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CMC Newsweekly

Community Mennonite Church, 70 S High Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Scripture: 1 Cor 3:5-4:21 &
Exodus 31:1-11

Preacher: Jennifer Davis
Sensenig

Last Sunday's attendance:
319

Worship leader: Steve
Schumm

Song leader: Joni Sancken

Offering: \$4,349

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

MYF Super Bowl Party 6:00 pm at Jason & Wendy Gerlach's home

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

Future Dates

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

Preschool Board Meeting
6:30 pm Monday February 20th in room 201

Senior Breakfast
8:30 am Tuesday February 21st in Fellowship Hall

Council Meeting
Thursday February 16th
time and location to be announced

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	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30

CHURCH NOTICES

A. Christmas Eve Offering. Over \$500 was received in the peace offering on Christmas Eve. This gift went to the local Peace House ministry, which brings an Anabaptist perspective and Christian hospitality to the JMU community. Peace House is a ministry of our Harrisonburg District. Check out their website. www.jmupeacehouse.org/

B. 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

C. Patchwork Pantry Clarification. There are two areas of volunteer work for Patchwork Pantry:

1. Patchwork Kids childcare - contact is Brooke Johnston brookejohnston@gmail.com
2. All other pantry work - contact is Sheri Hartzler PatchworkPantry@gmail.com

Between now and May 1 most positions are filled by JMU and EMU students. From May - Sept. we will need more volunteers on a regular basis. If you would like to be on our call list for times when students are unable to work, please send your name to the correct person based on your interests, and we will contact you in the future. If you've recently responded, we have your name already. We appreciate your support. Sheri and Brooke

D. 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.

PeaceNotes

"We have been drawn into a protracted **war** of who can hate the most. It can end only if we can **summon courage** enough to try to understand and **change the forces** that generate hatred."

- Barbara Kingsolver

E. Since Joyce and Paul Gingerich are living in Keezletown for the winter, they anticipate family and friend visitors from Ohio and Pennsylvania. If you would have accommodations for overnight guests, please give contact information to Linda Gnagey, gnagey22@aol.com.

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. The Center for Justice and Peacebuilding at EMU has added a one-credit option to the online course "Recovering the Vision: Conversations on Restorative Justice." The course starts Feb. 1 and costs \$560 for one credit or \$1120 for two. Visit www.emu.edu/cjp/restorative-justice/online-course/ for more information.

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

Plan to attend the Annual Dinner & Meeting of the CrossRoads Heritage Center on Fri Feb 3

STAR is offering a one-time seminar "Healing Historical Harms"

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. Our Community Place invites you to join in a delicious monthly "Night Out!" - a night when OCP transforms into a restaurant and serves fancy four course meals. February 2012 celebrates Black History Month with Miss Sadie's Soul Food: choice of catfish or fried chicken with side options of collard greens, black eyed peas, corn bread, baked mac & cheese, and more. Choices of lemon pound cake and apple and cherry pie for dessert. 25% of proceeds go to help La Gonave, a community in Haiti where folks usually eat one plate of rice every other day. Please call 540-442-7727, email ourcommunityplace@gmail.com, or visit www.ourcommunityplace.org for more information or to make your reservation today.

INTERVIEW: Pam Mandigo

Name: *Pam Mandigo*

Date of Birth: *Dec 14. Don't worry if you missed it, it'll come around again. Always does.*

Attends CMC: *Yes..? Is this a trick question?*

Interesting thing about you: *I'm writing a zombie apocalypse novel, set in Appalachia. I'm terribly fascinated by zombies.*

Favorite places: *CMC, obviously. Also, the Little Grill. Also, home, but some days I'm not sure where that is.*

Favorite thing about Sunday Services: *My Sunday school class. I heart them. A lot.*

A phrase I use far too often: *Watahagadugadogan? (Some German dialect for: "what's that it your hand?") Let me use it in context. Me: Watahagadugadogan? You: A boomerang. I dated a German once.*

One of the most surprising things that has happened to me was: *I survived the zombie plague. True story. It happened in Everett, WA. Buy me coffee and I'll tell you all about it-- I'll even show you the scar!*

I am not a politician but if I were: *You'd vote for me, right?*

I'm good at: *Flipping eggs. Useful, in my line of work.*

I'm bad at: *I failed precalculus in high school. I mean, FAILED failed.*

The best age to be is: *26 has been good so far. But really, I was born to be a 70 year old. I'm gonna be fabulous, just give me 44 years.*

In a nutshell, my philosophy is this: *Hug your people every chance you get, eat some vegetables every day, and play outside more.*

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.). for more information call Ruth Rittenhouse at 564-1578.

