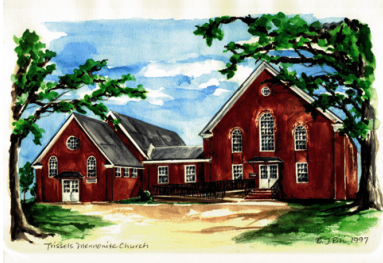


TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO MAKE
HIM KNOWN...



Trissels Mennonite Church

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Our Sunday Services:

9:30am – Sunday School
(for all ages)

10:30am – Worship
(Handicap accessible;
Nursery provided)

Nursery Schedule:

January 10 –
Cary

January 17 –
Loretta & Rebecca



January 5 ~
Jim

January 12 ~
Kathryn

January 15 ~
Charles, Anna

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world: those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord!" and those who wake up and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

I want to be one of those marked by joy each morning. Jesus said, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:10-11).

Joy can be such a fleeting thing. It comes and we wish we could grab it and make it stay and be our companion. But all too soon it seems to evaporate out the window. Some unpleasant situation comes -- pain, rejection -- and the joy disappears. Why can't I hold onto joy in the unpleasant situation? That's when I need it the most.

Well, we can. Joy comes whenever we receive something that we want to receive. And there is one thing which all of us can always receive. So we can always have the joy of receiving that one thing: God's delight in us. God is right next to us and we can always have the joy of sensing God saying, "this is my son, my daughter in whom I am well pleased." Just as Jesus had the joy of his Father's love, so we too can have the joy of remaining in our heavenly Father's love.

Maybe right now we don't know what we can be doing to get into this love relationship with God. If so, the thing that would please him the most would be to simply tell him that. *Father, I don't know the next step. Would You show me -- through a friend, through the Bible, through this prayer? Until then I'll keep on praying. And when I do know, I'll obey. I want to always have the joy of knowing I am pleasing You, the One who gave me this morning, the One who loves me. Amen.*

. . . Harold

~ At Trissels ~

Update from Harold & Karen on getting to know the church family:

"We've enjoyed getting in about 15 of the church homes, getting to know persons, making family connections, hearing some amazing life stories -- particularly from those in the VMRC community. Now that the holidays are over, we'll continue a push to get in more homes. A meal together isn't important -- most of the visits weren't for meals. The only important thing is time together talking! If there's some afternoon or time after an evening meal during the week or on a weekend, please contact us; and we'll do some contacting too."

To the Trissels church family: Thank you for the cards, flowers, thoughts and prayers on our behalf during the passing of Mark's brother, Mahlon. We appreciate your acts of caring and kindness.

~ Mark & Dorothy

Trissels Mennonite women will gather during the day on Wednesday, January 13.

Church council will meet Wednesday evening, January 13 at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Matching Grant: A \$500 matching grant is available from Goshen College for the spring semester for Philip. If you would like to contribute, please mark your contribution for "matching grant".

~ In the Community ~

DEFEATING ANXIETY, a six session class about finding ways to break free of anxiety and phobias, led by Dr. Kathryn Rexrode Moats, will meet Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm **starting January 12 at FLRC**. Cost is \$80. Call (540) 434-8450 for more information.

BECOMING FINANCIALLY WISE, a free three-session course sponsored by FLRC and Mennonite Mutual Aid, meets at FLRC from 7-8:30 pm Thursdays **January 14, 21 and 28**. Call (540) 434-8450 for more information.

You are invited: **Financial Peace University** by Dave Ramsey is being sponsored by MMA Harrisonburg at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community. Financial Peace University is a 13-week video-based small group study that teaches families how to beat debt, build wealth, and give like never before. The first class will begin January 11, 2009 at VMRC at 7:00 PM. Call 540-437-7422 to register and for more information.

MARRIAGE MAINTENANCE, a four-session seminar for couples led by Harvey Yoder, meets Mondays at FLRC from 7-8:30 **beginning January 18**. A freewill offering is taken to benefit the Center in lieu of a fee for the class. The text, *Lasting Marriage, the Owners' Manual*, is \$10.

MENTOR COUPLE TRAINING at FLRC 7-9 pm Friday and 8:30am-12:30 Saturday, **January 29-30**. Cost is only \$25 per couple, and includes the cost of Dr. Les and Leslie Parrott's "Kit for Marriage Mentoring." Call (540) 434-8450 for more information.

~ In the Community (cont.) ~

Respond to God's call to care for the earth at **Creation Care: Stewards of the Earth** (February 12-14 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center), a program designed by Mennonite Mutual Aid, the Church of the Brethren and Laurelville. Become equipped with the resources and knowledge for leading your church or community toward environmentally responsible practice. Visit Laurelville.org/creation_care.html or call 800-839-1021 to register or for more information.

~ Mission Moment ~

Pray that Mennonite Mission Network personnel may begin this year with renewed openness to the movement of Jesus' spirit that brings healing and hope to the world.

MMN workers are training 30 church planters in South Asia this month to effectively use business to multiply congregations in areas of persecution and extreme poverty. Pray for the safety of these leaders and for Christ's shalom in their family lives.

Pray that radio listeners and Web site visitors who find Third Way Media's *Shaping Families* program may find insight for the challenges they face in their own lives.