

Welcoming the least of these

Accessibility and our churches

When I visit Bobbi, a woman with cognitive and physical disabilities, she reaches out to hold my hand. She can sit for a long time just being together without words. When I do talk with her, she often speaks of missing her parents or her sister. Through her words and actions I hear her loneliness and desire for belonging. I wonder how the church could provide her with the kind of experiences which would begin to address that loneliness and give her a place where she knows she belongs.

Minnie, another woman Pleasant View serves, recently started going to church again. On her first Sunday back she spoke to me about "her church." I sensed she had identified herself with this church. I was glad for the pastor's immediate move to come and greet her before the service began. The experience of church offers Minnie something that the other activities of her life cannot; it gives her a sense of belonging to a people who are outside of her circle of friends at Pleasant View and Friendship Industries.

How is your church doing in relating to persons with disabilities? For persons with disabilities there are many obstacles to overcome. Has the Church inadvertently erected its own set of barriers, forcing the person with a disability to overcome even more? How can we begin dismantling the barriers we have erected? Often when we think of making churches more accessible we envision architectural changes which will allow access for the person in a wheel chair. We might even think of installing listening devices for the person with a hearing impairment or having large print bulletins for those whose eyesight is worsening.

Important as these changes are, accessibility must also address the attitudes with which we include or exclude persons with disabilities. The apostle Paul tells us that all of us are a vital and needed part of the body. "We cannot do without the parts that seem to be weaker; and those that we think aren't worth very much are the ones which we treat with greater care; while the parts of the body which don't look very nice are treated with special modesty, which the more beautiful parts do not need." (1Cor. 12:22-24a TEV)

This and other New Testament passages invite the church to take notice of persons we might not necessarily be comfortable relating to. Are we treating the weaker and less presentable people with gentleness and tender care? Have we opened ourselves to receive the less obvious gifts of persons on the margins of society?

As a pastor of persons with disabilities, I would like to assist churches in becoming welcoming places where all people will experience the hospitality of God and feel they belong to God's people. In order to assist churches in this important task, Pleasant View is prepared to offer interested persons or congregations a half-day workshop on accessibility. If you are interested in information regarding the workshop or any issues related to accessibility, call Dave Gullman at Pleasant View, Inc. at 540-896-5185 or e-mail dave@pleasantview-inc.com.

• Dave Gullman



Wayne Showalter

Steve Fleming and Garland Stroop sing in the Pleasant View choir. Pleasant View, Inc., serves disabled people in the Harrisonburg, VA, area through their residential and day programs.

**"Has the Church
inadvertently erected
its own set of barriers,
forcing the person with
a disability to overcome
even more?"**

Tempted to turn?

"Listen to me... all... who have been... *carried* from the womb; even to your old age I am he, even when you turn gray *I will carry you*. I have made, and I will bear; *I will carry* and will save... Those who lavish gold from the purse... they hire a goldsmith, who makes it into a god; then they fall down and worship! They lift it to their shoulders, *they carry it*... it cannot move from its place. If one cries out to it, it does not answer or save anyone from trouble... Remember this... I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like me... 'My purpose shall stand, and I will fulfill my intention...'"

—Isaiah 46:3-10 (NRSV, selected portions, emphasis added)

The prophet has a hard time understanding how the beloved people of God could possibly turn away from the One who made and carries them. This is not the only place where trust in other gods is ridiculed by the prophets. The image here is especially graphic. Why turn from a compassionate, sustaining, faithful God to some other that you have to carry—and is actually a burden—in addition to being completely deaf and powerless?

I often wish that I could ferret out the specific situation or person(s) being addressed by some of these classic texts. It would make the application to our own situation somewhat easier.

What might be the message of the prophet to us?

- There is one God. Or, God is One. Nothing compares to God.



Owen Burkholder
Conference Minister

- God is unseen. It is tempting to trust what we can see.
- God creates. God is the source of life itself.
- God sustains. God does not ignore what has been created.
- God invites. It is possible for created ones to choose to place their loyalties elsewhere.
- God's purposes will prevail. This is our Father's world—it does not finally revolve around us.

The prophet may have some questions for us. Has God not carried generations of beloved ones before this one? If we expect God to do our bidding, whom have we made into God? You in the post-Jesus time—has God not demonstrated his empathy with the human condition? Has anything in all these years been able to dethrone God? Suffering? Wealth? Pleasure? Powers? Does not the existence of human choice point toward the existence of God?

