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Menno Chameleon

This summer Susannah Gerber Lepley and Alicia Horst will implement the first series of Menno Chameleon retreats, a program to assist third culture kids (TCKs) in adapting to different cultures. TCK serves as an umbrella term to refer to children who grew up in a culture different from their parents' culture, usually in another country.

"We chose a chameleon because it's green, a mixed color," explained Lepley. "Third culture children aren't blue from one culture and they're also not yellow from another culture. They're green—a mix from both cultures—and once green is formed, it's difficult to separate."

Menno Chameleon originated in the minds of Lepley and Horst when they realized that mission boards are not well-equipped to assist children and teenagers upon their return from long-term mission assignments. Lepley and Horst created Menno Chameleon to provide a safe place where TCKs can share their frustrations of adjusting to American culture and meet people with similar experiences. The program also aims to acknowledge the advantages and rich experiences of being raised in a different culture.

"We're trying to bring consistency and our expertise in helping TCKs," said Lepley, who was born in and lived in Brazil for 8 years while her parents served with Mennonite Board of Missions. "We experienced it and we know the mission boards don't have many tools."

Lepley and Horst have divided Menno Chameleon's services into three specific focuses—orientation, overseas, and re-entry. The orientation retreat will discuss potential areas of tension before leaving for overseas. During the time away from North America, Menno Chameleon hopes to maintain contact with missionary kids (MKs) on a regular basis. The re-entry segment, often the most difficult for young people on long-term assignments, will focus on helping children and teenagers readapt to their "home" culture.



Gloria Lehman

The program also aims to acknowledge the advantages and rich experiences of being raised in a different culture. According to Horst, TCKs often "miss out" on the things that make America's culture important to their age group. "People don't know you grew up overseas because you're great at being a fake," commented Horst, who served with her family in Italy for 13 years under VMBM. "You can talk about Sesame Street or Mister Rogers' [Neighborhood] even if you didn't watch it. Through Menno Chameleon we want to bring out the strengths of growing up overseas."

According to Lepley and Horst, Menno Chameleon has been presented to several mission boards, all of which were extremely supportive of the program. "Our dream is that Menno Chameleon would be established under one mission board and other boards would employ our services," said Lepley. "Actually, missionary kids would make the best missionaries, so it behooves the boards to support Menno Chameleon."

Menno Chameleon retreats will be held in Pennsylvania and Kansas this summer.

• Lynley Culbertson

Susannah Gerber Lepley hosted a group of Third Culture Kids to share insight, fun, and discussion.

The scriptures, the resurrection, the church

After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken. John 2:22 (NRSV)



Owen Burkholder
Conference Minister

Jesus had a tough job! He had to convince Scripture-believing followers that his life and message was in harmony with the direction set by the God of Hebrew history. How shocking it was to hear talk that seemed to minimize the sacred temple! It was only after the vindication of the resurrection that the disciples were able to put the actions and teachings of Jesus into perspective.

Note the power of the text above—the disciples put the “Jesus event” on an equal footing with their beloved Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament).

Some 2000 years later, we live with the expanded Scriptures (both Old and New Covenants). Indeed, we now interpret the Old Covenant through Jesus. We accept the principle that Jesus was the fulfillment of the Law.

The task for us now is to interpret the Scriptures that we have been given in a way that honors the life, ministry, teaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus. This would, of course, be completely impossible if we did not have the Holy Spirit to guide us.

I am grateful for a church that gives serious attention to the Scriptures. Our discernment together on the things that perplex us must constantly be guided by the question, “How does this or that reflect the Jesus of the Scriptures?”

I encourage us as individuals, families, and congregations to stay immersed in the Scriptures. Yes, there will be questions that arise because we are removed from the events that are described by such a period of time. We then bring our questions to each other—small groups, Sunday school classes, congregational gatherings, and consultations between congregations—as we try to stay faithful to the Christ of the Scriptures.