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. 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.

11. 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

12. 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.

13. Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience (STAR) and Coming to the Table programs at EMU are offering a one-time seminar "Healing Historical Harms." Training will provide tools for analyzing legacies and aftermath of historical trauma, and examine beliefs, narratives and structures that perpetuate trauma. The course is Feb. 6-7 and costs \$175. For more information or to register call 540-432-4996 or email kate.bergey@emu.edu.

14. Development and Special Events Coordinator, part-time, needed for local non-profit: Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham (<http://www.bridgeofhopehr.org>) is seeking a part-time development and special events coordinator to promote the joy of giving to BoHHR by building major donor relationships and implementing successful special events and sponsorship opportunities. BoHHR, with a mission of "Together we can end and prevent homelessness..one church and one family at a time" has been in operation in the area for two years. BoHHR provides long-term sustainable solutions to families headed by single mothers through a unique program matching a case worker, a homeless or at-risk single mother and her children, and a trained church-based mentoring group of eight to 12 members of a local church. Requires organized individual with experience in local non-profit fundraising. For further information about the position, email: bridgeofhopehr@gmail.com.

15. Please join us for an exploration of the book: *Who Made the Moon? A Father Explores How Faith & Science Agree* by Sigmund Brouwer. Brouwer, a well known author, wanted to answer his growing daughters questions about creation in a way that wouldn't turn them from their faith in God or discourage their interest in science. This book chronicles his journey. As he describes it: *"I believe it's my responsibility to know enough about both the Bible and science to answer the difficult questions. I want to be able to show my children that truth is indivisible and that faith in the God of Genesis has nothing to fear from science."*

Brouwer will speak at Eastern Mennonite University on March 14, 2012 in Lehman Chapel at 10 am as well as at 7pm in Martin Chapel.

Alan Eby, Professor of Psychology at Bridgewater College and Myron Blosser, Biology Teacher at Eastern Mennonite School will provide leadership.

Half of each session will be input from the leaders or other guest speakers and the remainder will be dialogue based on the input and reading. More information can be found at <http://emu.edu/sass/events/>

Time: 3:30- 4:30 pm Fridays starting January 20, 2012

Location: EMU, Suter Science Center, room 109

Cost- free for the book study. Contact Cheryl Doss (dosscc@emu.edu or 540-432-4400) to reserve a copy of the book.

16. The Annual Meat Canning is scheduled for February 27 - March 2, 2012 at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, VA. Virginia Mennonite Conference is responsible to help provide help on Tuesday, February 28. Help is needed from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m. each day. Friday, March 2 is scheduled as a community day and help is especially needed in the early morning. Anyone is welcome to come and help on any day! Funds are needed to purchase turkey for processing and for the ongoing operation of the Relief Center. If you would like to contribute to this project you can send a donation to the: Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, PO Box 519, Dayton, VA 22821. If you have any questions about this project you can contact Leon Rhodes at (540) 867-9751 or Gerald Knicely at (540) 879-2077. Thanks for your participation in this effort to feed the less fortunate in the world.

17. Harrisonburg Pregnancy Center is in need of RN/LPN volunteers to care for women who are experiencing unplanned pregnancies. Responsibilities include administering pregnancy tests, providing nurse consultation regarding fetal development and healthy pregnancy, and educating women on the risks of abortion. Day and evening shifts are available Mon. - Fri. For more information contact Nancy Martin at 540-434-0685 or nancy@harrisonburgpregnancy.org.

18. Egypt's Revolutionary Year and the Church's Response. A free webinar organized by Presbyterian World Mission on Wednesday, February 1 at 2-3 p.m. EST. In this webinar, you'll hear directly from one of our global partners in Egypt and discover what the church is doing to provide a witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ; gain deeper understanding of the revolutionary events that are sweeping the Middle East, and learn about helpful resources for further reading and study; find out how you can pray for Egyptians; discover ways you can be engaged with the work of Presbyterian World Mission as it stands shoulder to shoulder in solidarity with the Egyptian Church. Panelists include: The Rev. Dr. Atef Gendy President of Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo; and Amgad Beblawi Area Coordinator, the Middle East, Central Asia and Europe, Presbyterian World Mission.

For more information and questions call (800) 728-7228 or email presbytel@pcusa.org