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CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Scripture: 1 Corinthians
1:17-25

Worship leader: Sharon Wyse
Miller

Preacher: Steve Schumm

Song leader: Dorothy Jean
Weaver

Last Sunday's attendance:
228

Offering: \$5,937

Week offering vs. Budget:
not available

YTD Offering vs. YTD
budget: not available

Church Under Construction

First Corinthians Worship Series

Jan 22-Feb 19



Our Mission

We the people of Community Mennonite Church offer our gifts and lives to the call of Jesus Christ. We strive actively to follow the God of peace through our worship, fellowship, and service to both the local community and the wider world.

THE CMC CALENDAR.

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

Youth Choir 6:30 pm each Tuesday in the Sanctuary

Singing Four Eyes small group gathering 5:30pm Friday Jan 20th in room 109

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

Bible Quizzing at CMC 2-4 pm Sunday January 22 in Fellowship Hall.

Pastoral team-Council meeting 7:00 pm Monday Jan 23rd in room 201

Samoan Circle Process 6:30 pm Tuesday Jan 24th in Fellowship Hall

Future Dates

Monthly Gathering
6:00 pm Tuesday February 7th in Fellowship Hall

Preschool Board Meeting
6:30 pm Monday February 13^h in room 201

Bible Quizzing at CMC
2-4 pm Sunday February 19th in Fellowship Hall

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

Adv	Ordinary	Lent	Easter	Pent.	Ordinary	Advent																				
January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December															
1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30

CHURCH NOTICES

A. Samoan Circle—Sexuality Discernment Process Tue, Jan 24th at 7 pm. The Samoan Circle event related to CMC's sexuality discernment process is another opportunity to hear from the congregation. We invite everyone to participate in this guided conversation where we can both listen and speak with one another face-to-face. We hope to hear the diverse voices and perspectives among us. Do you feel "out of the loop" with this congregational process? This is another opportunity to engage. The Samoan Circle will be facilitated by a faculty member from the Center for Justice and Peace Building, Barry Hart. Then, in February, Pastoral Team will provide the congregation a summary of both the congregational survey (Nov 2011) and the Samoan Circle (Jan 2012). If you need childcare, please contact the church office cmchurch@ntelos.net or 433-2148.

B. Please notice the new pictures from David Shenk's blog. They are on the Mission bulletin Board. Millard & Joyce Osborne mjjosborne@verizon.net

C. 2012 CMC Women's Retreat "Being 24/6 People in a 24/7 World." Starts on Friday March 16th at 6:30pm until Saturday March 17th at 6:30pm.

Retreat Leader: Jane Hooper Peifer
Location: Massanetta Springs Camp and Conference Center

Cost: Approx. \$75 (scholarships available)
Contact the church office to reserve a space:
433-2148 or cmchurch@ntelos.net

D. Prayer for discernment in the sanctuary during the Sunday School hour this Sunday January 22. Come and go as you wish during this time of silent prayer for ourselves and our congregation in the ongoing discernment process about "following Jesus in our relationships with persons who are gay or lesbian. Keaton Shenk shenkolsinger@verizon.net

The making of peace is hard work because we are talking about basic modifications to the way we order our lives...

Every community is a tenuous arrangement of powers, and we must face the reality that every legitimate form of order is to some extent an expression of authorized violence calculated to keep the powerless out of control....

We should not be romantic about peace. Shalom is caused by and requires interventions that will redistribute power...

With people (the manipulators of hardware) nothing is possible. But with God (the voice of the vision of newness) all things are possible (Luke 18:27). And sometimes power is shared, and folks are raised to life. And then the angels sing of peace.

-Quoted from Walter Brueggemann, "Peace", Chalice Press, 2001. p. 106.

PeaceNotes

E. Seeking volunteers of all ages to participate in a seminary class activity.

Joni Sancken is teaching a second-level preaching class where students are engaging with some different ways of preparing a sermon. One model is a "round-table," where preachers invite a diverse group from their congregation or ministry context to join them in engaging with the text. The sermon then speaks to the whole conversation rather than only reflecting the preacher's views or decisions about the text. One of the gifts is an expanding view of the Bible as they hear more voices, one of the challenges is for preachers to share the pulpit with these other views and voices and give over some control of the sermon to the broader congregation. She would like students to be able to "play with" or experiment with this model in class and she is looking for some engaged people of any age to join them around the table. She could envision home-schooled children ages 8 and older, and anyone else who is free or has a flexible schedule on Tuesday mornings. If they end up with many volunteers, she will divide the class into groups if they have fewer, they can meet as a whole group. The only qualification is that the volunteers be interested and engaged. The class session will run from 8:00-9:30 AM on Jan. 31. Please contact Joni Sancken (joni.sancken@emu.edu) by Jan. 29 if you are interested. Thanks for considering this opportunity!