Beef canning 2002



Rachel Smith

Volunteers from Virginia Mennonite Conference and other Mennonite groups in the Shenandoah Valley gathered at the Mennonite Relief Center in Hinton, Va., on March 4-8 for the annual beef canning. This year 24,815 cans of beef from 135 cows were sent to MCC to be shipped to Korea. An additional 12 cows were slaughtered and processed for Faith Mission Home in Aroda, Va.

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Student work team serves in Durham

Over spring break, EMU's Young People's Christian Association (YPCA) sent work teams to various places for service in the states. One of those trips was to Durham, N.C., where students were connected with Durham Mennonite Church for work at the church and service in the community.

The church was so warm and inviting. Members opened their homes for showers, offered a car for the group to drive, served meals, brought homemade bread, mats to sleep on, ideas for fun activities, and really opened their church and their hearts to the group, making us feel a welcomed part of the church family.

At the church, the team helped to lead worship music on Sunday, made benches for a walking trail, mulched the trail, and filled in a water hole with rocks. Venturing into the community, we helped prepare food and served at a soup kitchen and clothes closet.

Mid-week, the team traveled to Princeville, N.C., where we worked with Mennonite Disaster Service, shoveling rocks and pulling up tree roots.



Paul Goodshall



Far left: Julian Weber and Anna Dintaman construct benches for a trail behind Durham Mennonite Church.

Left: Jennifer Gutshall helps clean up the church property.

When we returned to Durham, we helped with a yard sale and yard work. Some of the people who came to the kitchen and clothes closet had almost nothing, but they were so appreciative of the simplest outfit, without concern for style or flair. While many Americans are concerned with style and taste, they were primarily concerned with having basic needs met. But whatever the circumstances, whether well-fed or hungry, whether in plenty or in want, God calls us to come to Him as little children. He wants us to serve Him with gladness, in the small and menial tasks of life. May we always serve the Lord with deep delight so that we will experience the true meaning of life.

• Leigh Thomas, EMU student

Young adults: at home on the journey

"We are not lost, though wand'ring, for by your light we come... The journey is our home." (from "Lead on, O cloud of Presence," *Hymnal: a Worship Book* #419)

Thirty-five young adults from across Virginia Conference gathered at Highland Retreat on April 5-6 for a retreat on the theme "At Home on the Journey." In the opening worship service on Friday evening, the participants symbolically joined the Israelites on their journey by placing their shoes on a path.

During the 24-hour retreat, Ervin Stutzman, dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary and speaker for the weekend, engaged the group in thinking about three questions: Where have I come from? Where am I now? Where am I going? Stutzman spoke candidly about his own journey of answering the call of the church to do what was already his passion.

On Saturday morning several young adults shared stories and reflections on their own journeys. After waiting for the dusting of snow to melt, the group was led in a prayer walk, followed by a

time of sharing in small groups. The afternoon provided time to relax, build friendships, and receive additional input and encouragement from Stutzman. Before scattering to continue on their journeys, each individual participated in a closing ceremony of blessing.

The young adults at the retreat were excited about making this an annual event. "I was pleased and blessed beyond my expectations," said one participant. "The high degree of connection with where I am surprised me."

• Rachel Smith



Top: Shawn Gerber shares part of his own journey. **Center:** Young adults from across Virginia Conference enjoyed worship, spiritual input, and building new friendships. **Bottom:** Retreat participants symbolically joined the Israelites on their journey. (Photos by Rachel Smith)



Children of the King see the Queen



Gloria Lehman

Lonnie Yoder and Chrysantha Smith share a common bond in Christ.

When our family went to the airport to pick up Shannon's friend Sara, we discovered that the Queen of England was scheduled to arrive for a three-day visit to Jamaica. We excitedly climbed the stairs to the observation deck and watched the British Airways plane land. We saw the Queen deplane onto the tarmac and disappear into the terminal, and then we ran to the exit road which comes out across from the Texaco gas station near the airport. A security guard had alerted us that that would be where the Queen's motorcade would pass.

