



Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Current

Seeking Justice Together

June 19

Welcoming Everyone

James 1:27-2:8, 14-17

Delegate Reflections:

Pastor Jason, Nancy

Heisey, Leah Wenger

Second Hour:

MCC Report by Rose

Shenk & Bruce

Buckwalter AND

Potluck at the Park



June 26

Caring for Those in Need

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon by Pastor

Jennifer

Second Hour:

A Word from Pastor Jennifer

How do you rank yourself? How do you rank others? According to James 2:8 the “royal law” is to love your neighbor as yourself. The reality is that most of us have neighbors we would rank as less deserving of love or attention than others. James notes that this often breaks down along lines of relative wealth and poverty. And we recognize other differences among people that we tend to rank, such as physical and mental ability, race and country of origin, or gender and sexual identity. Pastor Jason’s sermon this week will especially highlight the discernment and decisions of Mennonite Church USA delegates with respect to correcting some ways in which our denomination has ranked and harmed members of the body of Christ. The good news is that Jesus leads us in another way, a “royal” or kingdom way that recognizes everyone’s value in the church. Delegates from our congregation included: Pastor Jason, Nancy Heisey, and Leah

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Betty Simensen requests prayer for the family of a teacher at her school who was killed in a car accident this past week. Please pray for her husband and two young children, and the grieving school community.
- Pray for Anna Bishop as she is grieving the death of her sister, who passed away last night. This is the 4th death in Anna's sibling family in a year and half. Pray for peace and comfort during this time of fresh grief.
- Pray for healing for CMCers who have recently tested positive or are sick from the Covid virus.
- Pray for healing and strength for CMCers who have recently undergone surgeries or medical procedures.

One of the ways CMCers can support one another at a distance is through prayer. If you have a prayer request to share with the pastors or with the congregation, click on this [Prayer Link](#).

BIRTHDAYS

Saturday, June 18
Rene Hostetter

Tuesday, June 21
Wilbur Bauman



ANNIVERSARIES

Wednesday, June 15
Erika and Mark Metzler Sawin

Thursday, June 16
Matt and Sara Gingerich

Saturday, June 18
David and Charmaine Detrow
Betty and Philip Simensen

Monday, June 20
Duane and Joan Kauffman

Come in. We're
Open

Business Hours

Monday	9:00 - 5:00
Tuesday	Closed
Wednesday	9:00 - 5:00
Thursday	9:00 - 5:00
Friday	Closed
Saturday	Closed

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

**The church office is open Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday each week, 9 am - 5 pm.
The office is closed for lunch from 12:30 -1:00.**



Getting To Know You: Kathy Yoder

Did you know that a head of lettuce can stay intact in a landfill for up to 25 years? Since the air and soil can't properly reach it, it can't decompose normally. This is just one reason why Kathy Yoder is so passionate about composting and gardening.

Gardening is a major thread running through Kathy's life. As a child, she explored the woods, corn fields, and streams of Ohio. She helped to create and care for secret gardens in her local town. Now as an adult, she draws on those experiences to cultivate magical spaces for children on nature trails or in school gardens in her role as Educational Outreach Coordinator with Vine and Fig. Click [here](#) to learn more about Kathy, as well as an upcoming garden tour!

---- CMC NEWS ----



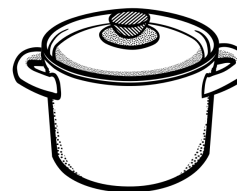
Second Hour: Sunday, June 19

Bruce Buckwalter and Rose Shenk worked as Country Representatives for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from 2016-2021. During those five years they managed MCC's projects throughout the country, working closely with partner organizations by providing funding, capacity-building, training, supplies, and monitoring and evaluation. MCC has partners working in all sectors, including peace, disaster relief, migration, health, education, water and sanitation, and agriculture. To observe MCC partner work on the ground, Bruce and Rose were privileged to travel to all regions of Ethiopia and had the unique opportunity to be guests and colleagues in rich and interesting places. Bruce and Rose will be sharing their experiences at CMC at 10:45 am in the sanctuary.

