

Prayers and Praises

Mennonite Mission Network Mennonite Mission Network partners Juanita and Lawrence Coetzee lead Grace Community Church in Cradock, Eastern Cape, South Africa. Pray for them as they also work in a local prison for juveniles and help the young men there find new meaning in their lives.

VMMissions: Seth and Theresa Crissman are anticipating the arrival of a new baby mid-January in Harrisonburg, Va. Ask for a safe and smooth delivery. Pray for their adjustment to being a family with three small children.

Pray for the local services for people in need: Love Inc., Shelter for Help in Emergency, Food Bank, Salvation Army, IMPACT – a justice ministry and PACEM- the initiative for the homeless.

Epiphany focus: Drawn by the light, we, like the Magi, are sent forth in new directions. We are empowered to be God's illuminating presence in the world. Arise, shine, for the mystery of Christ has been revealed!



Charlottesville
Mennonite
Church

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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Epiphany: Yes! Let it be declared.

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Gathering in God's presence

Pre-service music

Call to Worship

one: Yes!

The Light is here. We carry it within us,
and we find it without.

all: It is the Star of the East; it is the Morning Sun.

one: It is as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

all: Praise the Lord!

one: You, O God, have caused the mountains to shake.

You have torn open the heavens,
and your glory reaches the earth.

all: May we like the Magi seek you until we find you.

**May we offer our gifts in your presence,
no matter where you are found.**

one: Yes! Let your mystery be declared.

Lighting of candle

Opening Prayer

Hymns Arise, your light is come STS 30

I want to walk as a child of the light STJ 95

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Confession

O God,

your light has come, your glory risen,
and your brightness dawned,
illuminating not only the way of the Magi but all our paths.

From your fullness we have received grace upon grace

as your mystery has been revealed,
and your presence made known.

Now we too are called to arise, shine and return by another road.

Yet we confess

instead of lifting our eyes and searching diligently,
instead of walking with boldness and confidence,

instead of revealing and proclaiming your presence,
we cling to what we have and know
and we continue on our old familiar ways home.

We are frightened by the unknown,

and by the darkness that covers the earth.

Forgive us...

(silence)

Words of Assurance

O God, Immanuel,

In Jesus, the Christ you have come among us.

You have given us life and we are restored.

Hymn Let there be light STJ 67

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon The messiah rescues the Messiah and parents

Communion

Hymn Be Thou my vision HWB 545

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Will you come and follow me STS 39

Benediction

Today

Sermon: Roy Hange

Upcoming Events

Jan 21 Fellowship meal

Jan 23 Board of Elders 7:15 pm

Jan 24 Ad Council 7:00 pm

Feb 4 Annual SuperBowl party at the Alderfers

May 18-20, 2018 Annual church retreat

Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Wednesday evening 8:00 pm. Please include the word “bulletin” in the subject line of the heading.

The **church mission house** at 707 Monticello Ave continues to be renovated as we are nearing its completion. All that is needed is to finish trim work, paint trim and walls, flooring, replace basement door and kitchen and bathroom cabinets and fixtures. If you know of anyone with skills to volunteer in these areas of work please let the church office or Melvin Janzen know so we can organize work days. We hope to have the church house ready for use by this summer.

Upcoming events in Charlottesville

1/7-*A King's Story* by Joshua St. Hill hosted by Monticello High School, held at Live Arts, 7:30-8:30pm, in The Gibson Theater, tickets required (cost is pay what you can)

1/13-Screening of *Our Streets* film, Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 5-6:30pm, 8:30-10pm A team of local filmmakers, photographers, and journalists has compiled footage and stills from over 30 cameras, with 20 interviews from first-person witnesses from the fateful Unite The Right rally of August 12th. A panel discussion with journalist Jackson Landers and director Brian Wimer will be held after the film.

1/19 *Healing Through Art & Community* with Candy Chang
Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, 5-6:30pm
New Orleans artist, renowned speaker, and creator of the Before I Die walls, Candy Chang, shares her inspirational insights on the healing power of participatory public art to help overcome personal and community challenges. Candy's art invites neighbors to share their hopes and engage in collaborative action. Inspired by the resilient spirit of New Orleans, this event will feature free Cajun food, art, and guest speakers from both New Orleans and Charlottesville. All ages welcome. Doors open at 5:45 p.m. Please reserve your free ticket online.

Gift and Thrift, Inc. in Harrisonburg is looking for volunteers interested in supporting the mission of Mennonite Central Committee. Volunteers are a vital part of our mission. Many volunteer opportunities are available including donation receiving, electronic and furniture cleaning and repair, pricing and tagging of household items, sorting, hanging and tagging clothing, sorting and scanning books for retail and online sales, customer services and more! Individuals or groups with any level of time commitment (3-4 hours daily, once a week, monthly, etc.) are welcome. To volunteer, or for more information contact Gift and Thrift at 540 433-8844 or email volunteer.here.first@gmail.com. We would love to have you be a part of our volunteer community! Our goal is finding the right fit for you.