We arrived just in time to see the Queen pass by. We were on the sidewalk with an unobstructed view within about ten feet of the Queen's limousine as she passed by. It was a moving scene to see the streets lined with Jamaican school children in a broad array of colorful uniforms waving their tiny Jamaican flags. To say the least we were quite excited to have had this experience.

But another experience several hours later was even more moving for me. When we left the airport, we were hungry and stopped at the Burger King on Gloucester Avenue for a quick bite to eat. After we finished lunch, I headed to the restroom before we hit the road. As I was about to enter the men's restroom, I encountered a group of excited young Jamaican school girls in their blue uniforms. One of them said something to me, but I did not understand her. I leaned over and asked her to repeat what she had said. The second time it was clear.

"Hello, Brother Yoder."

I looked at her, smiled, and said, "You must be from a Jamaica Mennonite church."

She replied proudly, "Yes, I am from Salters Hill."

I looked more closely and exclaimed, "You are Donovan and Maxine's daughter!" Chrysantha beamed and responded in the affirmative. She was indeed proud to introduce our family to her school friends and we were even more humbled that she recognized us. She, too, had seen the Queen. We both had just experienced a once-in-a-lifetime event—seeing British royalty. But more importantly, we share a common bond in Christ which will last for more than a lifetime. Praise God for yet another memorable day in Jamaica!

• Lonnie Yoder

Missional church is a vision, not a program

It seems to take a while to begin understanding the missional church. Maybe one reason is that, as action-oriented people, we are drawn to ideas that are practical and do-able. But the missional church is first of all a vision, one that calls us to reevaluate our congregational life in light of missional principles. It is a vision that begins, not with something we must do, but with renewed understandings of God's purpose for the world.

Where do we start in understanding the missional church? The first step is to get in touch with God's heartbeat and passion for the world and to acknowledge that God has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation. The missional church is one that is shaped by Kingdom of God values; it is fervent in its worship and sacrificial in its commitments. Then it is intentional in its outreach, as it acts to discern God's purpose and share God's love.

• Joe Bontrager

VMBM honors Advocates in Mission

In late February and early March, persons committed to the cause of missions gathered in three locations—Waynesboro, Newport News, and Harrisonburg. At each occasion, the participants shared a meal, heard special music, and listened to stories of persons who served in missions. Our hearts were warmed to hear youth from Mt. View Mennonite Church of Lyndhurst, Va., talk about their work experience at Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica; the work team from Huntington Mennonite Church describe their experience at Palm Ridge Retreat Center in Jamaica; Flinn Ranchod, church planter in Chesapeake, share his vision; Floyd and Janet Blosser express the joy of returning to Italy to teach a seminar on family life; and others.

A video of the students at Maranatha School for the Deaf was shown at the end of each occasion. Copies of this video are available free of charge to interested persons. Contact Gloria Lehman at 540-434-9727 or lehman@vmbm.org if you want to receive a video.

Thank you to all who came to the Advocates meetings. Your presence and contributions encourage all of us who work with Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions to continue spreading God's Word across the street and around the world.

• Gloria Lehman

No longer missionaries

In 1983, Dorothy and I went to Trinidad as missionaries sent by VMBM. We followed at least six other missionary couples (three with families) in a chronological sequence of twelve years. We understood our responsibility was to help birth and grow a Mennonite Church on the island. Now, nineteen years later, we returned to help that emerging church walk with stronger steps of maturity.

In January 2002, we returned for two months and were called mentors, not missionaries. We received instructions from the local church, not from a mission agency. Our schedule was established by the Trinidadians and not from our American priorities. We were servants and had the good feeling of being in the midst of brothers and sisters in a common family of faith.

Each of the three Mennonite congregations in Trinidad has a national pastor with local elders. The pastors have all come into the church membership within the last thirteen years as first-generation believers from Hindu homes. They are committed believers that feel called by God and have given themselves to formal training and preparation for pastoral leadership.

