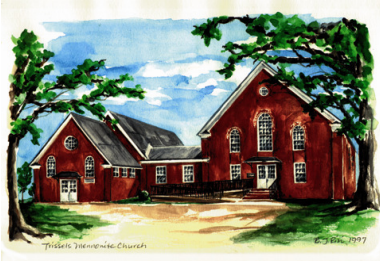


TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO MAKE
HIM KNOWN...



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:

March 21 –
Loretta & Susan

March 28 –
Melody & Lexi



March 13 ~ Albert
March 18 ~ Rachel M.
March 21 ~ Joyce, Deanna
March 23 ~ Fred
March 25 ~ John-Allen
March 29 ~ John-Allen & Jenny
March 31 ~ Tina
April 1 ~ Kyle

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

In Sunday's sermon we looked at this astounding fact: our physical bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit who lives within us (1 Corinthians 6:19).

Even more astounding are the implications of that fact: we who open ourselves to this Spirit are no longer "only human." Our potential and our life are no longer only measured in terms of what we ourselves have done or have the ability and resources to do. Our life is joined to Another! We need never again think of ourselves as simply ourselves.

Our Christian life can be more than just having knowledge in our heads of what we are supposed to be doing, and then trying to do it. It is that; but it is also more, because God at Pentecost sent the Holy Spirit upon the waiting church.

So often we work to be like Jesus by studying his life: reading Gospels and using our minds to figure out principles and patterns. Then we use our abilities and resources to imitate the patterns and apply the principles. And we join a community of others who are also trying to do the same in order to receive their encouragement and insights.

But Jesus is more than someone who lived in the past. So we're not limited to studying his life and then trying to imitate it. Jesus is alive now! And because he is God, he is able to bestow on us his divine love and wisdom -- by his Holy Spirit whom he places within us. Our responsibility is to "abide" in Jesus (John 15:1-8) and then trust his Spirit to work in and through us as we are obedient to his prompting.

So don't merely strive to have Christ-like character and powers. Strive to respond to the Spirit of Christ within you.

. . . Harold

~ At Trissels ~

Attention Jr. High Youth: On Friday, March 19th please meet at Glenhaven Greenhouse after school. See Laura or Jill if need a ride. Pizza will be provided! (Looking ahead: Thurs., April 1st- Meet at Fred and Beula's house at 8:30am to help with yard work.)

Attention Sr. High Youth: On Wednesday, March 24th we will meet at John & Mel's at 6:30pm.

April 2nd – 4th Easter weekend activities at Trissels:

- Good Friday service with communion and foot washing on Friday, April 2nd at 7:00pm.
- Sunrise service on Sunday morning April 4th at 7:00am.
- Breakfast following sunrise service at 7:40am.
- Worship service including baptism at 9:00am. (*There will be no Sunday school.)

Saturday, April 3 at 9:00pm there will be an Egg Hunt at the church for children through 5th grade. The event will take place *rain or shine*. Please bring your own basket.

An excerpt from last Wednesday's council meeting:

Technology updates at Trissels –

* Currently we are recording our services digitally and putting them on CD (available for anyone to borrow, keep or pass along) and loading the audio sermon files on our website for anyone to listen (at www.trisselsmc.org/info/sermons.asp).

* We have purchased a projector that is being used during worship services for Harold's sermons, songs and other visual aids. Several church households are contributing above budget giving toward the purchase of the projector.

* The pastor and secretary's offices require updated, high-speed Internet service. Several companies are currently being contacted to give an estimate on the installation of and monthly fees involved in this conversion from dial-up to high-speed Internet service.

~ In the Community ~

The **Afton String Quartet** will present a concert at Eastern Mennonite School on March 23, 7:30. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students/seniors (62 & over). For information call 236-6014.

Stewardship University, a ministry partnership between MMA and our local faith community, will host Myron and Esther Augsburgers as plenary speakers on March 20, 2010, at Springdale Mennonite Church in Waynesboro. The Augsburgers will share on developing a theology of making money and on working on stewardship issues as a family or couple. For more information or to register, contact Sue Guengerich at MMA at (540) 437-7422 or (800) 442-7930, or e-mail her at sue.guengerich@mmapartners.org. Or visit our Web site (www.StewardshipUniversity.org).

The **Alumni Association of Eastern Mennonite School** is happy to once again present the rich four part harmony of **Legacy Five** on March 27, 2010 at 6 pm in the EMHS Auditorium. Proceeds benefit the school's financial aid program. For information and tickets call 236-6026 or email leischnerl@eastermennoniteschool.org

Virginia Mennonite Conference is seeking a **part time bookkeeper** to work 8 hours per week. Familiarity with the Mennonite Church, accounting practices and QuickBooks essential. The hourly rate of compensation will be between \$13 - \$16 depending on experience. Direct inquiries and resumes to Steve.Carpenter@vmconf.org or 540-434-9727.

~ In the Community (cont.) ~

Save the date for Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly 2010! Mark your calendar now for June 24-26, 2010. Assembly will be held at NC State University in Raleigh, North Carolina. You won't want to miss this event, featuring Stanley Hauerwas, Isaac Villegas, Jennifer Davis Sensenig, and others speaking on the theme of "Jesus: God's Love Made Flesh." Various activities for children, youth, and adults (delegates and non-delegates alike) are planned. VMC's 175th anniversary will be commemorated. Plan now to attend and watch for more information. Registration will be available by April 10.

~ Mission Moment ~

Annual Missions Day is will be Saturday, May 8, 2010 at Zion Mennonite Church. There are a number of exciting things planned for the day, and child care will be available.

Virginia Mennonite Missions is seeking a fulltime **Director of Financial Services** beginning May 1, 2010. This person will be responsible for the financial operations of VMissions, a Virginia Mennonite Conference mission agency working in the United States and around the world (see website at vmmissions.org). The Director of Financial Services functions with a team of program directors and reports to the VMissions president. Qualifications include familiarity and competency in bookkeeping and accounting. Experience with Jenzabar's Teams Elite software is desirable. Along with financial competencies, VMissions is looking for a person with a strong interest in missions and a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ. Direct inquiries and applications to Lois Maust at lois.maust@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727.