most surprising things that has happened to me was: *When helping respond to a car accident in the Colorado mountains I was whisked away via helicopter to a hospital roof in an unknown (to me) location.*

I'm good at: *making apple dumplings and lists*

I'm very bad at: *completing my lists and being on time*

The best age to be is: *under 5 or 22-28*

In a nutshell, my philosophy is: *A person's character is evident in the way they care for children and old people. Laugh often, be spontaneous and full of surprises*

6. 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>

7. Everence position opening: The Everence Harrisonburg office has a fulltime opening for a receptionist/administrative assistant, pleasant phone communicator, excellent technology skills, ability to development administrative systems, a multi-tasker, willingness to cross train for multiple assignments, opportunity for career development, generally supportive of the Everence mission of integrating faith and finance as a Christian discipline. Resumes can be emailed to joseph.lapp@everence.com or delivered to 841 Mount Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg. The deadline for submitting a reservation is Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

10. Want to see beyond the headlines? Go to Israel & Palestine with Virginia Mennonite Missions in July 2012. This group will get dust on their feet as they connect with Palestinians and Israelis while exploring the cultural, biblical, historical, and political geographies of the land where Jesus walked. For details, email partners@vmmissions.org, call 540-434-9727, or check <http://facebook.com/vmmissions>

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 Openings.

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>