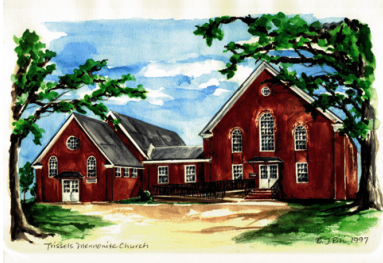


TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO MAKE
HIM KNOWN...



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:

April 11 –
John-Allen & Jenny

April 18 –
Janet L. & Carol



April 8 ~ Bonnie

April 11 ~ April

April 14 ~ Joseph

April 18 ~ Hayden,
Mark & Dorothy (A)

April 21 ~ Blaze

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Three days earlier they laid him in the tomb, pronounced dead by a Roman centurion, an expert in such matters. Then resurrection life swept through that tomb.

Nothing has been the same since! It's like we were stumbling around with a sinking feeling, full of dread. Then Christ arose and a surge of adrenaline shot through us, a sense of strength and optimism!

Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:20 (NLT), "[Christ] has become the first of a great harvest of those who will be raised to life again." Paul is using the concept of firstfruits, something common in Palestinian agriculture. The first grain of the harvest is proof that the harvest is ready to be gathered in as well as a promise of what the harvest is going to be like.

If we had been there at the moment of Jesus' resurrection, would we have seen him stir and open his eyes and begin to struggle with the bandages? No, that would have been a resuscitation of a natural body, not a resurrected body. Rather, we would have seen him pass through the graveclothes and out of the sealed tomb, his body transmuted into something new and different and wonderful, a body that could eat and touch but not need doorways to leave or enter a place.

Once there are the firstfruits, there is more of the same to follow. The enemy Death will come for me and you. But we, like Jesus, are not going to find ourselves in the hold of death but given a glorious new body. This will not be "glorious" for those not ready to meet God -- those resisting God would find themselves mighty uncomfortable beyond death in the presence of God, and indeed would not be able to remain there. But for those of us who love God, nothing can hold us back!

. . . **Harold**

~ At Trissels ~

Trissels Mennonite Women will be making layettes again this year. If anyone is interested in making a financial donation toward this project you may give monies to Phyllis or Gloria Sn. Checks may be made payable to *Trissels Mennonite Women*.

NOTE CHANGE...Jr. High Youth: The work day at Fred and Beula's has been postponed for the time being. This activity will be rescheduled for a later date.

Trissels Mennonite Women will meet Wednesday, April 14th during school hours. A carry-in meal will be shared at noon.

Church Council will meet in the evening on Wednesday, April 14th at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall.

We welcome women of all ages to the Trissels Mennonite Ladies Retreat tea party on Saturday, April 17 at 2:00pm. Please bring a favorite cup or mug. The speaker will be Karen M. A free will offering will be taken for the people of Haiti. For more information contact Emily E.

You are invited! The Greater Hope 13th annual fundraising banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 27th at 6:30pm at Mrs. Rowe's Country Buffet (formerly Evers Family Restaurant). *"So if the son sets you free, you are free through and through. John 8:36."* This year's keynote speaker will be Donna Lou Shickel nationally known entertainer and syndicated radio host. Enjoy a complimentary meal, hear inspiring music and testimonies and find out what God is doing through Greater Hope. If you are interested in attending, contact Jenny by April 19th.

The 14' x 28' Weekday Religious Education building at the Linville-Edom school is in need of siding. The cost of materials is \$800-900; persons are offering to put it on the building free of charge. If you would like to be a partner in buying the siding, earmark above budget giving.

~ In the Community ~

Come celebrate VMC's 175 year history! You are invited to the dedication of Virginia Mennonite Conference's newly-renovated archives on Friday April 9th from 5:30 until 7 pm in the basement of the EMU Hertzler Library. Three special displays will be unveiled. Archivist, James O. Lehman and several former VMC moderators will be present. Light refreshments will be served.

Gemeinschaft Home's 25th Anniversary Community Appreciation and Fundraiser Dinner will be held at 6:30 pm Friday, April 23, at the Lindale Mennonite Church. Savor a fabulous home cooked meal by the Rohrer sisters, enjoy music by some residents, and hear Gemeinschaft alumnus Kirk Saunders (graduating from JMU in May with a master's degree in counseling) tell the story of how the Home is helping offenders get a new start. The meal is provided by local businesses, so all of your generous, tax-deductible contributions can go toward helping keep Gemeinschaft's doors open. RSVP by April 15 to Lora Steiner at 434-1690 or loras@gemeinschafthome.com

The **Intensive English Program (IEP)** at EMU is **seeking host families for international students** who will attend our summer English courses. The program dates are May 13—July 29, though some students may arrive a few days earlier. Host families may commit to host for all or for a portion of the summer. Hosts agree to provide breakfast, dinner and meals on weekends, as well as daily transportation to/from EMU. Remuneration is \$130 per week per student. If interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact Virginia Showalter at virginia.showalter@emu.edu or by phone at 432-4053.

~ In the Community (cont.) ~

Blue Ridge Ministries is offering a great option for gardening enthusiasts and all those who appreciate getting outside into God's creation. Dr. Vigen Guroian, an Armenian Christian who has been featured on NPR's "Speaking of Faith" last year, will lead a retreat on **"Sensing God in the Garden"** at the JMU Arboretum, Frances Plecker Educational Center, on May 1 from 9:00 to 12:30. *For more details, see attached flyer and registration form.* There is space for only 40 persons. Please sign up early to be guaranteed a space. Feel free to forward this email to those you know would have interest.

Thinking about what's ahead this fall? Are you a young adult interested in discovering more about God, yourself and others? Would you like to be part of a team that invests a year serving and learning together in a cross-cultural setting? Are you someone who enjoys a challenge and takes initiative to build relationships? Radical Journey may be just what you're looking for! To learn more about Radical Journey, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net.

~ Mission Moment ~

Annual Missions Day for Mennonite Women of VA will be held Saturday, May 8, 2010, 8:45a.m.-2:45p.m. at Zion Mennonite Church. Our speaker is Twila K. Yoder, East Coast Representative on the MCUSA Board for Mennonite Women. She will guide our thinking for the future of Mennonite Women. There are stories and skits planned. Child care is provided. This is also a great time to show we care about women who are serving Christ in various locations with VMM by giving them a gift and to learn about Mennonite Women in the VA Conference in the past.