

## 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)



“The Meaning of Citizenship”

July 7, 2019

First Mennonite Church  
Richmond, VA

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

# First Mennonite Church of Richmond

## WORSHIP SERVICE

July 7, 2019

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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

Craig Wilson

Music Leader

Christine Suders

### GATHERING

Prelude

Call to Worship

Hebrews 12:26-28

Song: "Rain down" STJ 49

Song: "God of the Bible" STJ 27

Responsive Reading

I am a citizen of a kingdom that can not be shaken,  
a child of a king with no limitations.

Children's Time

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

Song: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

HWB 324

### LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

Scripture

Ephesians 2:11-22

Sermon

"The Meaning of Citizenship"

Craig Wilson

### RESPONDING

Silent Reflection

Song:

"For we are strangers no more"

HWB 322

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

Offering

Offertory

### SENDING

Sending Song

"The peace is the earth be with you"

STJ 77

Benediction

July 7, 2019

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

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

- (1) Jim Lehman will be leading the combined Adult Sunday School class on July 7, 14, and 21 in a discussion of faith and the environment using the "Every Creature Singing" curriculum from the Mennonite Creation Care Network. The class will address these questions: 1. How does our faith heritage speak to issues like climate change and environmental injustice? 2. Where in our circle of influence is creation struggling? What can we do about it? 3. What spiritual practices might help us care for the earth?

The class will meet in the last room on the right at the end of the education hall.

**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](mailto:secretary@firstmennonitechurch.org) by Friday at 9am.

**Our Congregational Ambassadors**

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
<b>Greeter</b>	Wayne Beachy	Rosalie Eshleman
<b>Opening Usher</b>	Sandra Joireman	Stan Nickel
<b>Closing Usher</b>	Bob Bruckhart	Paul Joireman
<b>10:45 Nursery</b>	Julie Lehman	Jim Martin
	John Bowman	Christa Kurbel
	Rachel Beckler	Val Reinford
<b>Junior Worship</b>	-	Dawn Addison
<b>Flowers</b>	Marla Wilson	Pat Rohrer

**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](mailto:secretary@firstmennonitechurch.org), or called into the office. We will rotate or replace prayer requests every few weeks unless you request otherwise.

- **Curt Holsopple** had successful knee replacement surgery this past week. Pray for comfort and a speedy recovery.
- Chia-Wei Wang's father, who was receiving hospice care, passed away on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Remember **Chia-Wei** and her **family** in your prayers as they mourn.
- **Sue Loop**, FMC's previous pastor's wife, suffered the loss of her father on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Pray for her comfort.
- Terrie Martin's co-worker, **Raymond Robb**, died last week. pray for **Terrie**, her **co-workers**, and the **family**.
- Ryan Smeltzer's boss, **Thomas**, broke his arm recently. Pray for his healing.
- **JT Nix** has a painful eye condition that is being treated over the first 10 days in July. Pray that he recovers quickly and is soon more comfortable.
- 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**.
- 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**.

## **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 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.

**WEDNESDAY SUPPER** – Our "First" Wednesday Supper will actually be July 10<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.virginiaconference.org](http://www.virginiaconference.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 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can sign up at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org). Search for First Mennonite Church!

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** – FMC will host our neighborhood for the National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 p.m. We'll have 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 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!

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:caweening@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Thanks!