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# CMC Newsweekly

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## WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Scripture: John 4:1-30

Song leader: Nancy Heisey

Week offering vs. Budget:  
not available

Worship leader: Pastor  
Jennifer Davis Sensenig

Last Sunday's attendance:  
206

YTD Offering vs. YTD  
budget: not available

Covenant Renewal Sunday

Offering: \$8,594

**Jacob's well was there,  
and Jesus, tired out by his  
journey,  
was sitting by the well.**

*The gospel of John 4:6*



Community Mennonite Church annually renews our membership covenant with one another. On Sundays, January 8 and 15 we will focus on the scripture from John 4, Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman and hear statements of covenant renewal from CMCers. Please contact a member of the Pastoral Team if you are seeking membership at CMC for the first time. We would be happy to help you prepare for this step in your faith journey. The following link provides a frame for verbal or written statements that you are bringing to God and the local body of Christ:  
<http://www.cmcva.org/online/wp-content/uploads/2012/01/covenant-renewal-page-2012.pdf>

# THE CMC CALENDAR.

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

**Youth Choir** 6:30 pm each Tuesday in the Sanctuary

**Pastoral Team Meeting** 12:45 pm Thursday January 12  
*place to be determined*

**Council Meeting** Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup> *time and place to be determined*

## Upcoming Worship Events at CMC

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### 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

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### HARTS

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

### Senior Breakfast

8:30 am Saturday January 21 at  
the Wood Grill on Reservoir  
Street.

### Bible Quizzing at CMC

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.*

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## CHURCH NOTICES

**A. Isaac Beachy, recently returned** from two years working with the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Colombia. He will be speaking at our CMC Dean House on Thursday January 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm, on the use of protective, non-violent accompaniment as a security tool in a violent context. For more information contact Isaac at 540-746-5548 or at [isaacbeachy@gmail.com](mailto:isaacbeachy@gmail.com)

**B. Two photo collages** from our Advent worship services are on display in the fellowship hall. Check 'em out!

**C. The LIT gathering** with Myron and Esther Augsburg and Owen and Ruth Ann Burkholder is now available on CD in our Church Library.

**D. 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](mailto:brookejohnston@gmail.com) or at 568.9840.

**E. Hadley Jenner and everyone at HARTS** would like to send out a big thank you to all the people who helped out in these past days.

## PeaceNotes

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath,  
but a harsh word stirs up anger."*

*- King Solomon*

**F. 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](mailto:jostt@wlu.edu)) for an application or go to <http://everence.com/showitem.aspx?id=2044>

**G. News from Chile:** Our home country, Chile, continues to suffer the educational struggle. Maybe you have heard us say that our country has one of the most expensive educational systems in the world, and at the same time its people are tremendously poor. If a person wishes to obtain a university degree then this person must get a bank loan with interests comparable to loan for a house. In average people pay these loans for 15 to 20 years. Education in Chile has long established and perpetuated this unequal system, and we are all very tired of this. *We ask you to keep Chile, and the students who are standing up for their rights and for a more just society, in your prayers.* If you would like to learn more about the Chilean students' struggle for justice we recommend you watch the following video. It is a marvelously well-done 20-minute Aljazeera documentary on Chile's current situation. Cristian & Anita Quezada-Fonseca

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tu4tPw5ND7M>

Check out the  
photo collages from our Advent  
services!

Dealing with the problem of  
homelessness January 11, at  
Emmanuel Episcopal Church at  
7:00pm

Registration for  
Community Preschool  
for 2012-2013 is open

**H. Registration for Community Preschool** for 2012-2013 is open for Community Mennonite families the week of January 16-20, 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](mailto:mnjosborne@verizon.net)). If you have not visited the preschool, you are welcome to visit during the sessions in January to learn more.