Ganesh and Risha Kalloo were the pastoral couple that Dorothy and I were asked to give our focused time for mentoring. They have been married for three years and Ganesh is in his sixth year of pastoral experience. Ganesh is self-employed with a lawn care business and Risha is working on her master's degree in dietetics.

In January 2001, Ganesh was asked to serve as the church-planting pastor for the Mennonite Church of Chaguanas (MCCh), a new congregation that emerged in the New Settlement area at Chaguanas. One of the older members offered the gallery area of his home as the meeting place for church services. The Sunday morning worship group of thirty-five to forty persons is comfortable with this as a temporary meeting place.

Weekly cell group meetings are held at the home of one of the elders. The venues for the youth meetings and kid's clubs are the homes of members. The group is praying for a location that can be purchased for the erection of an adequate church building.

Ganesh and Risha are delightful people to mentor. They are committed to Christ and the church. They are young and want growth to happen in their lives to better serve the Lord. Richard Keeler serves as



Dorothy Blosser enjoyed visiting with Trinidadian friends earlier this year.

Overseer for Ganesh and the congregation. That relationship is very meaningful in giving Ganesh spiritual and ministerial support.

Both the Hindu and Muslim religions are very strong in the area. New believers need a high level of spiritual and moral support. Influences of the other religions are best guarded against when the church has a strong Bible teaching program. There are weekly Theological Education by Extension (TEE) and Friendship Bible Coffee classes taught in the New Settlement area with both classes taught by members of MCCh.

So what is left for mentors to do? We met weekly with the pastoral couple for conversation and evaluation of the life and program of the church. I had regular feedback time with Ganesh and the two elders about the Sunday morning sermons with one of those sermons being mine. A Valentine party and a birthday event gave us time to learn to know each other better.

Oh yes, eating local dishes prepared by the Trinidadians was a learning experience. The "oil down" entrée was tasty. Before we finished eating, we found out it had twenty different ingredients, with the meat source being pig tail!

Mentoring is different than being a missionary. We have enjoyed both. Our hearts were touched with the love and warmth of our brothers and sisters. As persons that are learning how to make transitions with our age, we felt we answered God's call to not be missionaries!

An experienced pastor is needed to mentor a young pastor in the Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago beginning September 2002 or January 2003. This is a three-year assignment. For more information, contact Beth Brunk at brunkbh@vmbm.org or 540-434-9727.

• Glendon Blosser

Remembering and telling your story

Who doesn't like to listen to a good story? If you have children or grandchildren, you have probably been asked to tell stories about what it was like when you grew up back "in the olden days." In addition to shaping our lives, our life experiences can also help shape others. The importance of telling our stories is confirmed in Psalm 78. "I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—stories we have heard and know, stories our ancestors handed down to us. We will not hide these truths from our children, but will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord."

"Remembering and Telling Your Story" was the theme of the third Conversations meeting held in October. The group participated in a teleconference by Dr. Richard L. Morgan. Some of the issues he raised were: Stories will get lost if we don't tell them; What is the meaning of my life? Have I mattered? What legacy will I leave?

Preserving a spiritual autobiography is not just

reminiscing, but means that we look at our lives by asking the question(s): Where has God been at work in my life? How has God been present in my life? How can I hear God in someone else's story? "Nothing is more sacred than your story and my story," said Dr. Morgan. "Don't wait! It is urgent that we tell our stories now. When attempting to write or tell about one's life, focus on a meaningful time (not one's entire life), write freely, and tell the truth."

Among the ways of communicating our stories are the following: formal and informal times of storytelling, autobiographical writing, accumulated letters between and among family members, letters at Christmas time covering the year's activities, diaries, prayer journals, videos, circle letters, baby books, timelines of family events, interviews, photographs, and scrapbooks. Telling our stories is a more temporary mode of communication—they tend to be fleeting and soon forgotten. Writing or recording the story makes the story more permanent.

The important thing to remember is that you do have a story and it should be told! And it should be done while you are still physically and mentally able to do so.