F. Patchwork Kids program: Thanks for helping to provide childcare for families utilizing the Patchwork Pantry. If you're interested in helping, we have need for:

- 1) Volunteers 6 PM to 8PM on March 7, April 25 and Wednesdays during May, June, July and August.
- 2) Donations of games, books (including coloring books), craft materials, puzzles, etc. Items need not be new.

If you can volunteer or have items to donate, please contact Brooke Johnston at 540.568.9840 or brookejohnston@gmail.com

G. Check out the poster on the kiosk for specifics regarding the VMRC Winter Fest on Saturday, Feb. 4th starting with the ground hog breakfast, lots of baked good, silent auction and BBQ plate lunch. All proceeds go toward the new wheelchair accessible bus for residents. Thanks, Vi Miller visammill@gmail.com

Check out the fall 1982 CMC retreat pictures in the Fellowship Hall!

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H. Do you have an announcement you'd like to communicate to the church during worship services? If so, please remember to submit those announcements during the week, previous to the Sunday you wish your announcement to be made. You can do so by emailing the church office at cmchurch@telos.net or calling 433-2148. Thank you!

I. A thank you note from NCPTF: Dear Members of Community Mennonite Church, I want to apologize for the delay in acknowledging your donation to the NCPTF entered on September 27, 2011. As the only employee at the present time, I am frequently behind in acknowledging contributions. Please know that your support is much appreciated. I look forward to the time when we will be able to add additional staff. If any of your congregation members are coming to the District of Columbia, please leave time to stop by the office so we can meet. I am normally here three days each week. As an alumnus of the Center for Justice & Peacebuilding at EMU I am sure that I already know some of your members. Peace & Trust,
Jack Payden-Travers,
Director of National Campaign for a Peace Tax Fund Jack@peacetaxfund.org

J. Check out the photo display board in the fellowship hall for a poster from the fall 1982 CMC retreat when the church's covenant was updated and adopted and a new collage of 40th anniversary celebration events - the Jan. 3 evening program and last Sunday's commitment/covenant service. Jim Bishop jimanna.bishop@gmail.com

K. RISE. a young, local United Methodist Faith Community would like you to know that February is their Restore Love Month. RISE will be hosting a month-long series of events this year to educate the community about sex slavery, raise money for the Love146 organization and begin a dialogue about actions to take globally and locally. Events will include a speaker from Love146 (Lamont Hiebert), a silent art auction, and a battle of the bands.

All money raised throughout the month will go directly to Love146 to assist with the abolition of child sex slavery. Activities will include • Kickoff: February 4 at 5:00 pm at Downtown Music 34 • Rockoff: February 25 at 8:00 pm at Downtown Music 34 • Silent Art Auction: All month long at Downtown Music 34 • ... and stay tuned for more!

For more information go to
<http://riseharrisonburg.com/restorelove>
or <http://love146.org/>

Talk to Pastor Steve if you have interest or questions. 433-2148 or cmc_steve@ntelos.net.

If you want to donate a piece of art for their Restore Love silent auction or want to participate in the battle of the bands Pastor Steve will be glad to connect you with someone at RISE.

LOCAL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

1. The Bible Quizzing season started on January 8, and will 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.

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. Eastern Mennonite School Alumni Board Fundraiser - March 25 at 2:30 pm, Legacy Five will be in concert at the EMHS Auditorium. Contact Diana Berkshire, 236-6024 or berkshired@easternmennoniteschool.org for tickets. Tickets can also be purchased at Red Front, and Ruth's Books. All proceeds benefit financial aid for students.

4. Don't miss the next Writers Read at EMU: Hear Diane Gilliam on Thurs, January 26, starting with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in EMU's Martin Chapel. Purchase tickets by Jan.20: \$5 Students on EMU meal plan, \$7 if not; \$15 General Admission. All tickets include dinner. Purchase Tickets: at <http://www.emu.edu/langlit/writers-read/reservations> Note: Sign language interpretation provided at each event. Final event for 2011-12: Feb 23 - Lee Peterson. For more Information, visit <http://www.emu.edu/langlit/writers-read>. We hope to see you!

5. Eastern Mennonite University is excited to offer a campus visit program to students who are interested in attending a Christian/Anabaptist University following their high school experience. Come learn about a university that emphasizes cross-cultural study and creation care, nearly 100% placement rate after graduation and exceptional academics with mentoring professors. Special visit dates are Feb 24 and March 24. Please call EMU at (800) 368-2665 to set up your visit or register at www.emu.edu/campusvisit

*E.M. School presents
"Searching for David's Heart"
January 27-28, at 7 pm*

Winter Fest February 4 at Park Gables Main Street & Hartman Dining Room

Young adults ages 18-26: are you looking for a year-long service? Check out Radical Journey.