Let us turn in repentance, acknowledging that we have confined God to our own thought processes, that we have made God answerable to ourselves, that we grow weary of not seeing, and that we are in need of being carried.

In this new year when we are tempted to turn away, let us resolve to throw off the burden of carrying our "made over" God and accept the offer of the immortal, invisible God to carry us. That, it seems to me, is the desire of the prophet.



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Jim Bishop

EMU holds weekly teach-ins

In response to a proposal from Student Government Association (SGA) representatives, Eastern Mennonite University faculty approved holding a campus-wide "teach-in" in response to the September 11 terrorist attacks. Speakers at each program, representing a variety of viewpoints, sought to help the EMU campus community reflect on possible reasons for the attacks on the United States and to begin formulating helpful responses. Roy Hange (second from r.), pastor of Charlottesville (VA) Mennonite Church, joined fellow panelists Jennifer Kimble, Glen Hastedt, and Bill Frankel-Streit at the fourth and final teach-in on November 9.

EMU students offer Afghans “comfort”



Jim Bishop

A warm, celebrative spirit pervaded Lehman Auditorium at Eastern Mennonite University.

Stacks of homemade comforters and store-bought blankets covered the stage of EMU’s Lehman Auditorium at a chapel service held Wednesday morning, November 21, one day before Thanksgiving. The service culminated a month-long drive on campus to collect blankets and money for Afghanistan relief.

The week of Oct. 30-Nov. 2, volunteers sewed 5-inch patches together in the Campus Center Greeting Hall area. Ten frames were set up in the University Commons for a “blanket blitz” Nov. 2-3. During this time, students, EMU staff, and other volunteers worked together to knot and bind the blankets.

EMU alumni Roger and Rachel Bucher Kauffman of Bellefontaine, OH, donated the material to make the comforter tops. Residents from Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community and local church members were also involved in the project.

“This whole project gives me great joy,” said Jewel Swartz Martin, associate campus pastor. “It’s brought people together who might otherwise not get to know each other—especially across the generations with VMRC people. It’s an opportunity to be Christ’s hands and feet, which is really what EMU is about,” she added.

According to student organizer Hannah B. Clymer of Shirleysburg, PA, both the blanket and contributions goal were exceeded.

“We were hoping to complete 100 homemade comforters and actually finished a total of 159,” Clymer said. “Another 350 store-bought blankets were contributed by people on campus, from local churches, and by the larger community.”

Cash contributions to the blanket drive from the campus and local churches and individuals totaled \$8,860, Clymer told the chapel assembly, noting that each ten dollars will purchase an additional blanket-making a grand total of some 1,360 blankets.

Jane Wenger Clemens, instructor in social work, affirmed the students for their work in planning both a series of teach-ins held in October and early November on campus in response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks as well as the blanket drive.

“These have been tangible ways of following Jesus, the Prince of Peace,” she said.

Following the chapel service, students, faculty and staff carried the blankets—along with the donated funds—to an awaiting truck for delivery to Mennonite Central Committee headquarters in Akron, PA. They will be forwarded to a relief agency in Pakistan for distribution to refugees in Afghanistan and neighboring Pakistan.

“May God receive all the praise and honor for this response,” said Clymer, and the chapel assembly responded by singing the hymn, “To God Be the Glory.”

Student organizer Hannah Clymer gives God all the praise and honor for the overwhelming response to the blanket drive at EMU.



Jim Bishop

Corey Miles (R) of the student life staff and EMU student Ravonn Schrock Kauffman knot a comforter during the “blanket blitz” for Afghanistan held Nov. 2-3 in the University Commons.

• Jim Bishop

Brunk revival reunion celebrated in Harrisonburg



Jim Bishop

Crowds filled the dining hall at Eastern Mennonite University (EMU), almost like those who packed inside the tent at the evangelistic Brunk Tent Revival Crusades decades ago. On November 17, people gathered for a dinner and program to celebrate and commemorate the birth of the 50-year-old revival meetings that resulted in many lives changed through Jesus Christ. George R. Brunk II, founder and evangelist, was honored at this gathering.

