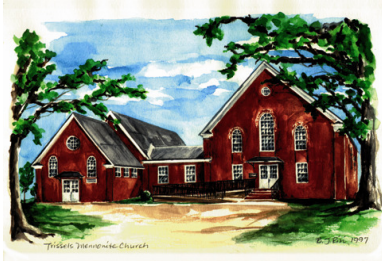


TO KNOW CHRIST  
AND TO MAKE  
HIM KNOWN...



## Trissels Mennonite Church

**Location:** 11246 Hisers Lane

**Website:** [www.trisselsmc.org](http://www.trisselsmc.org)

**Pastor:** Harold N. Miller

**Church Phone:** 540.896.7289

**Mailing Address:**

P.O. Box 549

Broadway, VA 22815

### Our Sunday Services:

**9:30am** – Sunday School

*(for all ages)*

**10:30am** – Worship

*(Handicap accessible;  
Nursery provided)*

### Nursery Schedule:

**January 24** – Mel & Lexi

**January 31** – Karin & Katie



**January 20** ~ Vivian  
John & Melody

**January 21** ~ Les

**January 27** ~ Loretta, Don,  
Duane

**January 30** ~  
Joseph & Sybil

**February 1** ~ Jared,  
Margaret

**February 2** ~ Lexi

# Trissels Mennonite Church Newsletter

January 20, 2010

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## From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Full-hearted (and full-throated!) singing in the midst of the gathered congregation has been a strong joy all through my life.

As we sing our full person is involved -- our whole being is opened up to God. Our mind is engaged as we repeat the words and dwell on the song-writer's themes. Our body is involved as lungs and voice join to turn words into sound and as the song's rhythm affects us. Emotions also become engaged as the mood and atmosphere of the tune touches us.

Our social dimension is also fully brought into play as we sing: as I hear the response of the one next to me of the goodness and mercy and faithfulness of God, that joy and faith rubs off and raises my fervency a notch or two, which in turn affects my neighbor, resulting in a glorious crescendo of joy and praise!

All through Scripture as God's people express their praise and worship it often takes the form of singing. What about persons who feel unable to sing? Thankfully our praise doesn't have to be perfect music. Even noise qualifies! Eight times in the Psalms we are told to make a "joyful noise" or "shout joyfully."

On January 31, a fifth-Sunday of the month, we at Trissels will enjoy an extended opportunity for singing. Our service that morning will be a hymn-sing. Tim I., our Minister of Music, tells us that the first section of the service will focus on our communication with God in prayer, both our listening and speaking. The second section will examine God's love for us as a church and individuals and our response of love in return. In addition to selecting songs on those themes, Tim invites us to think of Scripture passages to read and perhaps even something to share for 2-5 minutes on one of the themes.

The highlight of the service, though, will be us as a congregation lifting our voices in unison, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19), building up our faith and love and awareness of our God!

. . . **Harold**

## ~ At Trissels ~

**Harold has made a small change to his office hours...**changing to Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday mornings from 8:00-12:00pm and Friday afternoons from 1:00-5:00pm. Grace's hours will remain the same Tuesday am and Friday pm.

### **So you want to go to Cana!**

You are welcome to join us in a fresh study of what it means to be the body of Christ. The body of Christ is not an organization nor an emergent and not political. It is a Spirit filled organism. It is alive yet seems invisible at times. We will look at the Gospels and Epistles to see what we have missed in our modern applications. You will see how the spirit of the age is redefining the body of Christ and conditioning us right now. Together, we will see distortions from our unique American adaptations. Teacher: Lawrence R. Yoder

Continuing **this Sunday evening January 24** – February 14, 2010 on Sunday evenings at **6:00pm to 7:30pm at Trissels.**

**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".

**Attention Junior High Youth:** We will be going bowling on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup>! We will be meeting at the church at 6:45pm. Please bring \$8.25 to cover the cost of bowling and shoes. (Pray for nice weather!)

## ~ Trissels (cont.) ~

**Who makes the best vegetable soup at Trissels?** It has been said by several people that they make a might fine pot of veggie soup, so we've decided to have a cook-off to let the congregation decide which soup is the winner. There will be a meal provided (not just soup) after church on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. So mark your calendars now to attend. More details will be announced so keep listening. Please let Loretta know if you plan to bring a pot of soup.

## ~ In the Community ~

**On Saturday, January 23, at 7:00pm,** Park View Mennonite Church will host "**Music to Warm the Hearth,**" a musical fundraiser for People Helping People; a variety of Park View musicians will share their gifts of music. A freewill offering will be taken to help with heating bills for community people.

**A Partners in Mission Work Group to Nazareth and Bethlehem, May 7-24,** has openings for more interested persons. Volunteer service will be given at Nazareth Village and International Center of Bethlehem. Registration is required by February 5. Contact group leader Dorothy Jean Weaver (540) 432-4276 or [waverdj@emu.edu](mailto:waverdj@emu.edu).

**The CrossRoads (Valley Brethren-Mennonite) Heritage Center** will hold its annual dinner and meeting on Friday evening, February 5, at 6:30pm, at Lindale. Tickets are \$20/person. To register, call (540)438-1275 by February 1, and mail your deposit to CrossRoads, PO Box 1563, Harrisonburg, VA 22803. Snow date is February 12.

## ~ In the Community (cont.) ~

**The Alumni Association of Eastern Mennonite School** is happy to once again present the rich four part harmony of Legacy Five on February 7 at 3:00pm in the EMHS auditorium. Proceeds benefit the school's financial aid program. For information and tickets call 236-6026 or email [leischnerl@easternmennoniteschool.org](mailto:leischnerl@easternmennoniteschool.org).

## ~ Mission Moment ~

**Virginia Mennonite Missions is actively seeking doctors, nurses, and supplies to send to Haiti IMMEDIATELY.** Call (540) 434-9727 or email [philip.rhodes@vmmissions.org](mailto:philip.rhodes@vmmissions.org) if you can go or know someone who might be able to in the next weeks! The need is incredible. Needed supplies include over-the-counter medicines, pain-killers, bandages, anti-septic creams, antibiotics, etc., which can be dropped off at the Virginia Mennonite Missions office at 901 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Please help by informing any medical personnel you know immediately.

**MCC has contacted Mennonite Financial Federal Credit Union** for assistance in collecting donations in response to the Haiti situation. MCC will be listing MFFCU as a location where checks may be sent/dropped off. For tax deduction purposes (when applicable) the following information will be recorded for each donation; **name, address and phone number of the donor.** The Mennonite Financial FCU is located at 841 Mount Clinton Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22802; (540) 437-0672; Kim Zook.