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CMC Newsweekly

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WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY

Scripture: 1 Cor 11:2-16

Preacher: Jennifer Davis
Sensenig

Last Sunday's attendance:
262

Worship leader: Nicholas
Detweiler-Stoddard

Song leader: Greg Yoder

Offering: \$5,779

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.

CHURCH NOTICES

A. The Holy Myrhhbearers Russian Orthodox Church in the Dean House.

After several weeks of planning, scheduling and meeting, Administration Commission has come to an agreement with the Holy Myrhhbearers Russian Orthodox Church so they can have a place to meet. This congregation is now meeting in the Dean House on Fridays at 6:00 pm and on Saturdays at 9:45 am. CMC will invite their pastor, Father Gabriel Weller, to share briefly with us in worship sometime soon. CMCers are certainly welcome to visit this new local congregation as well. If you'd like to have more information please contact our church office at cmchurch@ntelos.net or Father Gabriel Weller at fr.gabriel@rocketmail.com

B. Monthly Gathering next Tuesday.

Remember to schedule our Monthly Gathering in your calendars this upcoming Tuesday February 7th. The evening will start with our regular taco salad bar at 6:00 pm. Suggested donation is \$2.00 per person. At 7:00 pm we will have group activities. This month's LIT presents Mike and Cindy Brislen who will be reflecting on 16 years of mission work in Djibouti, Africa. Childcare will be provided for children age 3 to second grade in room 109. Please remember to RSVP the church office if you're planning on attending. cmchurch@ntelos.net or 433-2148.

C. The personnel committee wants to thank

all those that took the time and effort to do the pastoral review evaluations way back in November.

Seventy-one persons filled out reviews for Pastor Jennifer and fifty-nine for Pastor Jason. Nine persons that have worked closely with Pastor Steve over the past year were asked to fill out his review.

Each pastor was given a summary of the questions and the comments. We took all comments seriously. Our pastors received very positive affirmations of their ministries. Roy Hange, district overseer, was also involved to assist in the process.

The personnel committee appreciated those that responded and tried hard to use the information in a useful and responsible way.

Personnel Committee: Terry Burkholder, Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Elaine Dunaway, and Marshall Yoder

PeaceNotes

[More and more,] hungry souls
and angry hands **rise up**
against that **amoral giant**
[of profit-driven world trade],
and ever-higher **walls** of
armaments are **required** to keep
them at bay.

- Quoted from '**Small Wonder**' by Barbara Kingsolver, published in 2002 by HarperCollins

D. 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.

E. Message from Andrea Wenger: VOCES8 Coming to Harrisonburg. Hear international award-winning British a cappella octet, VOCES8, in concert at Eastern Mennonite School on Tuesday, March 6, 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased from Eli Wenger or Matt Lind. \$15 in advance; \$18 at the door. Proceeds benefit EMHS Touring Choir. To learn more about this accomplished vocal group which has been received with great enthusiasm at the school in years past, visit <http://www.voces8.com/web/> Andrea Wenger andrea.wenger@emu.edu

F. Message from Dave Smucker: VistaShare is having an open house in our new location at 1400 Technology Drive (just off Mt. Clinton Pike near US 11). The event will include building tours, refreshments, displays about VistaShare's customers and work, and representatives from two of our local customers: NewBridges Immigrant Center and Fairfield Center. The open house is Thursday, February 16 from 4:00 - 6:00. See <http://www.vistashare.com> for more details. Drop by if you are in the area! Dave Smucker Dave.Smucker@VistaShare.com

G. Message from FOR: Thank you, CMC, for supporting our protective accompaniment work in Colombia and, through it, courageous Colombians committed to peace and nonviolence. Best wishes in 2012 for all in your congregation. Peace, Susana Pimiento (FOR). www.forusa.org

H. the church office now has the Youth Camp Scholarship applications for Highland Retreat Center. Poster and information for the Youth Camp is up on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board. You can also visit www.highlandretreat.org for more information. If you would like a scholarship application please contact the church office at cmchurch@ntelos.net or 433-2148.

*VistaShare Open House
on Thu Feb 16*

*Can you accommodate
overnight guests for Joyce
and Paul Gingerich? Contact
Linda Gnagey*

*Monthly Gathering this
Tuesday February 7th
at 6:00 pm!*

I. 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. 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.

4. 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

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

"What's so Funny About Money?" by Ted and Company on March 27

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

Scrabble Tournament benefitting Skyline Literacy on February 9th

6. 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.

