

HMC Announcements

May 17, 2024

- **This Sunday, all are welcome to come hear the Chorister Choir's musical *L.O.S.T. But Now I'm Found*** in the Fellowship Hall during the DC/SS hour at 9:40 a.m. There will be fruit & pastries shared by donation as part of the Honduras Build fundraiser.
- **Those interested in joining a baptism class** on May 19 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., contact Pastor Jake.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- **Blessings to Logan & Amy Kreider** as they welcomed their new son, Theo Jay, to their family on May 4.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Join Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS)** Wednesday, May 22, 7-8:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall, as HMC works towards becoming a “dementia friendly” congregation, a place that is safe and accessible for those struggling with cognitive decline. Questions can go to Pastor Carmen at 540-746-8845.
- **Honduras Build Fundraiser – family friendly mini-golf tournament** at Mulligan's Golf Center on May 31 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sign up in groups of four or we can group you. There will be a dessert bar afterwards for everyone to enjoy. The cost of admission is \$20. Sign up by [clicking here](#) or go to: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd9ePsSJsP0F7kyDu5WRDRPTLmn5twE3wADeVelbJC5kMnejg/viewform?usp=sf_link
- **HMC's Philadelphia Mission trip is June 9-14.** The Cornerstone Christian Academy counts on us to bless them with work on renovation projects. This HMC ministry partnership is a significant contribution to both this urban Christ-centered elementary school and to HMC. Contact James Blakely and Mark Keller for ways you can participate.
- **Plan to be at Church Campout 2024 on June 14 – 16 at Highland Retreat.** It's kind of a big deal! OH Yeah! Please sign up online under the fellowship tab or look for the event at the bottom of the homepage or call the office to let us know you're planning to attend at any time during the weekend. Harrisonburgmennonite.org/church-camp-out. There will NOT be a service at HMC on June 16. Plan to head to Highland's Tabernacle for our worship and baptisms starting at 10:00 a.m. followed by a fundraiser meal to support the Honduras Build Team.
- **VBS is moving dates to July 8 – 11, 6:00 – 8:15 p.m. To sign up, go to the church website under the fellowship tab or look for the event link at the bottom or the homepage or [click here](#) and reserve your child's t-shirt! Harrisonburgmennonite.org/vacation-bible-school** We are looking for several people to prayerfully consider being part of the VBS leadership team which will help to plan and implement VBS this summer. If you are interested or want to learn more, contact Lenora Bell at lbell@harrisonburgmennonite.org or call 540-383-3456.
- **Summer children's Sunday school needs clean, clear Fage yogurt lids.** Drop off your donations under the children's table near the mailbox area.
- **Creation Care has continued to work on facilitating HMC recycling.** We have added an 8th container for plastic bags. Two containers are inside the wooden wall outside the kitchen door, and the others are around the corner in the niche formed by exterior walls. We also have a place to put cardboard. Each container has information as to what is acceptable and what is not. These containers are primarily for use for functions occurring at HMC. We ask that any group using the kitchen take their own recyclables out and place them in the correct containers. Kevin will collect paper in the various containers around the church and take those out. Thank you so much for your help and cooperation. Creation Care Group
- Due to all the unrest in many parts of the world, there are individuals that can't even meet their most basic needs. The HMC Women's Service and Friendship Circle is launching a plea to **fill MCC Hygiene Kits!** <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/hygiene> How many Hygiene Kits can we fill?
Here are your options:

- Pick up a bag at the church entrances and fill it with the following supplies or purchase any of the listed items and place it in the bins at the church entrances, we will fill the bags.
- Make a money donation and we will purchase the items: Write your check to: Women's Service and Friendship Circle, note: "Hygiene kits" place in the offering boxes at the entrances.
- Items needed:
 - 1 adult-sized toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
 - 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
 - 1 nail clipper (good quality)
 - 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in x 26 in)
 - 1 wide-toothed comb (6-8 in)
- **Contributions for the Creation Care book, *A Walk in God's Creation***, are still welcome and can be given at the office. Please let them know if you would like a copy (copies) of the book for your donation (\$12 each).

