

September 7, 2025

9:30am Sunday School

10:30 am - Neil Fencer will be worship leading. Dave Yutzy will lead our singing. Susan Rhodes will read the scripture and Pastor David will preach... "God of Wonders" Luke 1:26-38

Nursery This Sunday - Rebekah S. & Jenny M.

Nursery Next Sunday - Evie S. & C.

Wed at 9:30am - Trissels **Women's Fellowship (sewing circle)** meets in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to share for the noon meal.

Wed at 7pm - Trissels **Council** meets in the fellowship hall. All who participate in our church life are invited to these monthly meetings (in person or via our Zoom link).

Next Sunday 9/14 will be an Under the Oaks service (bring blankets and chairs!) as we host Cedar Run Church of the Brethren for joint worship beginning at 10:30am and **a fellowship meal following our worship service**. Please consider bringing some extra dishes. *We are not having Sunday School that morning* so that we can be more available to welcome our special guests. **Matthew Fulk will be preaching and Pastor David will be worship leader.**

Girls Club will begin Sunday, September 14. We'll eat together at the potluck and then travel to the Benders where we'll pick and arrange flowers to share with VMRC residents. Pickup at 4 pm. at VMRC Park Gables foyer. Questions? Deb L., laymans4@gmail.com or Lavonne L., dllehman@davevon.us.

Trissels Family,

The elders have heard clearly from the feedback on our action goals that there is a desire for more engagement with each other outside of structured church services. There appears to be a desire for small group type activities for shorter seasons. ***If you are interested and willing to host, at least to start, a small group that would meet for a season of your choosing around a Bible study, a DBS study, a book study, or something else, please reach out to one of the elders.*** The timing is up to you and the Spirit's leading.

VMM Prayer Calendars for September are printed and at the mailbox if anyone would like a copy.

Continue saving your coins for My Coins Count Collection! Our last two coin collections before the Relief Sale will be 9/21 & 9/28.

October 11 (Saturday) 2pm a memorial service for Claude H. will be held at Trissels. All are invited to this service of remembering, singing and sharing. A reception will follow.

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Save the Date for Bike Shenandoah 2025! Get ready to ride! Join us for the **annual Bike Shenandoah event** on Saturday morning, September 20, 2025. All rides will kick off from the Eastern Mennonite School west parking lot (801 Parkwood Dr., Harrisonburg, VA, 22802). Full ride details, including maps and routes, will be posted soon at bikeshenandoah.org.

Oct 3-4 (Fri-Sat) - Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale, an annual, volunteer event raising money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Includes an auction of quilts, woodwork, handmade items, and more. A wide variety of homemade food is also a highlight for many people! More at vareliefsale.com. **You can help the Relief Sale efforts!** We need donations of craft supplies, small treasures, books and kids toys for the Kiddie Corner. This is a sort of yard sale for kids.

Oct 19 (Sun) 6:30pm - District hymn sing at Weavers. Includes fellowship time with Smileys ice cream and toppings provided. More details to come.

Oct 23 (Thurs) 5:30-7pm - Workshop on Medicare at Detwiler Auditorium at VMRC. Those of us nearing retirement face important Medicare decisions; Chan Gingerich from Everence will cover the different parts of Medicare, coverage options, and when and how to enroll. Register for this free, informative workshop by Oct 21. Info at everence.com/everence-events/harrisonburg-va/fall-medicare-workshop.

Oct 24-26 (weekend) - The SOIL+SEED FESTIVAL at Highland Retreat (Bergton, VA) is an intergenerational retreat and gathering for families and everyone to rest, worship, sing, play, connect, make memories, and be together. It will feature concerts, times of worship, sing-alongs, hiking, campfires, and opportunities to connect with others around nature, music, and faith in Jesus Christ. ALL ARE WELCOME! Info and registration at thesoilandtheseedproject.org/soil-seed-festival.

Nov 2 (Sun) 4pm - Festival of Praise at Park View Mennonite Church. Worship the Lord through *a cappella* music by various men's singing groups. A free-will offering will support the work of VMissions. The finale is a combined mass chorus directed by Nathan May.