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. office@pvmchurch.org

7. Eastern Mennonite Middle School presents their annual school play "Searching for David's Heart" a comedy/drama by Cherie Bennett January 27-28, at 7 pm at Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium, 801 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg. Tickets available at the door \$7 adults \$5 for students and seniors. Following is a brief synopsis: Darcy Deeton is a twelve-year-old girl who loves her older brother, David. After becoming jealous when David falls in love with Crystal Evans, Darcy inadvertently leads David to his death in a car accident. The Deetons decide to donate David's most important organ, his heart. Darcy is so guilt-ridden about his death that she is determined to find the person who has his heart so she can find some closure. For more information call (540) 236-6000.

INTERVIEW: Laura Quass

Name: *Laura Quass*

Date of Birth: *September 17th, 1959*

Attends CMC: *I have been a member of CMC since March 2002*

Interesting thing about you: *I was once a fire-eating clown; I ran my first half-marathon when I turned 50.*

Favorite place: *Hiking in the mountains along flowing water/waterfalls*

Favorite thing about Sunday Services: *The singing*

A phrase I use far too often: *...someone will have to answer this one for me.*

The most surprising thing that has happened to me was: *A going away party for me when I left my job at Catholic Relief Services in Haiti. I thought I was going to a friend's birthday party.*

I am not a politician but if I were: *I would eliminate homelessness and provide affordable health care to all.*

I'm good at: *Giving Vaccines*

I'm bad at: *Math*

The best age to be is: *What ever age I happen to be, which at present is 52 years young*

In a nutshell, my philosophy is this: *There is good in every body. I just need to step back and see them as human and not look to closely at their flaws or actions. I do not know why people behave or act as the do and do not know the circumstances in which the live or were raised. The best I can do is to see the "God" in them and this makes all the difference in the world.*

8. Winter Fest will be February 4 at Park Gables Main Street & Hartman Dining Room. There will be a Ground Hog Breakfast (7:30 a.m.-9:30), a Silent Auction (8 a.m. to 1 p.m.) a Bake Sale, starting at 8 a.m., and barbeque sandwich plate lunch (11 a.m.- 1 p.m.)

9. The Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus, under the direction of Ruel Burkholder, will begin its 2012 season with our first chorus practice on February 5, 2012, 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Men from ages 13 to 99, who enjoy singing a cappella music, are invited to join the group. Subsequent practices are scheduled for Sunday afternoons in February and March, ending with two concerts, including benefit offerings for missions and service, planned for 7:00 p.m. March 23, 2012 at Springdale Mennonite Church and 3:30 p.m. March 25, 2012 at Dayton Mennonite Church. For more information contact Roman Miller (540-867-0854; roman.miller@northriver.coop)

10. Partners in Mission is announcing an immediate opportunity! The Wollega Church in Ethiopia has extended an invitation for a service and learning team, led by Carl Hansen, to help them build a rural satellite campus in Nekempte for Meserete Kristos College, their denominational seminary. Tentative dates are for two to three weeks in March, and the estimated cost per person is \$2,000. If you have interest in participating in or supporting this group, call VMissions at 540-434-9727 or email partners@vmmissions.org.

11. 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.

12. Young adults ages 18-26: are you looking for a purposeful year-long service experience? Check out *Radical Journey*. This Mennonite Mission Network program takes you to places like China, Paraguay, England or South Africa to join in God's work. Upon return, take a month to reflect on your experience and share it with your home community. For info or an application, visit service.mennonitemission.net

13. Eastern Mennonite School Open House and Student Visitation Day for students K-12 and their families will take place Friday, February 10, 2012. Students may visit for a half day (8AM-Noon) or a whole day (8 am - 3 pm). Applications are now being accepted for the 2012-13 school, with limited availability in some grades. For more information on applying or to reserve a spot for Open House and Student Visitation Day, contact Crystal Jackson, Admissions Counselor, at 236.6021 or jacksonc@emhs.net.

14. 1470 WBTX will be airing *The Boy Who Came Back From Heaven*, a 30 minute broadcast based on the book by the same name.

The program will air twice: Thursday, January 26 at 2 PM and Saturday, January 28 at 11:30 AM. The broadcast is an interview with the father of Alex Malarkey who spent time in a coma after a car accident in 2004. *It's the true story of an ordinary boys most extraordinary journey.* For more go to: positive-radio.com