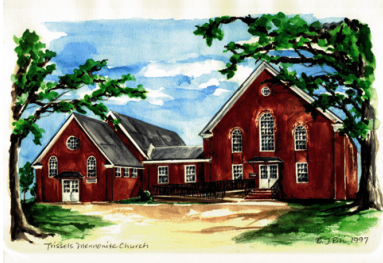


TO KNOW CHRIST
AND TO MAKE
HIM KNOWN...



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Pastor: Harold N. Miller

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9:30am – Sunday School
(All ages welcome)

10:30am – Worship
*(Handicap accessible;
Nursery provided)*



Happy

Birthday & Anniversary!

July 7

Bethany T

July 9

Adam T

July 10

Glenn R

July 11

Jimmie & Carol S

July 12

Brian & Grace G

July 13

Sybil S

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From the Pastor's Desk . . .

We in America enjoy much freedom. People all over the world choose to live here because we enjoy much freedom from external forces that hinder us. We have economic opportunity. We have freedom of speech, press, assembly, religion.

But that catalog of freedoms misses the most crucial ones. There is more to "freedom" than freedom from forces outside ourselves. Inner forces can bind us as much or even more.

Insecurity walls us behind masks, forbidding us to be honest about weaknesses and failings. Fear that we're "no good" may drive us to constantly feel pressure to over-achieve to reassure the world and ourselves that we indeed do have value; or it may engulf us in depression and unwillingness to take even the risks needed for everyday living.

In Jesus we find liberation from such insecurities. He communicates unconditional acceptance and forgiveness in the face of evil we have done. We can let down our masks and be real and be healed. We don't have to earn his favor by doing good things--he gives it freely as we came to him.

Another inner force imprisoning many in our pleasure-crazed society is a compulsion to satisfy one's appetites. The goal of experiencing ever new and more powerful pleasures fuels destructive behavior and keeps us restless as we continually upgrade entertainment systems and wardrobes.

A commitment to follow Jesus frees us. Jesus knows what is best for us, so his instructions will not hinder us from tapping our fullest potential. And he knows what is best for the whole world; so our every act of obedience to him will create beauty in the world too.

We are not as free as we can be if we only live in America and are not also discovering the inner rest and hope in interacting with Jesus!

. . . **Harold**

~ At Trissels ~

To our loving church family: We very much appreciate you expressions of care and support through Sandy's illness and death. Thank you for the wonderful meal you prepared and services you provided for our family and guests. We feel truly loved.

~ Gloria, Craig, Jill, Becky, Nate, and Tim S

To all who helped out with Bible School: Thank you to everyone for combining your special gifts and talents to allow children to "meet God on the mountain" at Bible School. I am blessed to be part of a church that enjoys extending the love and joy of the gospel to our community in this way!

~ Jill S

Dear Trissels Friends: Thank you for the many expressions of kindness shown to me in celebration of my retirement from RCPS. Your encouragement and prayers have meant a lot to me and my students throughout the years. Again many thanks for the things you've done to make my time of celebration special.

~ Susan R

Trissels Softball Team will be playing Harrisonburg First Brethren on Thursday, July 8th at 6:00pm at West Rockingham Ruritan Park.

Attention MYF: There will be a lock-in at the church on Friday & Saturday, July 30-31. Please let Mel know if you plan to attend.

This Sunday (July 11th) at Trissels, Willard and Eva Eberly will be sharing in our morning worship service.

Trissels Mennonite Women will meet during the day on Wednesday, July 14th and **Church Council will meet** in the evening at 7:00pm.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Trissels weekend camp-out at Highland Retreat coming up **August 13-15.**

Congratulations to Grandparents Don and Janet L on the birth of Seth's son, Keller John, born June 19, 2010 at 4:11pm, weighing 7lbs, 11oz and 20.5 inches long.

~ In the Community ~

Willard & Eva Eberly and friends welcome you to **A "Midsummer Night" Mediterranean Celebration**, Friday, July 23, 6:30 p.m., Dayton Mennonite Church Fellowship Hall. Taste panzerotti, focaccia and other Mediterranean treats, enjoy Mediterranean praise music, a real life drama, getting acquainted with God's people in the Mediterranean region, and surprises! Opportunity will be given to contribute financially to Willard & Eva's ministry in Italy. **Reserve your place by July 19th** by contacting Diane Bowman at (540) 434-9727 or at diane.bowman@vmmissions.org.

New Light, a seven-member vocal ensemble and ministry team from Messiah College, will present a concert of worship and sacred music at Weavers Mennonite Church on Wednesday, July 28th at 7:00pm.

There will be a Prepare/Enrich Workshop on Friday, September 27, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Ridgeway Mennonite Church (546 Franklin Street, Harrisonburg). Regular cost is \$175.00/\$275 per couple (to get this discount, you will share materials and an I.D. #). Students are \$150. Prepare/Enrich is a pre-marital and marital counseling program. This workshop is open the pastors, therapists, and students who are training in those fields. To find out more about the program and to get a registration form, go to www.prepare-enrich.com to register, call Naomi Engle at (419) 340-0390. Registration deadline: Friday, September 10.

ANOTHER POSITIVE PARENTING CLASS, led by Harvey Yoder, will be held at the Family Life Resource Center five Thursdays, 7-8:30 pm, beginning July 1. Cost is \$40 per person (\$70 for two persons from the same household), with the text, Common Sense Parenting, included in the fee. Register at 434-8450 or services@flrc.org.

~ Missions Moment ~

Mennonite Voluntary Service is looking for volunteers for several high-need placements in the 2010-2011 season. Among them, MVS is seeking a person to volunteer as a paralegal for ProBAR in Harlingen, Texas. Fluency in Spanish is required. ProBAR is an organization that helps guide refugees through the political asylum process. MVS is also seeking a program assistant for the Computers for Youth program in New York City. For information about these opportunities, or to apply online, please visit www.Service.MennoniteMission.net. MVS orientation is scheduled for August 8-13, 2010. Persons who wish to be placed for the 2010-2011 season should submit their applications by July 1, 2010. MVS cannot guarantee placement for persons applying after July 1.

VMM Prayer Item: Orientation for *tranSend* participants is being held this week and culminates with commissioning on Thursday, July 15, 7:00 p.m. at Weavers Mennonite Church. Pray for Ken Horst as he directs the overall program and for all the tranSenders as they prepare for service in various countries.