• Dick Good

**"Life must be lived forward,
but can only be
understood backwards."**

—Søren Kierkegaard

Congregational Resource Center

Mother's Day and Father's Day are approaching. Here are some resources you might want to check out while you are thinking about the church's mission to minister to the family:

A New Day for Family Ministry by Richard Olson & Joe Leonard, Jr. (BK FZZ 008)

Family—The Forming Center: A Vision of the Role of Family in Spiritual Formation by Marjorie J. Thompson (BK FPZ 021)

The Shelter of Each Other: Rebuilding Our Families by Mary Pipher, Ph.D. (the author of *Reviving Ophelia*) (BK FZZ 011)

The Strong Family: Bible Study Guide by Charles R. Swindoll (BK FZZ 005)

Meditations for Weary Parents by Sandra Drescher-Lehman (BK FPZ 014)

God's Gift for Mothers—Scripture passages about mothers of the Bible, mothers' prayers in the Bible, and more (BK FPZ 022)

Meditations for Single Moms by Susanne Coalson Donoghue (BK FPZ 015)

Family Fun Magazine

In May, we also celebrate Pentecost, the birthday of the church. Use your creativity to make this a special celebration of the coming of God's Spirit. Here is some help that is available:

Fifty Ways for the Fifty Days: Creative Education Ideas for Easter through Pentecost by Phyllis Vos Wezeman and Jude Dennis Fournier (BK SPZ 004)

Come, Holy Spirit (BK SPZ 002)

The Flame & The Wind & The Walk: A Trilogy for Pentecost by Marion Fairman (BK SPZ 001)

Creative Ideas for Pentecost edited by Linda S. Davidson, which contains worship and drama ideas for Pentecost, along with activities (BK SPZ 003)

The Resource Center is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a key available at the EMU Information Office for use after 5:00 p.m.

Visit our website at www.emu.edu/mcrc to browse our catalog. Contact us at 540-432-4219 or wengerkw@emu.edu.