PRAYERS FOR MIDDLE EAST

- Resources are listed on the HMC Website under the worship tab: prayer ministry.
<https://harrisonburgmennonite.org/prayer>

VMM/MMN PRAYER REQUESTS

- **VMMissions prayer requests:** Pray for Shawn and Laura Green and their children, serving in Termoli, Italy. Ask God for encouragement, meaningful relationships, and multiplying kingdom fruit as they faithfully serve the Lord in Italy.
- **MMN prayer requests:** The Mennonite Voluntary Service unit in Chicago, Illinois, is formulating a new way of operating. Pray for the support committee, as they add new members and roles and prepare to host a new group of participants this August.

VMC/COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [Pathways 10.1](https://virginiaconference.org/read-pathways/) is now online. Look for hard copies at church. <https://virginiaconference.org/read-pathways/>
- **[Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir Auditions](#)**. If your child enjoys singing, they will love being a part of the Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir! We are a nationally acclaimed children's choir based in Harrisonburg, Va. that values education, fun, musical excellence, and community. SVCC is now holding auditions for performing choirs (ages 7-18). Call 540-432-4650 or email svcc@emu.edu for more information and to schedule an audition! Visit our website, www.svcc.org
- Join in on the **Highland Celebration** gathering on **Saturday, May 18!** Come to Highland Retreat's largest gathering of the year, featuring a delicious lunch and an afternoon concert by The Walking Roots Band. Other special activities include guided hikes and bird watching, lots of fun games and challenges for kids, a new archery activity, and the first swim of the season in the Highland pool! Lunch, concert, and activities are by donation, and all donations support our summer camp ministry. Learn more and RSVP online at highlandretreat.org/celebration or by calling the Highland office at 540-705-0554.
- **The Soil and The Seed Project's free ORDINARY TIME CONCERT SERIES is for KIDS, FAMILIES, and EVERYONE** seeking a beautiful place to listen to beautiful music that helps us all recognize God in the ordinary. (In the church calendar year, Ordinary Time is the season between Pentecost and Advent.) The first concert on May 24 features musicians from The Soil and The Seed Project and includes music from the newest album release. Bring lawn chairs, blankets, a picnic dinner (as you wish), and lots of friends to share the evening with in the serene natural beauty of the amphitheater at the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center. [View more details and the full summer line-up!](#)