Church Potluck: Sunday, June 19

The potluck begins at 11:45 am at Morrison Park.

There will be activities for all following the potluck, including a tour with Kathy Yoder of Waterman Elementary garden, and Vine and Fig Community. Other activities include group games for all ages and pickleball.





Congratulations Graduates!

Last Sunday we celebrated 12 high school graduates from CMC! Click [here](#) to see photos and read about their plans for the summer and fall.

Sign up this week for Picnic on the Playground

On Sunday, June 26 we will have activities for all ages after worship, followed by a picnic on the CMC playground at noon. **Please sign up at [this link](#) by this Sunday, June 19 if you would like lunch.**

Also on Sunday, June 26, we will be collecting donations for the Harrisonburg Schools [Backpack Program](#). All are invited to bring donations of fruit cups, instant/microwave meals, granola bars – any food a child could prepare by themselves.



New this summer -- CMC Summer Camp Out!

A program-free time to relax at [Highland Retreat's Upper Campground](#) with other CMCers, July 22-24! Camping sites surrounding [Mt. Everett Pavilion](#) and [multi-family cabins](#) by the stream available. **See who else is coming and sign up on [this Google doc](#). Deadline to sign up: July 18.** Pay-what-you-will; Retreat Committee will cover costs not recouped by

donation. Fall retreat celebrating CMC's 50th anniversary will be Sept. 1-18 at Brethren Woods Camp. Details and registration coming later this summer. Email Linda Martin Burkholder (Imburkholder66@gmail.com) or Andrea Wenger (andwenger6@gmail.com) with questions.



CMC Stephen Ministry Training Begins in August

We all experience challenges in life-times when we could benefit from care and support. Stephen Ministers are trained to provide emotional and spiritual care for those facing a crisis or difficulty.

CMC's Stephen Minister training will begin in August, with weekly meetings throughout the fall. The training will be led by

Pastor Jason and Pastor Joyce, who recently finished training to be Stephen Leaders.

A Stephen Minister is. . .

caregiving gifts.

- A layperson with 50 hours of training in providing Christian care.
- A caring Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.
- Someone who meets weekly with their care receiver for as long as there is a need.

If you are interested in becoming a Stephen Minister or want more information, pick up a brochure on the kiosk in the fellowship hall or talk with Pastor Joyce or Pastor Jason.

Civil Rights Learning Tour

Betty Shenk and Rose Shenk are coordinating with Arloa Bontrager and Mennonite Mission Network to plan a Civil Rights Learning Tour for interested CMCers—a bit like what Andrea and Delbert Wenger recently experienced with a group of EMS students, but this trip would be geared for adults and longer.

Click [here](#) to read Andrea's article about their trip.

A week in September between church retreat and the MCC Sale is being considered.

Because many

people have expressed interest, a 2nd trip will be planned for late winter or spring 2023.

If you are interested in either trip, please email Betty (bettyshenk@gmail.com) and watch for additional details!



CMC WEEKLY EVENTS

- **Men's Bible Study**, Tuesday, 7:30 - 8:30 AM, [Pastor Jason](#)
- **Morning Prayers**, Wednesday, 8:00 - 8:30 AM, [Pastor Joyce](#)
- **Women's Bible Study**, Wednesday, 9:30 - 10:45 AM, [Pastor Jennifer](#)

Shalom--CMC--Park View Mennonite Bible Study

Dive into scriptures that challenge assumptions about a male-centered Bible. All genders are welcome; all who believe and all who doubt are welcome; and there is no prep or pre-knowledge necessary for discussion. We're following scriptures from: [A Women's Lectionary for the Whole Church](#). Come as you are and come when you can.



