

Congregational Calendar

- July 10 – First Wednesday Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- July 10 – Worship and Song Leader Training, 7:00 p.m.
- July 16 – Coffee & Fellowship, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- July 21 – Fellowship Meal, noon
- July 31 – MLT, 7:00 p.m.

- August 6 – Blood Drive, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- August 6 – National Night Out, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- August 10 – Sewing in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
- August 12-16 - Peace Camp
- August 20 – Coffee & Fellowship, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
- August 21 – Worship Commission Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

- September 20-22 – Fall Retreat

- October 19-26 – CARITAS
- October 20 – CROP Hunger Walk

- November 9 – Sewing in Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Communion Schedule

- August 4, 2019
- October 6, 2019 (World Communion Sunday)
- November 24, 2019 (Sunday Before Advent)
- December 24, 2019 (Christmas Eve)



“A Community of Prophets”

June 30, 2019

First Mennonite Church
Richmond, VA

*A community of Christ cultivating
service, love, and peace*

First Mennonite Church of Richmond

WORSHIP SERVICE

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WELCOME AS GOD'S CHILDREN

We especially love having children involved in the whole service on Sundays, in all their wriggling, noisy glory, so please don't worry if they cause a bit of a racket – we're glad to have you with us!

Worship Leader	Joel & Val Reinford
Music Leader	Joel Reinford

GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hymn: "God of grace and God of glory" HWB 366

Hymn: "Longing for light" STJ 54

Congregational Reading HWB 737

Children's Time

Congregation sings "This little light of mine" as the children come forward

Hymn

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture 1 Corinthians 14:1-3, 26, 29, 31

Sermon "A Community of Prophets" Ryan Ahlgrim

RESPONDING

Silent Reflection

Hymn: "How can we be silent" STJ 61

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Offering

Offertory

SENDING

Sending Song "You are salt for the earth" HWB 226

Benediction

June 30, 2019

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FMC ONLINE Ryan Ahlgrim posts an occasional blog reflection on a biblical passage or contemplative topic at www.fmcBibleStudy.wordpress.com. A link is on the church website: www.firstmennonitechurch.org. First Mennonite also has a Facebook page. Like us at facebook.com/FirstMennoniteChurch.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:30am every Sunday.

- (1) "Restorative Justice: From Biblical Roots to Mass Incarceration" – The 2-part Sunday School session, led by Daniel Foxvog, has its final session today. The class will be discussing themes from the article "Is Mass Incarceration the New Jim Crow?" and the MCC Criminal Justice Policy Principals.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL takes place from 9:30-10:30am and is available for all ages from preschool to high school.

OUR BULLETIN is published on **FRIDAY**. Send information via voicemail to church office or email to secretary@firstmennonitechurch.org by Friday at 9am.

Our Congregational Ambassadors

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Greeter	Matt Rohrer	Wayne Beachy
Opening Usher	Ryan Smeltzer	Sandra Joireman
Closing Usher	Wayne Beachy	Bob Bruckhart
10:45 Nursery	Pat Rohrer	Julie Lehman
	Jay Hulsey	John Bowman
	Maggie Sobel	Rachel Beckler
Junior Worship	-	-
Flowers	Margaret Bruckhart	Marla Wilson

Congregational Leadership

Elder: Hazel Bowman	918-5859
Elder: Craig Wilson	233-6979
Elder: Ellen Basinger	672-7928
Chairperson: Darrell Basinger	672-7928

PRAYER GUIDE FOR FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH

PRAYER REQUESTS may be placed in the offering bag or pastor's mailbox, emailed to secretary@firstmennonitechurch.org, or called into the office. We will rotate or replace prayer requests every few weeks unless you request otherwise.

- Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention and Delegate Convention meets Tuesday through Saturday in Kansas City. Pray that God's Spirit inspires the youth who are attending (including MYFers: **Ben, Sam, Nick** and **Alex**, and sponsors **Joe Sprunger** and **Val Reinford**), and that God's Spirit guides the delegates (including our **pastor**) as they discern Christ's mission for our denomination.
- Pray for guidance and open doors as **Ben Stern** awaits word regarding acceptance into medical school, and as **Kaylee** begins a job search.
- Earlier this year **Thomas Addison** found out he has prostate cancer, unrelated to his earlier colon cancer. He is receiving homeopathic treatment, and recent tests indicate he is doing better. Thomas and Dawn appreciate the prayers, cards, and words of encouragement. Continue to pray for rest, peace, and healing.
- Brendan Hayes's brother, **Marty**, has a pancoast tumor in his right lung. It appears not to have spread to his lymph nodes and is being treated with chemotherapy and radiation. Pray for Marty's healing and for peace.
- Shelby Scattergood's** medical team believes she has developed non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) as a direct result of her arthritis medication. She must halt all treatment and pain management until further notice. Pray for healing, minimal pain, and that a new treatment option can be found soon.
- Calvin Miller**, a member of Parkview Mennonite in Harrisonburg, suffered a severe brain injury and is currently receiving care at Sheltering Arms in Midlothian. His wife, Jean, is being housed by Bob and Rosalie Eshleman during this time. Pray for Calvin's recovery, and strength for **Jean**.
- Kevin Smeltzer's father, **Walter**, who recently suffered a heart attack, has recovered sufficiently to be moved out of the nursing care facility. Continue to pray for his recovery.
- Curt Holsopple** will be having knee replacement surgery on Tuesday. Pray for a successful surgery and recovery.
- Bridget Hamm's mother, **Rose Marie**, was recently diagnosed with peritoneal cancer; she will begin chemotherapy treatments later this summer followed by surgery and more chemotherapy. Pray for her comfort and healing.
- Lana Gantt's mother-in-law, **Gladys**, recently suffered the loss of her son, Sim. Pray for comfort for Gladys, for Lana's husband, **Royal**, and the rest of the **Gantt Family**.
- Ellen Basinger's co-worker, **Candice**, is facing difficult family issues involving her ex-husband and children. Pray for strength and guidance.
- John Bowman's brother-in-law, **Jim Miller**, is awaiting surgery for advanced prostate cancer. He must first recover from diverticulitis. Pray for his healing and recover, and for his wife, **Carol**.

PRAISES

- Congratulations to Roberto and Flor Hernandez on the birth of their daughter, Olivia, on May 15th!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS! We are glad you are here today and want to get to know you better! We invite you to place your visitor card (found in the pews) in the offering bag. Join us again for worship and other activities!

UPCOMING SERMONS:

July 7: Craig Wilson preaching
July 14: "The Healing is in Jesus and in You" Mark 5:24-34
July 21: "Healing Hopelessness" Mark 5:21-23, 35-42
July 28: "When Religion Gets Sick" Mark 1:21-27
August 4: "From Paralysis to Forgiveness" Mark 2:1-12 (communion)

QUIET DURING PRELUDE – As you enter the sanctuary each Sunday and take a seat during the prelude music, please refrain from conversations that may distract others who are preparing themselves for worship. Use this as a time to quiet yourself in God's presence.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS FOR MDS PROJECT – If you would like to make a contribution toward building a home for the Walker family make checks out to First Mennonite Church and write 'MDS Walker Home' on the memo line, and place in the offering. **Donations needed by TODAY.**

OUT OF THE OFFICE – Pastor Ryan will be attending the MC USA Convention in Kansas City next week as our congregation's delegate. Tuesday through Saturday, if you have a pastoral need, contact one of the elders.

THANK YOU to everyone who has financially supported the youth the past two years. Sam, Nick and Alex Yoder; Ben and Val Reinford; and Joe Sprunger will attend the Mennonite Church USA Youth Convention July 2 - 6 in Kansas City, MO. Pray that this will be a time of spiritual growth for the youth, and pray for health and safety for all.

WEDNESDAY SUPPER – Our "First" Wednesday Supper will actually be July 10th at 6:00 p.m. Sign up in the Commons!

TRAINING FOR WORSHIP AND SONG LEADERS - Have you considered the possibility of being a worship leader or song leader for FMC but wanted some guidance? Or would you like a refresher course on what is expected? Then sign up for a training session after the Wednesday Supper on July 10th at 7pm. You can sign up in the Commons for either the song leader or worship leader training, or both.