7. 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.

INTERVIEW: Linda Gnagey

Name : *Linda Gnagey*

Attends CMC since: **1976**

Interesting thing about you: *I have kept a scrapbook since grade school years—journaling travel adventures and everyday life.*

Surprising thing about you: *I have never lost a contact lens during 35 years of wearing contacts.*

Favorite places: *Switzerland mountain huts; local diners, ethnic restaurants and artisan shops discovered during travels; our supper table surrounded by family and friends*

Favorite music group: *Robin and Linda Williams*

Favorite thing about Sunday services: *sermons that teach and inspire—and there are many at CMC!*

I'm good at: *staying connected with old friends and extended family*

I'm bad at: *practicing for my beginner piano lessons*

Best stage of life: *empty nest with Keith (as long as we have frequent visits with adult children and 9-month old grandchild)*

In a nutshell, my philosophy is: *"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." (Mother Teresa)*

8. Play for Literacy, Scrabble Tournament benefitting Skyline Literacy on February 9th at 6:15 pm the JMU Event Center. \$15 per individual, \$30 for team of 4. There will be prizes and Domino's pizza available for purchase. Register online at skylineliteracy.org or call 433-0505. Prices are \$5 more at the door.

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. Girl Talk - A Mother and Tween Daughter (age 9-12) Retreat The RMH Women's Center team knows how challenging - and special - this time in your relationship can be. We invite you to an exclusive mother/'tween daughter getaway where we will learn, laugh and (most importantly) have FUN together.

What: A special weekend getaway for moms and their daughters, ages 9-12.

When: February 24-25. Check-in on Friday is at 4pm. Program ends at 3pm Saturday.

Where: Horizons at Valley Pike Meeting and Retreat Center.

Stuff We'll Do: A presentation on how the tween brain works, and other health topics; Facials provided by Skin & Zen Day Spa; Zumba lessons provided by the RMH Wellness Center; Games, crafts, movies and great food.

Each mom/daughter pair will share a room with two twin beds. Linens are provided. Bring your own pillows and extra blankets.

Horizons at Valley Pike is conveniently located just north of Harrisonburg off Rt. 11. Learn more about the center at <http://www.horizonsvalleypike.com/> The getaway costs \$190 per mother/daughter pair. Price includes meals and all activities. To register call RMH Healthsource at 855-564-7200. Space is limited.

11. The Waynesboro Symphony Orchestra is presenting concerts featuring Dvorak's Symphony No. 9 "The New World" and Stephenson's Trumpet Concerto No. 2 "REXTREME". The concerts are Saturday, February 18 at 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church (Waynesboro) and Sunday, February 19 at 3:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church (Staunton). Donations are gratefully accepted. Sharon Miller is a member of the orchestra.

12. Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham 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 over 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. For further information about the position, see our web page <http://www.bridgeofhopehr.org/> or email: bridgeofhopehr@gmail.com.

13. Everence will be presenting a free public event “What’s so Funny About Money?” by Ted and Company. Get a new perspective on your relationship with God and money. Everence of Harrisonburg presents the Ted and Company show *What’s so Funny About Money?* Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught have created a musical comedy surrounding stewardship and what we do with it. This humorous and thought-provoking stage show explores our discomfort with talking about money, the financial pressures we face, our use of time, and yes even cheese and crackers. Please reserve the date March 27 at 7:00 pm.

14. David Kline, an Amish farmer, naturalist and author will share his passion for creation care and sustainable farming practices at EMU. Kline will speak from 8:30 - 10 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 9 in Common Grounds Coffeehouse in University Commons and then at university chapel in Lehman Auditorium from 10-10:30 a.m., on Friday, Feb. 10. Admission is free for both. For more information contact Jim Yoder at 540-432- or email yoderjm@emu.edu.

15. 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.

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. Great Whitewater Connection—Find out what over 200 youth experienced before and after the Mennonite Church USA convention last summer. Designed to connect youth across the Mennonite church, this whitewater rafting retreat is still available for an incredible \$50/person. This year’s event (July 6-8 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.) will feature speaker Kent Miller and worship leader Jeremy Kempf. Due to its popularity, the Great Whitewater Connection fills up fast; reserve your places today at Laurelville.org/whitewater or by calling 800.839.1021. NOTE: You can also watch highlights from last year’s retreats at Laurelville.org/whitewater-video.