There will be TWO options for joining:

Zoom only Wednesdays at 7 pm

sessions. Pastor Georgia and CMC Pastors Jennifer and Jason will lead sessions in person. Our texts will be:

June 15/16 Psalm 113

June 22/23 Genesis 21:2, 8-21 (Hagar)

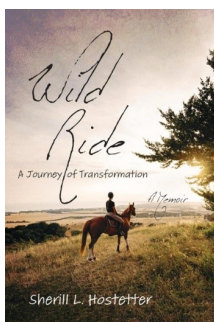
June 29/30 1 Samuel 25: 14-19, 23-25, 32-34 (Abigail, wife of Nabal)

July 6/7 Matthew 15: 21-28 (Syro-Phoenician Woman)

July 13/14 John 12:1-7 (Mary anoints Jesus' feet)

July 20/21 Luke 8:1-3 (Intro to Mary Magdalene)

July 27/28 Psalm 22:23-21



Sherill Hostetter's published memoir is available!

My life was upended by trauma. Overwhelming uncertainty engulfed me. My faith and trust unraveled. What do you do when your God-image and self-image crumble? How do you risk again? We all too often desire certainty in our understanding of God and ourselves and God's interactions with us. We want promises of security in every aspect of life. *Wild Ride* is the story of my journey of transformation. Click [here](#) to learn more and for ordering information.

---- HARRISONBURG AND BEYOND ----

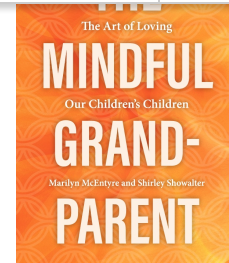


Meals Needed

Open Doors is in need of church communities to commit to provide meals once/week throughout the summer. They are hosting an average of 55-60 people per night. If interested, please contact Ashley Robinson, operationsdirector@valleyopendoors.org

The Mindful Grandparent, by Shirley Showalter

Shirley Showalter will be speaking about Mindful Grandparenting: A New Calling for A New Age in the CMC sanctuary at 7 p.m. Thursday June 23. Stuart Showalter will join her for book sales of *The Mindful Grandparent: The Art of Loving Our Children's Children* after the short talk and questions and answers. Shirley will sign books. They both look forward to seeing CMC friends.



Menno Snapshots

Learn, Pray, Join: Welcoming EveryBODY is a collaborative initiative between Mennonite Church USA and Anabaptist Disabilities Network that celebrates the many gifts that people with disabilities bring to our church communities.

Christle Hain, the marketing communications and engagement associate for MC USA, reflects on her life as a person with “disability” and her experiences in the Mennonite church. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/educating-listening-around-disability>

In her Menno Snapshots blog, Katie Graber shares about being part of the Voices Together hymnal committee. “The goal of writing songs – or producing any art – together is not to produce a ‘big hit’ but to make something that is meaningful to individuals and to the community.” Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/camp-songs-anabaptist-voices>

Joanne Gallardo points out in her recent Menno Snapshots blog that our society today “lives by the gun.” She argues that, as Christian pacifists, we are called to something different. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/entitled-to-violence>

Registration is now open for Skyline Literacy’s Volunteer Recruitment Campaign

During the month of June 2022, Skyline Literacy is running a campaign for promoting the importance and need for volunteers.

Volunteers are the backbone of Skyline Literacy as they allow Skyline to provide affordable programs for adult students in the Shenandoah Valley. Volunteer teachers, assistants, and one-on-one tutors are essential to the success of our students’ education. Your time, dedication, and experience can make a direct impact on our learners. Click [here](#) for more information.



Aili Huber is thrilled to be opening Merry Wives of Windsor at the



and Anne Page. You can get tickets at <https://www.quilltheatre.org/the-merry-wives-of-windsor> . If folks are interested in carpooling, contact Aili and she'll help you find each other. Aili also wants to say thank you to the congregation for their unflagging support of her work.



Be in touch with us!

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