

Welcome to  
**Calvary Mennonite Fellowship**

January 5, 2025

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**9:00 Prayer Service in Room CH-2 – All are Welcome!**

*“Continue steadfastly in prayer,  
being watchful in it with thanksgiving. Col.4:2*

**9:30 Sunday School (List of classes is on back)**

Pre-school (ages 4-5)	Room CH-1
Children’s Assembly (Gr. 1-9)	Cafeteria
Youth/Adult Sunday school Assembly	Auditorium

**10:25 Opening & Announcements,**

<b>Call to Worship &amp; Offering</b>	Keith Knicely
<b>Congregational Singing</b>	Jeron Mullet
<b>Sharing &amp; Prayer Time</b>	Calvin Lee Shirk
<b>Message</b>	John Ivan Byler
<b>Nehemiah 8</b>	
<b>“Bring the Book!”</b>	

**TODAY’S SERVANTS**

**Greeters Today:** Ella Burkholder  
**Hosts Today:** Tom & Merlynn Keener  
**Usher in Charge:** Jonathon Mullet

**THIS WEEK**

**Tuesday, 6:30 pm – Board of Education**  
**Wednesday, 9-2 – Sewing Circle**  
**Thursday, 6:30 pm – Leadership Team**  
**Friday, 7:00 pm -- Youth evening at Valley Jump Park**

**LOOKING AHEAD**

**January 25, 8:30 am – 4 pm – Leadership Training Seminar, Session 1**  
**January 26 – Leon Martin will teach adult & youth SS Class: “What it Means to be a Christian” Lesson 1 “The Bible and How to Read it.”**  
**February 8, March 22 – Leadership Seminar, Sessions 2 & 3**

**Servants For Next Sunday**

**Message:** Linford Berry      **Hostess:** FELLOWSHIP MEAL  
**Cleaning:** Cynthia Shirk for CCA      **Usher in Charge:** Bruce Martin  
**Missionary Supporters:** Harry Lee & Michelle Showalter

**Offering last Sunday:** \$5,086

**Regular Offering :** \$1,186

**Pastoral Fund:** \$3,900

**Attendance last Sunday:** 78

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**New Addresses:** (Update your directory!)

**Stanley & Thelma Good,** 9393 Polecat Hollow Rd, Harrisonburg, VA 22802

**Joel Troyer,** 567 Pointe Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22801



**Jan. 12, 7:00 pm -- “Anabaptism at 500”** panel discussion at Morning View MC. Panelists are Chris Good, Loren Horst, and Wes Weaver. All are welcome.



**Jan 21, 7:00 pm – “An Evening of Remembrance”** at Park View MC, planned by reps of all Anabaptist groups in the Valley, remembering our baptisms, our hymns, and our history. All are welcome.



**Leadership Seminar on Jan 25 – please sign up in hall** if you plan to attend; youth and adults are encouraged! (See details on back.)

**Missionary Spotlight – Henry & Deb Blank**

DNI president in NYC

We had a special time as a family celebrating Christmas together in Ohio. Deb, Vanessa, and I came back to New York on the 26th a little over a week to connect with our church and friends over the holidays. We are enjoying Ohio, but we do miss our friends and we also miss the beautiful cultural diversity of New York. Vanessa is really enjoying her senior year at Legacy Christian School. Legacy has a really good music program, and she is singing in the high school ensemble. The Legacy Ensemble has done a number of programs throughout the community. One highlight was a Christmas program at Saint Joseph’s Catholic Church in Dover, Ohio where a number of community church choirs participated in an evening of music including a handbell choir and a brass ensemble. The Legacy Ensemble performed one of their pieces with the Moravian Choir from the local Moravian church. Josh is enjoying his work with Life X marketing doing web development. Allison is enjoying her studies at Queen’s College as she works toward a bachelor’s degree in Applied Linguistics (TESOL). Katelyn is enjoying teaching high school at Legacy. Katelyn’s husband Cody is the IT manager at a kitchen component company in Sugar Creek. Deb is continuing her work with mentoring DNI ladies and serving as chairperson on the RESTORE committee. I’ve been enjoying helping Cody and Katelyn part time with their house remodel project. We are just about ready for drywall on the first floor. I am planning to take a mini sabbatical during the months of February and March. We plan to attend the Ignite marriage conference in Idaho during that time. We plan to return to NY the first week of April. Pray that our sabbatical can be a restful and refreshing time for Deb and me. Pray for Vanessa to be able to finish her senior year well. Pray for direction for her as she seeks the Lord’s will for her life post-graduation. Pray for me as I preach and do DNI presentations at a number of churches in Ohio.

Thanks for praying. Henry Blank

### 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 Rm 103
- Youth (15+ y.o.) - Skyler Beery, Tom Keener Room 213
- Women Merlynn Keener, coordinator Sewing Room
- Men Joe McGurrin, coordinator Auditorium

**Superintendents, Joel Troyer and Jason King**



**A Leadership Training Seminar** is planned at Calvary to develop increased awareness of gifts and traits of leaders, appreciation of personality types, personal strengths, congregational life and needs, etc. The sessions will be taught by Leon Martin and Jason Groff on Saturdays with two morning sessions, lunch, and one afternoon session monthly (or every other month). The first session will be **January 25, 2025** at CMF. All, age 16 and over, men as well as women, are welcome and urged to attend. Lunch will be provided.

### 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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