- **Mark your calendars!** VMissions has exciting events coming up to help share new life in Christ with neighbors near and far. **Putt for Missions (postponed to May 25th):** This fun mini-golf fundraiser is perfect for families, youth groups, and anyone who wants to enjoy a day of fellowship while supporting VMissions. **Motorcycle for Missions (May 31st – June 1st):** Calling all motorcycle enthusiasts! Gear up for a scenic ride and weekend adventure, all for a worthy cause. Visit our website <https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/> or follow us on social media for updates and registration information.
- **Webinar: Ministry of Inner Healing.** Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. Hear stories from ministers of inner healing: Paula Stoltzfus, Juan Carlos Malvaez, and Roy Hange, and a testimony of one who has experienced prayers for inner healing. Q & A to follow. Register at virginiaconference.org/events.
- Park View Mennonite Church is sponsoring a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Fellowship Hall from **10:00 to 4:00 on May 29**. Come give and receive an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- **The Shalom Collaboratory** at Eastern Mennonite Seminary offers a variety of training programs for theologically informed conflict transformation skills. In these clinics, short courses, workshops, and webinars, participants learn how to implement an adaptive leadership approach to transform conflicts in the creative spirit of Godly imagination, incorporate strategies for trauma awareness and resilience into their ministry practices, and take up other practical approaches to the troubles our congregations routinely encounter. May 22, 2024, and June 13, 2024. <https://emu.edu/seminary/training/>
- **Assemble relief kits to reach our goal of 9,000 kits by the end of May!** In times of crisis, relief kits provide valuable supplies to families whose lives have been disrupted by conflict or disaster and send a tangible message that their needs are not forgotten. We need approximately 5,000 relief kits to meet the 9,000 relief kits requested by partners in Ukraine, Cuba, and Malawi by the end of May. Help MCC respond to basic needs around world. For more information and a full list of kit contents, visit mcc.org/kits/relief or contact the MCC East Coast Material Resources Center at (717) 733-2847 or EastCoastMRC@mcc.org.
- On Thursday, **May 30, at 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT**, MC USA's Climate Justice Ministry will host a **webinar** titled, **"Energy Efficiency and Faithful Action."** Join three panelists, Amy Huser, Eric Sauder and Nelson Kilmer, who have led their congregations and communities on a journey toward energy efficiency, with a goal of "Net Zero" energy. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar/registration-climate-may30
- **Conectere: Sharing faith and values with your children.** Applications are now open through June 3 for Conectere cohorts, led by professors and graduate students at Eastern Mennonite University and Yale Divinity School. Starting this summer, parents and caregivers will meet monthly to strengthen secure relationships and grow in sharing faith with their children. Based on research that faith is best transmitted through secure relationships, Conectere is an attachment-based training program and peer learning opportunity to become more effective in sharing faith and values with children. Cohorts will meet in Harrisonburg, Va. and online. [Apply now or register your interest](http://www.conectere.org) for a future session! <https://emu.edu/seminary/shalom/conectere/interest-form>
- **RENEW camp**, happening at Eastern Mennonite School from June 9-14, needs volunteers to help serve meals, help at check-ins/check out, nursing, etc. More information about the camp is available here: <http://www.renewcamp.org/>. Click <https://signup.com/group/1093554244069> for information about volunteering.
- **Climate STARR (Strategies for Trauma, Action, Resilience, and Regeneration) training.** June 10-12 at Eastern Mennonite University. 18 Continuing ed credits. Scholarship help. You've seen the climate data. Heard the predictions. Felt the grief. Go beyond. Find purpose. Courage. New narratives. Commitment. Together. For parents, students, educators, leaders, organizations--all who love God's creation. Join us! Register now: www.hdpi.org/ClimateSTARR

- **Creation Care networking** event will be held at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church on Saturday, June 22, at 7 p.m. in the outdoor pavilion (or in the Fellowship Hall in the event of rain). We hope this will be an opportunity for people from different creation care groups to meet and hear about what others are doing to care for the earth. We will provide drinks but encourage attendees to bring a light snack or dessert. Hosted by VMC's Congregational Life Commission. Please RSVP to pardini.steven@hotmail.com.
- **Early Registration deadline May 31! Living Stones: 2024 Summer Delegate Assembly** will be held at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church July 18-20. <https://virginiaconference.org/events/>
- Mennonite Church USA, along with more than 140 Christian leaders, signed a letter **calling for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza** and a halt in arms sales to Israel. Read the letter here: mennoniteusa.org/news/call-for-ceasefire
- **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study** - Join for fellowship, Bible study, and worship Tuesday mornings at Park View Mennonite Church. **Breakfast 6:45 a.m., study 7:00 a.m.** Livestream of the event is available [here](#).
- **Employment! Family Life Resource Center (FLRC) is immediately hiring for Administrative Assistant/Receptionist.** FLRC is a mental health office. *This position is 28-34 hours a week. The agency DOES NOT offer health insurance. The hours are Monday – Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30/5 p.m. Starting pay – \$16.00 – \$18.00 based on experience. Must have a high school diploma and at least 1 year in an office setting. Prefer at least 1 year in a medical office and Quickbooks Experience. Any Mental Health office experience would be a huge bonus. Must understand HIPAA and have a passion for mental health. Must pass a background check. Please email a resume to: Marie@flrc.org
- **Mennonite Mission Network. Development Representative** (F/T – In office, Hybrid or Remote in Elkhart or East Coast area) provides a role in developing, maintaining, and growing relationships with Mennonite Mission Network's financial supporters, donors, and churches to ensure that organization continues to thrive and fulfill its goals.
- **Mennonite Women of Virginia's Fall Retreat, Nov. 8-10, 2024!** Mark your calendars! This is a wonderful weekend of worship, fellowship, and encountering God, hosted at the Marriott in Short Pump, Va.