

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 25 –

Tina, John & Kyle



Celebrating
Birthdays &
Anniversaries!

April 24 ~ Melody

April 25 ~ Virginia,

April 27 ~ Chris

April 28 ~ Dawn, Emily

May 4 ~ Clara

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Why is it that God chooses to work when people pray? God is omnipotent and omniscient and does not need us. Yet God chooses to need us, to wait for our prayers. The prophet describes a time where an Almighty God cannot save the people because there is no one to "stand in the gap" as an intercessor for them (Ezekiel 22:30-31).

It's almost like God uses checks that require two signatures: God may want to do something on this earth, but until the church also signs it in prayer, the thing does not come to pass. When the church fails to pray, God waits to act.

Why would God limit himself to work through prayer? I believe God chooses to not do something that is his will until the church prays for a reason that is similar to why wise earthly parents choose not to do everything for older children: the parents work with and alongside the children, rather than doing everything for them, so that the children can learn and be trained in the skills of living.

We should view prayer as our on-the-job training in learning how to reign with Christ in this world. God uses prayer as a way of getting us to learn how to know and implement his will on earth as it is in heaven.

Just as a child should listen to a parent as they are working alongside that parent, so we should listen to God as well as speak to him as we pray. That's how we learn which prayers have God's signature as well as ours! Confident, effectual prayer (1 John 5:14-15) is perhaps ninety percent listening for awareness of God's will and only ten percent presenting requests.

. . . Harold

~ At Trissels ~

A note to the Trissels congregation from the Harmonia Sacra singers of the Shenandoah Valley: "We thank you for the opportunity to again hold our annual **Trissels singing, at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 2**. We invite you to join us! All those who wish to lead a song or two from Harmonia Sacra will be invited to do so, and an update on the Joseph Funk House project will be given. Books will be available for use by those who do not have their own copy of this oldest English hymnbook still in continuous use, first published by the Funk family of nearby Singers Glen, VA, in 1832."

MYF will meet Wednesday evening April 21 at 6:30pm at John & Mel's house.

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*.

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.

... LOOKING AHEAD...

May 23 – Sunday Morning Worship → Broadway High School Honors Choir

July 11 – Sunday Morning Worship → Willard Eberly, serving with Virginia Mennonite Missions in Italy, will be preaching

July 25 – Sunday Morning Worship → Elwood Yoder, historian at Zion Mennonite, will be speaking on Zion-Trissels history

Aug 13-15 – Trissels weekend at Highland Retreat be speaking and sharing Zion-Trissels history

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~ In the Community ~

Highland Scholarships- If you desire a Highland Summer Camp experience for your child but lack funds, a scholarship application is available from your church office or our website at www.highlandretreat.org. Spaces are limited, register soon!

Highland needs summer help- We are seeking several weekend hosts to serve in the office/lobby 3-5 weekends and several weeklong RN's to serve at camp (cabin and stipend provided). Male senior (18.5+) and junior (17+) counselors also needed. Contact Dean or Kent at 540-852-3226.

Shekinah, a local women's a cappella group, will be giving their spring concert on Saturday April 24th at 7:30 p.m. at Lindale Mennonite Church. The theme of the concert is Hope. For more information, please visit www.shekinahmusic.net.

You are invited to hear the Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus present their 2010 concert at Eastern Mennonite High School Auditorium, on April 25, 3:30 p.m. The concert theme is "THE WORD BECAME FLESH: Celebrating the Presence of Christ" with narration by Pastor Duane Yoder. Ruel Burkholder is the director of this chorus of thirty-two men. Admission is free to the concert. An offering will be taken for relief and service in Haiti via the Mennonite Relief Center in Hinton and Virginia Mennonite Missions.

Interlude, a 14-voice choir comprised of current EMU students and recent graduates, will present a concert of choral favorites on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m in EMU's Martin Chapel. Admission to the concert is by donation with all proceeds going to the Matthew Garber Endowed Scholarship Fund.

~ In the Community (cont.) ~

Marriage Maintenance, a four-session seminar for couples led by family counselor Harvey Yoder meets at the Family Life Resource Center Mondays from 7-8:30 beginning May 3. 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.

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. 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.

~ Mission Moment ~

Be in prayer for Byron Pellecer who gives leadership to Iglesia Discipular Anabautista, an emerging Hispanic congregation which meets in Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. May the group reach others who are seeking God's love and reconciliation in their lives.

Our Toba brothers and sisters are concluding their annual convention of *Iglesia Evangélica Unida* (United Evangelical Church) today in Sáenz Peña, Argentina. Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide the church in adapting to the changing context. Remember also Richard and Ruth Anne Friesen as they continue Mennonite Mission Network's presence ministry that dates from the 1940s