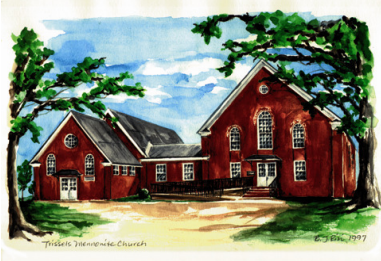


TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO MAKE
HIM KNOWN...



Trissels Mennonite Church

Location: 11246 Hisers Lane

Website: www.trisselsmc.org

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Our Sunday Services:

9:30am – Sunday School

(for all ages)

10:30am – Worship

*(Handicap accessible;
Nursery provided)*

Nursery Schedule:

February 21 –

Phyllis R. & Susan R.

February 28 –

Cary S. & Kathy H.



February 21 ~ Ruel

February 26 ~ Carol, Donald La

March 1 ~ Alli

March 4 ~ Ruth

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

For most of its history the Christian church has observed the season of Lent during the six Sundays leading up to Easter. The word "Lent" does not have any special spiritual meaning. It's from the Anglo-Saxon word meaning "to lengthen" and simply refers to the fact that this is the time of year when the days are becoming longer.

There is no instruction in the Bible that we should celebrate Lent. But then there is no instruction to celebrate Christmas, Good Friday or Easter either. We choose to set apart those days because we know it is good to remember the key events of Jesus' life and to fully savor the salvation that comes to us because of them.

Just as during the four Sundays of Advent we prepare our hearts and build our expectations for the celebration of Christ's birth, so also the joyful new life of Easter must have preparation. Indeed it's fitting that we have *six* Sundays for Lent -- more than the four for Advent. Christmas is our culture's biggest holiday, but Easter is the high point of the Christian year, even the pivotal point of human history!

During the six Sundays leading up to Easter, beginning on February 21, my sermons will look at "God's Restoration Project." Much in our world is run down and broken -- and much in us. We will look at the movements in God's restoration project that lead the world -- and lead us -- from a place of confession of sin and mortality (Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent) to a culmination in new creation and eternal life (Easter).

My prayer is that we as a congregation will be primed and ready for Easter Sunday on April 4! May our celebration of Resurrection Day (complete with early service, brunch, baptism, and even a bell choir and trumpet anthem!) take on extra meaning and depth, thanks to these 40 days of preparation.

. . . **Harold**

~ At Trissels ~

There will be an **Ash Wednesday service** held at Zion Mennonite Church on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at 7:00pm.

The last two sessions of special teaching on body life, as taught by Lawrence R. Yoder, will be suspended in deference to the Conference sponsored Winter Bible School with Pastor Duane Yoder. We encourage you to attend these four sessions on the gospel of John. The remaining two sessions on spiritual gifts will be planned as a separate block later in April or May. Look for details forthcoming.

If you are interested in applying for tuition aid for **Eastern Mennonite School** pick up a form from Jay. The forms need to be returned to Jay by March 7th.

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".

Audio recordings of our services are now available on cd by request. If you would like a recording of a particular service let Grace or Harold know. Once received, feel free to keep the recordings, pass them on or bring them back to the church when you are finished!

Attention Sr. High Youth: We will meet at John & Mel's on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:30pm. Also...**Lock-In Dates for Sr. High Youth:** The Sr. High Youth will have a lock-in at the church on March 5-6th. Times will be confirmed soon. Mark your calendar!!

~ In the Community ~

The Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus will begin the 2010 season with the first practice on February 28, 2:30 p.m., Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Practices are scheduled for Sunday afternoons in March and April; the final concert, with a benefit offering for missions and service, will be held on April 25, 3:30 p.m. in Eastern Mennonite School auditorium. Men from ages 13 to 99, who enjoy singing a cappella music are invited to join this group. Ruel Burkholder will be the chorus director this season. Contact Roman Miller at millerrj@emu.edu or (540) 432-4412 with questions.

Highland Retreat Benefit Auction will be held February 27th to benefit the summer camp program. Please consider donating a new product or service. A few ideas to get you thinking: crafted wood items, pottery, quilts, comforters, gift certificates, ethnic meals, baked goods, home roasted coffee, oak firewood, antiques. Contact Highland Retreat at info@highlandretreat.org or call 852-3226 and ask for Ben or Kent.

SpringFest at VMRC: Sat, March 13, 7:30 am – 2 pm. Events include: breakfast, silent auction, crafts, baked items, lunch, petting zoo, play area, Ted & Company, magic show, and more. Silent auction and craft items are welcomed; to donate, please call Jeanne Hartman Rinker at (540) 746-8000. More details at www.vmmc.org. Planned by VMRC Auxiliary to benefit the Good Samaritan Annual Fund.

The **Nazareth Village Dinner** will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, 6:00 pm at the EMHS dining hall. This annual fund raising event supports Shirley Roth, Director of Nazareth Village, Israel. Dr. Nakhle Bishara, founding board member of the Village will speak. A 9th generation Nazarene, it was Dr. Bishara's vision for what is today "one of the most inspiring biblical sites in the Holy Land." Seating is limited. Reservations need to be made by February 22nd with Diane Bowman at 540-434-9727.

~ In the Community (cont.) ~

"The Gospel of John: Seven Signs and Seven Sayings" is the theme of this year's Adult Winter Bible School. Pastor and Bible teacher Duane Yoder will lead it over four Sunday nights beginning Feb 21 through March 14, 2010. Please come to the EMHS auditorium at 6:30 pm for this highly informative and engaging series. Child care will be provided and an offering will be received.

Park View Mennonite Church Women's Bible Study with Reta Halteman Finger has been rescheduled due to weather; the eight-week study "Four Distinctive Gospels" will be held on Wednesdays March 3 - 24, April 14 - May 5: light breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; study 8:45 - 9:45 a.m. Call 434-1606 for more info.

~ Mission Moment ~

The second medical team prepared and sent by **Virginia Mennonite Missions** in collaboration with MCC is concluding their service in **Haiti**. These doctors, nurses and relief workers have been working in tent cities where medical needs have not been met in a timely way. They return to Virginia on Tuesday, February 16. The third medical team, led by Dr. Dennis Hatter from the Mt. View Mennonite Church, Stuarts Draft, leaves on Monday morning, February 15, to serve for 10 days. Pray for this medical team. When the third team returns to Virginia, we will re-evaluate what needs to be done and what kinds of resources and people are needed for further assistance in Haiti. No further teams for medical aid are being sent through VMM at this time. In the coming months, VMMissions is considering sending reconstruction teams if requested by the local Mennonite pastors in Haiti. Funds are still being received for the costs of the teams and medical supplies as well as future response. Please send your check to Virginia Mennonite Missions, 901 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. For more information, contact Galen R. Lehman, Caribbean Regional Director at 540/434-9727 or galen.lehman@vmmissions.org