“I thought I was having fun and living it up,” recalled Willard Bergey, a former member of the Franconia Cowboys, a rowdy group who caused a lot of trouble at the revivals.

“I went through a glorious conversion,” Bergey said about the time he came forward to accept Christ at one of the revival meetings.

Paul Neuenschwander, a former staff member of the Brunk Revivals, reminisced about the time the staff needed to tie a garden hose to one of their trucks that had broken down, to make the Orrville (OH) Crusade possible. Neuenschwander fondly remembers his son, then two years old, tapping his little hand to the beat of the song, “Rolled Away”, one of several favorite songs sung throughout the evening’s service and at the revivals.

Rhoda Brunk, the current wife of George R. Brunk II, shared about her fond memories of George’s late wife, Margaret Brunk. Mini tractor-trailer truck magnets were handed out to those in attendance in remembrance of the shared experiences Margaret and Rhoda had as their husbands drove the trucks to each revival meeting.

Dr. Myron Augsburgers recalled how he and Lawrence Brunk, then pastor of Concord Mennonite Church, Knoxville, TN, sat up late one night and talked about evangelism and whether Billy Graham’s crusades could happen in the Mennonite Church. One day following the incident, Lawrence stood in his chicken house imagining all those chicken heads as faces of people. Convinced of the idea, he proposed to his brother, George, that if he sold his business, he would establish the program, manage the tent, and lead the singing—if George would do the preaching.

“[Pray] that God will raise up a new group of evangelists and revivalists in the church.”

George R. Brunk II preaches at the Sunday morning worship service as sons Conrad Brunk and George R. Brunk III listen.

“He is a man I esteemed very highly and he has touched my life in remarkable ways,” said Augsburgers of Brunk.

The revivals were very important and changed the Mennonite Church forever, said Augsburgers. In his speech, he declared seven refreshing outcomes of the revivals. The Brunk Revivals sparked a call to community-wide fellowship; integrity in one’s call to lead a Christian life; assurance of salvation to many trapped in legalism; personal filling of the Holy Spirit; consecration of service to Christ; the church to go beyond itself and out into the world; and sharing between Mennonite conferences. Augsburgers challenged younger generations to their own revivals and evangelistic movements. “I join with George and others in praying that God will raise up a new group of evangelists and revivalists in the church. I think that’s one of the things that ought to be high on our prayer lists.”

Among those in attendance at the banquet were family members of George R. Brunk II; former staff persons of the revival; members of Calvary Mennonite Church, where Brunk attends; and a busload of Brunk enthusiasts all the way from Kitchener and Waterloo, Ontario.

The reunion concluded with a Sunday morning worship service with a few surprises of its own. EMU President Joseph Lapp presented Brunk with a plaque commemorating Brunk’s leadership in the revivals. The Brunk Quintet, composed of his sons and daughter, joined the congregation in singing “Happy Birthday” to Brunk, who recently turned 90 years of age. The service included a sermon by “George R.” himself, who referred to these days as being “perilous times” and challenged the audience to “get your roots deep down in salvation” as a response to the Sept. 11 events.

The Brunk Tent Revivals began in 1951 in Lancaster, PA, with the Brunk brothers, George II and Lawrence, as co-founders. In 1954, Lawrence left the ministry and George continued to lead the revivals for the next 27 years, ending with a crusade in Pennsylvania in 1982.

• Julian Weber

Virginia Relief Sale raises record amount

Falling temperatures and windy conditions failed to thwart a festive family atmosphere and spirited bidding at the 35th annual Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale held October 5th and 6th at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds.

A crowd estimated at 11,000 people bid on quilts and other handiwork, snapped up homemade donuts, barbecued chicken and bake goods and bought international handcrafts from Ten Thousand Villages—a Mennonite organization that sells works of third-world artisans.

The combined efforts raised \$216,000, a record amount, for needy people around the world. The funds will be channeled through Mennonite Central Committee, a relief and service agency headquartered in Akron, PA.

The total was “about \$42,000 more than last year’s gross receipts, according to planning committee chair Marvin Nisly of Harrisonburg.

A 96” by 110” off-white “pineapple” quilt made by Charlotte Swope of Linville took the top bid of \$5,700. Saturday’s auction of 97 quilts, comforters and wall hangings raised \$91,785, and art and handcrafted wooden items brought in another \$19,047.

