

Prayers and Praises

Charlottesville: We pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in our city: For all the citizens in the city, for our schools, schoolboards, administrators, teachers and children. For an end to racism and racial prejudice.

VMMissions: Caitlin Tice works at New Creation in Harrisonburg, VA. Caitlin finished her term with VMMissions last month, but continues her work as an official New Creation employee. Pray for a smooth transition.

Mennonite Mission Network: Delicia Bravo and Peter Wigginton have served as Ecuador partnership coordinators for three years. Pray for them as they discern what God is calling their family to in the future.

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.



Charlottesville
Mennonite
Church

701 Monticello Ave.
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9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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Epiphany Sunday January 6, 2019

Gathering in God's presence

Preservice Music

Call to worship

Leader: Arise, shine, for our light has come and the glory of God has risen upon us!

People: **Nations will come to the light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.**

Leader: The love of God for all peoples and nations is revealed through his Son, Jesus Christ.

People: **We are now one world and one family, called to be children of God. Arise, shine, for our light has come!**

Opening prayer

Hymns	Brightest and Best	STS 29
	Christ whose glory fills the skies	HWB 216

Noticing God's presence

Children's story

Scripture Isaiah 60:1-6

Confession

Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silent HWB 463

Scripture Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Ask, Seek, Knock

Communion

Hymn As with gladness men of old HWB 218

Responding to God's presence

Sharing of joys and concerns / visitor introductions

Pastoral Prayer

Offering Praise God HWB 119

Hymn Oh beautiful star of Bethlehem STS 32

Benediction

Today

Sermon: Maren Hange

Worship: Roy Hange

Music: Holly Scott

Nursery:

Cleaning:

Next Sunday

Roy Hange

Maren Hange

Linda Patchel

Orban/Scott

This Week

Jan 6 Communion

Jan 8 Men's Breakfast at Bodo's on Preston 7 am

Jan 8 BOE 7:15 pm

Jan 10 Lectio Divina Group 10 am

Upcoming Events

Jan 13 Fellowship meal

Jan 31 Race and Religion dinner 6 pm

Feb 17 Fellowship Meal

Feb 20 Ad Council 7 pm

Announcements

Please email all bulletin announcements by Thursday evening to Linda. Please include the word "Bulletin" in the subject line of the heading.

I, Maren, have an opportunity I would like to share with you and, if you are willing, have you participate with me on a mission of community discovery. As you may know, I am a member of the Charlottesville Clergy Collective, which is made-up

of 17 local inter-faith congregations. The CCC was formed after the church shooting in Charleston in 2015 to "establish, develop and promote racial leadership" and to "engage in group events to highlight issues of racial and social justice in our community." I would like to invite you to participate in a process that looks at the role of religion in the history of racism in Charlottesville. To that end, the CCC is hosting a catered dinner at the **Carver Center, Thursday, January 31 at 6 p.m.**, inviting up to 10 members of each participating faith community to gather for dinner and discussion:

1. Become better acquainted across racial lines.
2. Explain the work of the CCC.
3. Begin conversation about shared histories of Cville faith communities around racism, and look at resources.

Looking ahead to the rest of the "O God!" journey:

Second gathering this spring- 2 or 3 congregations share more deeply about their histories; Third gathering - Interfaith service in August - where do we go from here, present-day issues. There will be discomfort and uncertainty, but I believe it may bring us into a new understanding of the summary of the law, to love God and our neighbors as ourselves. This is not a guilt trip—but an invitation to expand our capacity to be with the history of racial separation in churches and in our own lives. See Maren if you are interested in attending with her or seek more specific information.

Do you have suggestions for the monthly **memory verses**? Please send them to cvillemenno@gmail.com or talk to one of the elders (Mel Janzen, Elaine Shinsky, Steve Alderfer) or the pastors.

The Board of Elders is inviting the congregation to begin to focus on and **memorize together one verse a month** in the coming year. You are welcome to tear off the verse below and put it in a place you will see and say it every day:

Thus says the LORD: Stand at the crossroads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies; and walk in it, and find rest for your souls. Jeremiah 6:16