

Welcome to
Calvary Mennonite Fellowship

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*Annual Church Retreat Weekend
No service at CMF, Mt. Clinton today*

9:30 am in Red Oak Lodge, Highland Retreat Center

Worship Service "A Heart of Gratitude"

Moderator: Josh Helmuth
Singing: Jonathan Mullet
Scripture reading: Logan S., Tristan H.
Children's class: Ferne Showalter
Offering, Sharing Time: Sherman Showalter
Sermon: "A Thankful Spirit" Dallas Wilkins
Singing: Jonathan Mullet

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Greeter Today: Martin Keener & Morgan Siever
Hosts Today: Meal at Church Retreat
Usher in Charge: Russel Shirk

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 9 – 2 – Sewing Circle
Friday, 6:30 pm – Youth Barn Party at Conrad Rohrs. Feel free to invite a friend. Calvary members are welcome!

LOOKING AHEAD

October 27 – Communion service in evening.
October 31, 6:30 pm – Heralds of Hope Fall Banquet at Weavers Menn. Ch. – [RSVP by Oct. 16 to www.heraldssofhope.org/rsvp/](http://www.heraldssofhope.org/rsvp/)
(See poster in hall.)
November 22 – CMF Thanksgiving Banquet

Servants For Next Sunday

Message: Joel Troyer
Cleaning: Cynthia Shirk for CCA
Missionary Supporters: Jason & Amy K.
Hostess: Kate Troyer
Usher in Charge: Jerry Martin
Mowing: Josh Helmuth

Offering last Sunday: \$5,335.00 Regular Offering: \$4,285.00
J&A Fund: \$200 D&S Fund: \$100
Bldg. Fund: \$500 Christmas to India: \$250
Attendance last Sunday: 103

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ **There will be NO SERVICE or livestreaming at Calvary today.** Everyone is welcome to join the service at Red Oak Lodge at 9:30 am.
- ✝ **Board of Missions:** Chr., Skyler Beery; Sec., Jordan Knicely.
- ✝ Children, join the **HOPE Bible Read-A-Thon** in December to provide precious Bibles to believers in other lands! See poster, take brochure from hall wall.
- ✝ The **IGo newsletter** is available under the mailboxes.
- ✝ **Faith Builders WinterTerm** brochure is on the wall.
- ✝ **The Church office** will be **closed Monday** and **open Tuesday** – Friday this week.
- ✝ **2024-25 CMF Budget** was approved in the Oct. 6 business meeting. Based on annual donations of \$200,000, regular offering donations will be distributed as follows: **BMA/EBI, 4%; Building Fund, 16%; General Fund*, 50%; Missions Fund, 30%.** **Pastoral support** will be given in the Fifth Sunday offerings; **Alms Fund** is supported by the special offerings at communion. [*The **General Fund** is used to provide the many ongoing needs of maintaining our facility, utilities, supplies and SS curriculum, insurance, guest speakers, etc.]

Family of the Week– Jonathan and Althea

Dear CMF family,

Life flows on at white water speed, it seems! But we are good. Wendell and Jeanene's visit last week capped a rich two months of many visitors. We *thoroughly* enjoyed every minute of their stay! Now we are settling in to work as fast as necessary to finish the first school semester by Christmas.

It feels like God is still slowly growing the translation team. Hanc, a mature Brother with many years of translation experience in other languages in this country, is zooming in regularly to help with different passages being worked on. We are deeply grateful for all those who are at work, but Jonathan still struggles to not let the whole thing overwhelm him. So much of it still rests on his shoulders more heavily than is comfortable.

I've been trying to cultivate a few relationships to new depths, trying to find ways to personally live with a greater fluidity in my schedule so that I can interact more often with different women. This can be tricky in this culture where male and female populations mix reluctantly! I have to work around my husband, older boys, and their occasional guests as well! Still, it works. I'm thankful.

Rains seem to have begun. It's hard to imagine that they will continue. For so many years now, the fall rains started on schedule...only to shift to endless blue skies for the rest of the winter. We need rain so, so badly. Spiritual and physical.
Althea, for the Bylers

COMMUNITY / SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

The West Rockingham Food Pantry serves the needy in our area with distribution on the third Thursday each month. Your gifts to bless our neighbors may be sent to WRFPP, 4222 Mt. Clinton Pike, Rockingham, VA 22802. On August 22 61 households (5 new) were served over 3,800 lb. non-perishable food plus chicken, turkey, eggs, bread, vouchers for milk and fruit, etc. Jesus: *"I was hungry and you gave me food."* Matt. 25:35

2024- 2025 Sunday School Classes

- Preschool (4-5 y.o.) - Gloria Wenger, Becki Smucker Rm CH-1
- Children's Assembly (Gr 1-9) - Cafeteria
c/o Calvin Lee Shirk and Fonda Showalter
- Primary (Gr 1-3) - Suetta Horst, Cynthia Shirk Room 101
- Junior (Gr 4-6) - Lou Martin, Lane Beery Art/Music Rm 103
- Youth (15+ y.o.) - Skyler Beery, Tom Keener Room 213
- Women Merlynne Keener, coordinator Sewing Room
- Men Joe McGurrin, coordinator Auditorium

Superintendents, Joel Troyer and Jason King

Our Mission Statement

We are a caring community of faith fully dependent on the Holy Spirit—committed to glorifying God, magnifying Christ, loving our neighbor as ourselves, sharing the Good News, and edifying our fellow pilgrims through the exposition of and obedience to God's all-sufficient written Word.

CMF Leadership Team

Sam Troyer, Pastor	John Ivan Byler, Chairman
Larry Wilkins, Deacon	Josh Helmuth, Treasurer
Frank Good, Deacon	Stanley Good, Secretary

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