



# Community Mennonite Church

A PEACE CHURCH WHERE EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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## CMC Newsletter

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### Reflecting on Generosity

During August and early September, each commission at CMC will lead a worship service that celebrates and features their work. See the schedule below. As we prepare for August 22, the Administration Commission will be looking at how we care for the body of the church; facilities, people, and finances.

One specific responsibility of this commission is to best steward the compassion funds that we have, to care for one another in mutual aid. These funds have grown significantly in the past year, at a time when we know that some in our church community and broader community are in the most need. During the August 22nd worship service, there will be an opportunity to use these compassion funds for those in our midst, as well as celebrate the ways we have experienced (given, received, and noticed) moments of compassion and generosity over the last year.

That is where you come in! No matter how big or small, what are the ways you have seen, heard, or experienced generosity this last year? It could have been someone coming to visit, sharing a picnic, a special moment in a “buy nothing” Facebook group, creating a blessing box, a free garage sale, receiving a meal from a CMC senior, or even giving or receiving money to help at a time of great need. What acts of generosity have most touched you this year? What are the stories we need to hear from our community?

Please send a story, picture, artwork, or even a short 15-second video clip to Lana Miller ([lanarmiller@gmail.com](mailto:lanarmiller@gmail.com)), by August 11. If you wish to have your stories remain confidential, please indicate that when you send your story. Thanks!

#### Schedule for upcoming worship services:

August 15 - Community Life Commission

August 22 - Administration Commission

August 29 - Worship Commission

Sept 5 - Outreach Commission

Sept 12 - Youth Commission

~ Heidi Derstine, Chair of Administration Commission and Lana Miller ~

# Upcoming In Worship

## Ephesians Worship Series: How Shall We Then Live?

During the first weeks of this summer, we drank deeply from the Psalms as we joined the psalmists in offering lament, joy, and praise to God. This month we turn to the book of Ephesians, a letter written to the early churches, and we will consider how we are called to live together as a community of believers and what it means to live life with Christ as our leader.

Sunday, August 1 --- Congregational Worship INDOORS at CMC @ 9:30 am

*Sermon by David and Sophie Lapp Jost*

*Ephesians 6:10-20 (Matt. 10:28-31)*

Sunday, August 8 --- Congregational Worship on ZOOM @ 10:30 am

*Allegheny Conference Zoom Worship - Tony Brown*

### COVID procedures for worship services

- Masks are required for everyone, even the vaccinated among us, in solidarity with those too young to have their shots yet and immunocompromised individuals.
- At the recommendation of the COVID advisory group, we are aiming for the worship service to be 60 minutes or less.
- To reduce the risk of COVID transmission, following the worship service please move outside to visit in the playground or in the grassy areas.

*On days when it is hot outside, consider bringing an umbrella for shade while you are visiting outdoors after the service.*

If you have questions, concerns, or ideas please feel free to be in contact with Pastor Jason, Pastor Joyce, Kathie Kurtz, Worship Commission Chair, or Jeremy Nafziger, Council Chair.

~ Kathie Kurtz ~

## Prayer Requests

- Pray for Kenton and Rhoda Derstine and their family as they grieve the unexpected death of Kenton's brother, Glenn Derstine. You can read his obituary [here](#).
- Pray for Pat and Dwayne Martin as they are making plans for a move to VMRC in the coming months. During this time of transition, they would appreciate having some meals provided. If you would like to provide a meal please sign up [here](#) or visit [takethemameal.com](http://takethemameal.com) and use the last name: Martin, password: CMC.
- Pray for children attending and adults leading CMC's vacation Bible school on Saturday, July 31.
- Pray for Nathan Derstine & Allison Cornell who will be getting married at CMC on August 7.
- CMCers are invited to attend a celebration of life service for Alvina Heatwole Roth, mother of Brandon Roth, and sister-in-law of Jean Hawk this Friday, July 30 at 4 pm at the Eastern Mennonite School dining hall. Pray for the Roth and Hawk families as they celebrate Alvina's life and mourn her passing.

One of the ways CMCers can support one another at a distance is through prayer. If you have a prayer request to share with the pastors or the congregation, click on this [Prayer Link](#).

## CMC News & Notes

### Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held this Saturday, July 31 from 10 am-3 pm outdoors at CMC for children ages 3-5th grade. Pre-register your child [here](#) so that we know how many children to plan for. Registration forms can be picked up in the church office.

If you have questions about Bible School, please contact Hannah Hall at [hannahdmhall@gmail.com](mailto:hannahdmhall@gmail.com) or Pastor Joyce at [joyce.peachey.lind@cmva.org](mailto:joyce.peachey.lind@cmva.org).