**I. This is simply to remind you all of the invitation** to gather as part of the local faith community in response to our community problem of homelessness with which you or your congregation have been involved. **This gathering is planned for Wednesday January 11, 2012 at Emmanuel Episcopal Church beginning at 7:00pm.**

This meeting will be convened by Rev. Daniel Rubayo, Rector of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and will feature a report by Elroy Miller, Chair of the Permanent Supportive Housing Committee and member of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Housing Authority. Elroy will report on the status of the planning process to address homelessness and is eager for collaboration from the faith community. Discussion of how we can interact with this planning process will ensue. See proposed agenda below. We hope to hold the meeting to about an hour. Hope to see you there at our gathering next Wednesday. Questions or comments contact Hadley Jenner at [hjjenner@hotmail.com](mailto:hjjenner@hotmail.com) .

# LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**1. Our Community Place Night Out** event is Saturday, January 14. Local restaurant, A Bowl of Good, will be guest chefs for the event, bringing their "globally inspired, local goodness" to support OCP and La Gonave, Haiti. Call 442-7727 to make reservations or email [ourcommunityplace@gmail.com](mailto:ourcommunityplace@gmail.com). Serving from 5:30 to 8 pm.

**2. Park View Mennonite Church's Women's Bible study** on Wednesdays, January 11 - February 15, starting at 8:30 a.m., will focus on "Luke's Quest Stories: Seeking and Finding," led by Shirley Yoder Brubaker. All women are invited. Information at (540) 434-1604.

**3. Highland Retreat is seeking** items to auction that are of value for its Annual Benefit Auction including new merchandise, collectibles, wood working, baked goods, gift certificates, or services. The auction will be held Saturday, February 25, 2012, and benefits the summer youth program. If you have something to contribute contact the camp office at 540-852-3226 or [info@highlandretreat.org](mailto:info@highlandretreat.org) by the first week in February.

**4. A program will introduce the new Mennonite World Conference General Secretary, César García,** on Sunday, January 15, at 7:00 p.m., at Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Va. Join us for this unique opportunity to hear from and interact with César, a native of Colombia.

**5. 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!!

*Register now for the  
Men's Retreat  
March 23-25.*

*Meet the new Mennonite  
World Conference General  
Secretary on January 15, at  
7:00 pm, at Park View  
Mennonite Church*

*The Bible Quizzing season  
will start on January 8*

**6. Join the Shenandoah Valley Hymn Sing** on Sunday, January 29, at 7 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. The leader will be Les Helmuth and the hymn sing will be in partnership with Shekinah, the *a cappella* women's singing group.

**7. Plan to attend the Annual Dinner & Meeting**

of the CrossRoads Heritage Center on Friday, February 3, 6:30 p.m., at Shady Oak, Weavers Mennonite Church. In addition to a tasty meal prepared by the Rhodes Sisters, you'll enjoy a preview of the play, Jordan's Stormy Banks, set to run in the EMU Main Stage Theater in early June 2012. To register for the Dinner Meeting, call (540) 438-1275.

**8. Attention men:** Register now for the Men's Retreat, Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, March 23-25. Meaningful worship, inspired teaching, great fellowship, and recreation for men of all ages are included. Kevin Clark, Professor and Seminary Pastor at Eastern Mennonite Seminary is the speaker. For more information, call 866-566-9272. To register online, go to [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info).

## INTERVIEW: Nelly Moreno Shenk

Name: **Nelly Moreno Shenk**

Date of Birth: **May 12, 1964**

Attends CMC: **Fall 2002**

Interesting thing about you: **I like to draw, take care of indoors plants, and listen to people.**

Favorite place/s: **The beach in El Salvador. Also, the Mayan Ruins.**

Favorite music band or singer: **Mercedes Sosa, Pablo Milanes and Facundo Cabral. They are legends!**

Favorite thing about Sunday Services: **Congregational Hymns**

A phrase I use far too often: **When people ask me how am I, I usually say: I'm surviving!**

The (or one of the) most surprising thing/s that has happened to me was: **Earthquakes...they're never planned.**

I am not a politician but if I were: **I would work for a better immigration policy.**

I'm good at: **Making pupusas for my family!**

I don't like: **The cold weather.**

In a nutshell, my philosophy is: **Kindness and grace make things happen.**

**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](mailto: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.

**11. 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.