VIRGINIA MENNONITE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY - Mark your calendars for Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly, July 18-20, in Harrisonburg. The theme is "Cultivating Good Soil." Worship services will be at Lindale Mennonite Church; delegate sessions will be at Eastern Mennonite School. There will be a Mennonite Disaster Service house-building project onsite (including dedication), and VM Missions will have their Centennial Celebration. More information and registration can be found at www.virginiacommunity.org.

FELLOWSHIP MEAL on July 21. Everybody bring sandwiches. A-J also bring dessert. K-Z also bring side dishes. We will need help setting up and cleaning up. Thanks!

JESUS THE HEALER – During July and the first Sunday of August, Pastor Ryan will preach a sermon series on Jesus's healing ministry. At the conclusion of the sermons on July 14 and July 21, anointing with oil will be offered to those who desire a sign of God's healing presence.

BLOOD DRIVE – FMC will host a blood drive on August 6th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – FMC will host our neighborhood for the National Night Out on August 6th, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hot dogs, desserts, a bounce house, and more!

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP will NOT be meeting in July and August. We will resume our normal schedule in September. Ladies, have a wonderful summer! Any questions, please contact Julie Lehman or Pat Rohrer.

PEACE CAMP - Mark your calendars for Peace Camp, 2019 at FMC: August 12 through 16, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for rising K-5 graders and middle schoolers, grades 6-8. Join us for Peace Camp where children and youth will discover God's way of peace! Children will enjoy learning stories, songs, peacemaking skill, cooperative games, and art as they learn about peace and how to become a peacemaker. Each day will feature a visitor from a different culture. [Register on FMC's website](#). You can access the registration form from the Home page or from the Events page.

PEACE CAMP VOLUNTEERS – We are in great need of additional volunteers for Peace Camp this year. If you can help on any of the days, please see Jean Oswald soon. Thanks!

TRANSPORTATION REQUEST – Dihannah Jordan is looking for someone who can give her a ride to the Pamunkey Library (Mechanicsville branch) on Thursdays and Saturdays. Thank you!

INVITATION TO SUBMIT ARTWORK – Dihannah Jordan has a vision for beginning an organization: Who Is The God of Elijah (WITGOE). She is inviting anyone to submit their artistic vision of 2 Kings 2:11-13 on an 8.5x11 sheet of paper to be used as a possible logo for the organization. Submit artwork to Dihannah's mailbox by August 31.

THANK YOU - Olivia Harrison and her family appreciate all the support from those who bought baked goods and offered her work to help raise money to attend her summer pre-college program, as well as the encouragement expressed. She'll be attending Brown University's Environmental Leadership Lab, which combines concepts in environmental studies, ecology and leadership, with a mission of developing socially responsible leaders. She is still available to do childcare, household and yard tasks, house and pet sitting, as well as commissioned artwork. Contact her at: oliviapageh@gmail.com or 717-592-1995.

NEW HYMNAL FUND - Next year FMC will be purchasing the new Mennonite hymnal. It will include many of the hymns in our current songbooks and hymnals, as well as newly written music. We estimate that the total cost for hymnals and supplementary materials will be around \$3600. The Worship Commission plans to raise funds this year to meet those costs, and so we invite you to make contributions toward our newly created "Hymnal Fund." Make checks out to FMC and designate "Hymnal Fund" on the memo line. An opportunity to purchase memorial hymnals as well as your own personal hymnal will come later. Thank you!

PAID NURSERY WORKER - From the Children/Youth Commission: We are currently seeking applicants for a part-time paid nursery worker for FMC for September - December 2019 on a trial basis. This person would need to be at least 21 years old, available from 9:30am - 12:30pm on Sundays, have at least 2 years of formal or informal child care experience, be able to pass a criminal background check, and be able to affirm and espouse the beliefs of FMC as articulated in our mission statement. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please ask him/her to send a letter of interest via email to Cheryl Boggs, Children/Youth Commission Chair at caweening@gmail.com as soon as possible. Thanks!