Sales were brisk on traditionally popular food items—including 15,000 homemade donuts, 125 gallons of Brunswick stew, 3,000 barbecued chicken halves and 5,000 quarts of homemade apple butter.

Laotian egg rolls and rice, offered for the first time this year, were sellouts.

A special wall hanging was auctioned for the relief work in New York, and the \$6,300 raised—along with the artwork—will be sent to Mennonite churches in New York City as a symbol of solidarity. Mennonite Disaster Service and a trauma-counseling program working with victims of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center will use the funds.

“I feel quite positive about the entire event,” said Nisly. “We had an excellent turnout, generous bidding and an upbeat mood. “Things moved right along, the auction was finished by about 2:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon, and volunteers moved right in to help with the cleanup.

“I set a personal goal of \$200,000 for the sale and was pleased that we exceeded that figure,” he added.

Last year, 43 relief sales held across the United States and Canada raised over \$4.2 million for Mennonite Central Committee, each with its own local flavor. The Virginia sale, to which more than 1,000 people donate time, began in 1967 on a farm in Augusta County. It expanded to Augusta Expo-land at Fishersville in 1974, then moved to its present location in 1999.



Jim Bishop

Reuben Ziegler, 6, helps bag stoneground corn meal at the 35th annual Virginia Relief Sale.

• Jim Bishop

Taste of Shenandoah



Rachel Smith

Reuben’s Potted Ferns entertains listeners at Taste of Shenandoah. Cobalt Blue and Full Table also performed during the event.

Touted as “a festive gathering of young adults,” the first annual Taste of Shenandoah on November 3 was exactly that. More than 85 young adults from at least 15 Virginia Mennonite Conference congregations gathered at the Showalter Barn near Harrisonburg, VA, for recreation, pork BBQ with a potluck-style meal, and music by three local groups. Throughout the evening, many hands tied knots on a denim comforter, which was completed and hung from the loft before the event ended. Taste of Shenandoah was sponsored by the VMC Young Adult Committee.

Yoder returns to Kosovo to lead English camp

“Their needs are still huge,” Tom Yoder of Harrisonburg stated, while identifying subjects in the photographs being lifted from a shoe box of mission memories. The poignant color prints capture the intensity of the experience he had while leading an English language camp in Decan, Kosovo, from July 2-17. Yoder was accompanied by a team of five men from the Cornerstone Church of Rockingham.

The pictures obviously elicited a rush of tender emotion for suffering people in a battered region of Europe where, for a time, they were made refugees. Their economy, Yoder said sadly, is at zero.

Yoder was a bit nervous to go into this region without Paul Kropf, who is on sabbatical leave from his missionary work. The hospitable Decan villagers, however, accepted and appreciated the team’s contribution. After traveling for three days over treacherous roads, only five days remained for the camp sessions.

“It was a shot in the dark, but we had an open invitation,” said Yoder.

“Preparation was limited. We didn’t know how many would come or their ages.” As it happened, 75-100 students ages 7-17 came.

“It was a challenge to stimulate younger ones and help them to learn without being too simple for the older ones.”

So from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on each successive day, the six team members—English as a second language teacher, real estate broker, computer programmer, machinist, building tradesman, and student—worked exhaustively, incorporating familiar characters such as Goldilocks, The Three Bears, Stone Soup and other childhood

favorites to engage the imagination of their trainees.

During a 60-minute opening of songs and skits the students learned the theme of the day and subsequently, were rotated every hour through three stations that targeted reading and writing, listening and speaking, games and sports. In the afternoons, the volunteers organized the next day’s lessons while,



Courtesy of Tom Yoder

Seventy-five to 100 students attended an English language camp in Decan, Kosovo, led by Tom Yoder (front left, kneeling).

according to Yoder, the campers had time to “goof off.”

Despite his fluency in the Albanian language Yoder used English constantly. Landon, his son, occasionally interpreted. Landon learned to speak Albanian naturally while he was growing up with Albanian children. Landon currently attends Eastern Mennonite High School.

“It was very stretching, tiring and intensive,” said Yoder of the team’s experience.

A visit to a glorious natural area where a river in the mountain cascades into a brilliant waterfall, was restorative. “It was refreshing for body, mind and spirit,” he said.