## CMC Gifts Discernment Survey Reminder

Last fall, the Gifts Discernment Committee distributed a survey to gather information about how our personal gifts and talents can best serve the collective needs and mission of the church. Thank you to all who have already completed the survey! If you have not yet completed the survey we invite you to respond by clicking on the link below. The Gifts Discernment Committee stores the survey data in Breeze, where it is used to help commission chairs match your interests with current ministries, connecting newcomers with church life beyond worship, and identifying volunteers for short-term tasks. **Please take a few moments to respond to the [2020-21 Gifts Discernment Survey](#).** Thank you!

~ Gifts Discernment Committee ~

## CMC Compassion Fund

Financial hardships in our congregation arise for a variety of reasons: medical bills, job loss, unexpected major expenses, counseling/therapy. CMCers generously support the Compassion Fund for mutual aid among members, so that we can ease these hardships among our households. If you or a CMCer you know has a financial need, the Grants Committee will review your need through a brief application [available on our website](#). CMC households are eligible for up to \$600 twice annually in compassion funds as administered through the Grants Committee, which maintains confidentiality. In situations of higher need, the process includes a recommendation from Grants Committee to Council. Please contact Grants Committee Chair, Shannon Sneary, with any procedural questions at [swsneary@gmail.com](mailto:swsneary@gmail.com).

# Getting to Know Our Congregation

## GETTING TO KNOW YOU: Eliana Marcela Yejedor Hernandez



### You've got a free afternoon. How do you spend it?

I would drink a cup of coffee, read something, and then I would take a nap. I would also probably call my sister in Panamá, or my mother in Colombia, on WhatsApp.

### What is something you've done, or accomplished, that you're proud of?

I am proud of having graduated from college and having completed my degree in English. The accomplishment was amazing, but I don't miss having to think about writing papers. I don't really like to write, I like talking. The cliché is that I'm the first in my family to graduate from college, even though many of my family members should have "degrees" in other abilities and life skills, like my grandfather who knows how to provide for himself completely on his own without depending on economic systems, like the ones I depend on in which money seems to be always necessary.

### Fun fact about you.

I broke my elbow the first time I went ice skating. You can tell how good my relationship is with cold weather.

### You've lived in several different countries. How have those places influenced your view of the world, and of yourself?

I have lived in three countries: Colombia, Ecuador, and the US. When I was in Colombia, I only thought of myself as "Eliana" from the Eastern Plains countryside. Some considered me "White," although I was mainly a part of the majority *mestizo* population. However, I didn't really think about race or those labels. When I arrived in Ecuador, I was considered first a "Colombian" and second "Eliana." Then I arrived in the U.S. and now I'm considered a woman of color and a Hispanic. For the first time, I started thinking about race and ethnicity. I'm mentioning this to exemplify how our contexts mold our identities and tell us who we are and what our place is in that context. I feel much more comfortable among people of the lower economic class, but I've learned to relate with people of the middle and upper classes as I've gained more academic education.

Living in different places has also awoken an interest in words, the significance of our words, and how those words reflect ways of thinking in different contexts. Also, our human capacity to serve and love others, and our temptation to fall into "othering," is something that constantly catches my attention and makes me stop to reflect.

Something that I've enjoyed about living in different places is the food and sharing time with those who prepare different foods: in Colombia, arepas with cheese and cornmeal; in Ecuador, coffee and *bolones de verde*, fried balls of green plantain stuffed with cheese and/or chicharrones; and in the United States, fresh peaches and cherries, and Thai food, especially from Taste of Thai.



Quick Stats About Eliana

**Work:** I work at Bluestone Elementary School as a Home-School Liaison. It doesn't have anything to do with homeschooling; it's a position that connects families with the school and helps the school to be connected with families, especially those who are new to our school or need interpretation services. I love this job because I get to work with some of our Spanish-speaking families and families from other countries.

**Family Members:** I am married to David Shenk. I am the mother of Kaleth, age 13, and the human mom of Tito, our dog.

**Birthplace:** Piñalito, Meta, Colombia

**Current home:** Harrisonburg, VA, very close to the EMU baseball field

~ Written by Jennifer Murch ~

CMC's Calendar of Events

Click here to view [CMC's calendar events and activities](#). Some of these events take place on Zoom each week. Feel free to contact the person listed to get involved or learn more.

**CMC August Gatherings** will be at Purcell Park from 6 - 8 pm. Hospitality will provide water and a small snack. Save the dates for Thursday, Aug. 5 and Tuesday, August 24. See you at the park!

CMC Art in the Park for Women:



We have a vision for meeting for sketching, journaling, painting, and gathering together for creativity and healing. Several CMC women gave this a try in July, and we'd like to give this a monthly try for all CMC women interested. We plan to meet Thursday, August 12 starting at 8:30 am at Wildwood Park, 648 W. Bank Street, Bridgewater, VA. The Wildwood Shelter is reserved for us from 8 until 1 pm, in case of rain. Those who can stay longer than 2 hours are welcome to bring snacks, drinks, and a packed lunch... for fellowship and/ or further sketching. You can see the river from the shelter. There is plenty of shade, and bathrooms available.



~ Lois Kauffman and Pastor Joyce ~

**Paparazzi Pulpit:** Without warning, the pundamonium pundit from Punsylvania has returned, snapping candid pixs of congregational life returning to "normal" - whatever that means - after returning to indoor worship in July. Check out the first new photo collage on display on the "CMC Today" bulletin board on the east side of the fellowship hall. On the "CMC: Yesterday" display board to its left, a vintage photo collage of July 2015 worship services can be observed in all its dusty, radiant glory. Please maintain a six-foot social distance from the images and/or fellow congregants. ~ Jim Bishop ~

*Church hours are Mondays to Fridays from 9 am - 1 pm. Don't hesitate to call in or stop by in person. Please ring the doorbell if the door is closed.*

Birthdays, Anniversaries & More!

| DAY   | DATE      | CELEBRATION                                 |
|-------|-----------|---------------------------------------------|
| Sun   | July 25th | Jeff and Veva Mumaw anniversary             |
| Sun   | July 25th | Greg and Kristina Yoder anniversary         |
| Fri   | July 29th | Jared and Traci Yoder Stoltzfus anniversary |
| Sun   | July 30th | Gary and Rachael Spencer anniversary        |
|       |           |                                             |
| Tues  | July 27th | Malia Bauman birthday                       |
| Tues  | July 27th | Christian Gehman birthday                   |
| Tues  | July 27th | Brad Lehman birthday                        |
| Tues  | July 27th | Levi Zook birthday                          |
| Thurs | July 29th | Brian Martin Burkholder birthday            |
| Thurs | July 29th | Lonnie Yoder birthday                       |



# Notes From the Harrisonburg Area & Beyond

**New Beginnings Montessori:** There is a new Montessori school coming to Rockingham County. Crystal Yoder is opening New Beginnings Montessori this Fall. She wants to invite the supporting family of Community Mennonite to a few upcoming events at 7021 Arch Drive Mount Crawford, VA 22841. If you have any questions, please call Crystal Yoder at (540) 908-7565.

August 28th: Open House, 2:00-4:00. We are inviting our surrounding community, friends, and family to a ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house. This is a chance to explore New Beginnings' classrooms and outdoor areas, and to celebrate our opening with us!

**Job Posting:** Community Preschool has an opening for a part-time teacher. The hours are 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. All classes are co-taught by two teachers with a maximum of 15 students per class. An undergraduate degree in early childhood education or a related field is preferred. Please contact Eric Saner at [esaner@gmail.com](mailto:esaner@gmail.com) or (540) 383-8349 if you are interested in this position.

**Host family needed August 1-16:** Lyubov and Scott Slashcheva will be relocating to Harrisonburg in the coming month. Lyubov was recently hired to be the dentist at the Healthy Community Health Center. Their 15-year-old, Armando, is excited to be part of EMS's soccer team and the family is seeking a host family living within biking distance from EMS to enable him to begin conditioning with the team on August 2nd, and are seeking a host family for him from August 1-16. The team conditions 5-6 hours a day and Armando would be transporting himself by bike to/from EMS. Lodging, food, and laundry would be the main needs for which a host family would provide. Armando is somewhat reserved but is very helpful and a good rule follower. He has a cell phone by which he can communicate with his parents or the host family. A \$600 stipend would be offered to the hosts to offset any expenses or additional effort that hosting would require during the two-week stay. There is another family who is likely able to host Armando from August 9-16, so even hosting him for the first week (August 1-8) would be helpful. Those willing to consider hosting Armando may contact Scott at 507-438-5445/[sroser86@gmail.com](mailto:sroser86@gmail.com).

**Needing Childcare:** I am the mom of Elias, an almost to be four-year-old. I am needing childcare Monday - Thursday from 8 am - 12:00 pm and Fridays 8 am - 2:30 pm. This could be an in-home nanny position (we reside in the EMU area) or a mom of young children that could care for Elias in their home. Ideally, transportation assistance for drop-off would be a plus. Please contact me, Katherine Archibold, if you are interested or know of anyone that may be interested at (540) 746-0142 or at [katgari.archibold@gmail.com](mailto:katgari.archibold@gmail.com).

## Need & Plenty

- Patchwork Pantry is needing more supply of clean, plastic grocery bags. Save them up and bring them over to the church!
- Check out CMC's [list of items](#) that members are willing to share, the Lending List. The password is *greenstreet*. Items that are available to borrow include pick-up trucks, sports and camping gear, tools, and kitchen equipment. If you have an item that you'd like to add to the list, please [fill out this form](#).



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