“We stayed in homes. We wanted to be a blessing to our host family and also be gracious guests.”

Yoder says it was important to give the kids positive memories to counter the instilled belief that hatred of the enemy is a matter of honor. Adults are adamant that to forget the earlier atrocities committed against them would be to dishonor those who have died.

By immersing the youths in English studies, however, a pathway may be opened to know Jesus Christ.

Yoder earlier spent six years in Albania with his wife, Karen, and their three sons—Landon, Jonathan, and Evan.

• Gay Brownlee

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January 2002 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>This month's prayer calendar has been sponsored by Bettie Wilson in memory of her husband, Hal, whose birthday was January 17.</p> <p><i>If you would like to sponsor one or more months of the prayer calendar, contact David D. Yoder at 540-434-9727 or 1-800-707-5535.</i></p>	<p>6 Thank God for the epiphanies He has brought into our lives. May He continue to surprise us with His gifts, His love, and His presence.</p>	<p>7 Rawl and Linda Gunpath, of the Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago, are beginning studies in the area of counseling. Pray that they will focus well and apply what they learn to their pastoral ministry.</p>	<p>8 Pray for families in the Sicilian churches who participated in the course on "The Christian Family" taught by Floyd & Janet Blosser. Pray that their relationships would grow strong and healthy as they apply what they learned.</p>	<p>9 Pray that we Anabaptist Christians will bring "peace on earth" to our communities. Ask God to show us how to speak to our government on this issue.</p>	<p>10 The VMC Faith & Life Commission meets today and tomorrow. Pray that your overseer or bishop would have the wisdom he or she needs for relating to your church and the other congregations in your district.</p>	<p>11 Pray for the Conference Council of Virginia Mennonite Conference as they meet this evening and tomorrow morning. Pray for discernment as they discuss the upcoming delegate decision about membership in Mennonite Church USA.</p>
<p>13 Intercede on behalf of Albanian believers scattered in Italy and other countries. Pray for work and education, and that they would seek out and become active in local church fellowships.</p>	<p>14 Pray for the members of the VMBM board as they review policy statements regarding applicants whose backgrounds require special evaluation before appointments are made.</p>	<p>15 Pray for the pastors and lay leaders who are attending the Eastern Mennonite Seminary School for Leadership Training this week. The week will include worship sessions and special classes on pastoral care topics.</p>	<p>16 Pray for the six Trinidadian women who completed ten weeks of leadership training led by Margaret Keeler. Pray that God would use these women to teach others and to lead them into a relationship with Him.</p>	<p>17 Perhaps today God will place an unsaved person in your life. Ask Him to sharpen your awareness of opportunities to be His presence to those who don't know Jesus as Savior.</p>	<p>18 Thank God for the apartment Jason & Donna Martin found in Bari, Italy. Pray for the Martin family as they adjust to their new home and make new friends in this area of Bari.</p>	<p>19 Pray for the many persons who are attending the VMC Youth Sponsors' Retreat in Williamsburg this weekend. Pray that speaker Mark DeVries will address the needs and questions of these sponsors.</p>
<p>20 Today is the official opening of Calvary Community Church in Chesapeake, a new church plant in the former Deep Creek Mennonite Church facility. Flinn Ranchod from Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, is the lead pastor.</p>	<p>21 Richard & Margaret Keeler have begun meeting with a young woman who is the only Christian in her family. Pray that her Hindu brother will continue to be open to Christians meeting in his home, and that he will come to know Christ too.</p>	<p>22 Pray for the children of our conference – that they will grow strong in the Lord and relate well to their peers and parents.</p>	<p>23 VMBM USA Regional Director, as he meets with the reference committee of Restorative Justice Initiatives today. RJJ seeks to offer healing alternatives to persons affected by crime.</p>	<p>24 Shannon & Nicole Yoder assist with classes at the Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. Thank God for their willingness to be involved.</p>	<p>25 Pray for many persons attending the Council of International Ministries meeting in Chicago. Leaders from Mennonite mission agencies are gathering together to report and consult.</p>	<p>26 Today is the VMC delegate session at Springdale Mennonite Church. Pray for wisdom as the delegates vote on the proposal to join Mennonite Church USA.</p>
<p>27 Pray for Dan & Mary Hess and family as they adjust to living in Tirane, Albania. After spending three months in the village of Lushnje, they are studying the Albanian language until they move back to the village in May.</p>	<p>28 Pray for Willard & Eva Eberly, VMBM Mediterranean regional directors, as they establish permanent residency in Italy. In addition to overseeing and mentoring the missionaries, they are developing courses and materials for the leadership training school.</p>	<p>29 Pray that Omar & Dolores Beiler in Jamaica will have the physical strength and health they need to care for so many ill people. May they be God's hands of healing touch.</p>	<p>30 Pray for the Virginia Mennonite Conference congregations in Potomac District who are partnering with other "City on a Hill" congregations in the Washington-Baltimore area.</p>	<p>31 Pray for Lonnie & Teresa Yoder in Jamaica as they give presentations on various topics related to church life. May these experiences be mutually beneficial.</p>	<p>Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.</p> <p>Revelation 21:1 (NIV)</p>	

Announcements

"Peace and the Military," a workshop for pastors and youth sponsors, will be held February 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA. Titus Peachey and Conrad Moore of the MCC Peace office will speak on issues surrounding youth, non-resistance, and the military. Parents and youth are also strongly encouraged to attend. To make your reservation, contact Kimberlee Greenawalt at 540-434-9727 or gkimberlee@aol.com by February 1. Sponsored by the VMC Youth Office and the Peace Committee of the Nurture Commission.

Attention, ladies! **Matilda Kipfer** will speak at Windhaven Church, Mt. Jackson, VA, on March 16, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. More details to follow.

World Day of Prayer is March 1. This year's theme is "Challenged to Reconcile." The material in the World Day of Prayer packet is written by the women of Romania. To order the packet, call Church Women United Distribution Center, 1-800-298-5551 ext. 2347. Ask for item #1801, price \$2.75 + S&H.

The **Mission Fellowship Tour** to Italy, Switzerland, and eastern Germany, originally scheduled for March 28 to April 11, has been rescheduled for October 2002. Co-sponsored by Eastern Mennonite Missions and VMBM, the tour is intended to introduce North Americans to missions and national churches on the

continent of Europe. For more information, contact VMBM at 540-434-9727 or 1-800-707-5535.

The **Faith, Hope, and Love Network** is sponsoring a weekend retreat on February 9-10 in Hagerstown, MD. The network is a support group for Mennonite parents who love their homosexual child, but cannot affirm the homosexual lifestyle. To register or for more information, contact the Faith, Hope, and Love Network, P.O. Box 15, Worthington, OH 43085, phone 614-841-9768, e-mail bensprunger@compuserve.com.

a call to prayer

for the VMC delegate decision

The Faith & Life Commission of Virginia Mennonite Conference took action in its September 15th meeting to "call all congregations, small groups, prayer chains, and members to a month of prayer during January 2002. We invite everyone to pray for wisdom, direction from God, and unity about the delegate decision concerning membership with the new Mennonite Church USA."



Janice Moomaw Jenner has been appointed director of the Institute for Justice and Peacebuilding, the applied practice and research component of the Conflict Transformation Program at Eastern Mennonite University. Jenner is a member of Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, VA.

Congregational Resource Center

If you haven't visited the Congregational Resource Center recently, you are missing some wonderful resources for all areas of ministry. There are lots of options for small group and Sunday School studies—and of course something for children and youth. Among them you will find:

- Peace—Just Live It (youth curriculum)
- When Life Hurts (God's grace while dealing with tragic death)
- Praying Our Good-byes
- Better Safe Than Sued (Safety in youth ministry)
- Unplugged: Young Adults, Faith, and the Uncommon Life
- Kid's Travel Guide: 10 Commandments
- First Fruits Living video set
- Videos That Teach
- Becoming a Contagious Christian video/book kit

It's not too early to be planning for Lent & Easter. Check out:

- Resurrection Eggs
- Celebrating Holy Week
- Celebrating a Seder meal (use an actual menorah and shofar from Jerusalem)
- Handbook of Bible Festivals
- Ideas from the periodical "Church Worship"

The resource center is located at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, VA. Kathy Weaver Wenger or Claire Osinkosky are available to consult with you on Monday through Thursday, and a key is available for evening use.

Questions? Need more information? Call 540-432-4219 or e-mail wengerkw@emu.edu.

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