May 2002 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>5 Pray for God's wisdom and direction for those who graduated from Eastern Mennonite University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary last weekend. May God bless and guide them on the next phase of their journey.</p>	<p>6 Pray for the five new believers baptized at the Retrieve Mennonite Church, Jamaica, on Good Friday. May they grow into spiritual maturity as they walk daily with Christ.</p>	<p>7 Pray for Willard and Eva Eberly as they minister among the churches in the Palermo, Italy, area. During this week Willard will be serving as instructor in the discipleship school using <i>Experiencing God</i> by Henry Blackaby as the text.</p>	<p>8 Kathy Moyer gives a "cup of cold water" to neighbors who walk across the Maranatha campus in Jamaica. She is known for her kindness and friendly smile. Pray that God will give her strength for each day.</p>	<p>9 Five EMU students are spending three weeks at Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica for their cross-cultural experience. Pray that they would have patience and flexibility and show Christ's love to all they meet.</p>	<p>10 Pray for the 4th annual Hymn Sing for Peace being held in Washington, D.C., tomorrow. As melodies rise heavenward, may harmony spread around.</p>	<p>11 Tomorrow is the dedication of the Chesapeake church plant that is sponsored by Calvary Community Church. Flinn Ranchod from South Africa pastors this church, which is in the building of the former Deep Creek Menn. Church.</p>
<p>12 Today we honor mothers with our love and respect. Thank God for designing families in which we can grow.</p>	<p>13 Pray for the pastors and worship leaders as they prepare for next Sunday's service. May God bless them with creativity and inspiration as they plan to lead the congregation in a meaningful worship service.</p>	<p>14 Scott Allen Hansen will be holding a special seminar at the church in Toritto, Italy, during this week. Pray for renewal and new depth of spiritual freedom in the lives of the believers who will attend this seminar.</p>	<p>15 Pray for the 2020 Vision Focus Group meeting tomorrow in Chesapeake. They plan to plant up to 20 new churches by the year 2020 in the Norfolk and Warwick Districts.</p>	<p>16 Pray for VMBM board members in session this weekend as they consider policies, direction, and partnerships for effective ministries.</p>	<p>17 A concert of contemporary Christian music will be held tomorrow night in Toritto, Italy. Pray that many new people will attend this evangelistic thrust and receive the Gospel through song and testimony.</p>	<p>18 Pray for the "third-agers" who are participating in the "Conversation on Life After 60" today. They will discuss models of caregiving, and will explore the congregation's ministry to both the caregiver and the recipient of care.</p>
<p>19 Pray for Pastor Willard and Lois Metzger and children as they travel to Bari, Italy, today to visit Jason and Donna Martin. Community Mennonite in Drayton, Ontario, is the Martins' home congregation.</p>	<p>20 Irene, an older woman in the Beiler's clinic practice in Jamaica, has cancer and is suffering with a lot of pain. Pray that her spirit will be receptive as the Beilers share Christ's love with her.</p>	<p>21 Minister Owen Burkholder as he works with oversight leadership needs of the districts and special ministries. Pray that God will continue to raise up persons who are able to provide this valued service.</p>	<p>22 At the Bethel Mennonite Church in Mandeville, Jamaica, pastor Chris Lynch guides the congregation. He "thirsts" for more education on Anabaptist beliefs. Pray for him as he seeks this.</p>	<p>23 Pray for David & Donna Robinson as they leave tomorrow to serve as Partners in Mission at Pearl River, MS. They will be helping with Bible School. David will also be doing some preaching.</p>	<p>24 At Palm Ridge, Jamaica, Andrew, Danielle, and Leesha Stoner have named the two doctor birds that come to the feeders. Thank God for His marvelous creations and that the children can add this to their educational experience.</p>	<p>25 Wendy, a member of a women's Bible study in Trinidad, accepted Christ during a recent meeting. She is confused with many false teachings, so pray that she will grow in her knowledge of the Bible and her love for the Lord.</p>
<p>26 Praise God that the community center in Esperanza, Trinidad, is available for Sunday School and worship on Sunday afternoons. This village of 3000 has no Christian church, so the field is "ready for harvest."</p>	<p>27 What emergencies will Omar & Dolores Beiler face this week? Ask for God's special anointing of strength for them today and every day as they minister health care in rural Jamaica.</p>	<p>28 VMBM meets with pastors to learn about their mission vision. Pray for Trissels Mennonite Church as they consult and plan with VMBM.</p>	<p>29 Lonnie & Teresa Yoder have a wide variety of experiences in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica. Pray that God will bless them for their involvement with various people, and that He will guide them as they look toward the future.</p>	<p>30 Pray for Owen Burkholder, Ken Weaver, Kimberlee Greenawalt, Rachel Smith, Jill Landis, and Gloria Lehman as they plan for the Virginia Menn. Conference Assembly and Missions Festival to be held in July.</p>	<p>31 Fellowship of Christ in Rocky Mount, NC, is following up on contacts developed through the work of Menn. Disaster Service in Princeville, NC. They expect to begin with a youth ministry and eventually plant a church in Princeville.</p>	<p>Flowers appear on the earth, the season of singing has come... Song of Solomon 2:12a (NIV)</p>

This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by Louise Blosser in memory of Michael Blosser, whose birthday was in May.

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.

Announcements

The fourth annual **Hymn Sing for Peace**, sponsored by First Mennonite Church of Richmond, Va., will be held on the steps of the Reflecting Pool in front of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Saturday, May 11 from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, contact Les Horning at 804-359-1308 or leshorning@aol.com.

The fourth **Conversation on Life After 60**, "Anabaptists and Caregiving," will be held on May 18, 9 a.m. to 12:10 p.m., at Shady Oaks at Weavers Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. Lunch will follow. To register, send a check for \$8 to Conversations, c/o Esta Yoder, 403 Crescent Dr., Winchester, VA 22601. For more information, contact Milo Stahl at 540-434-6992.

Mennonite Conciliation Services and Eastern College are sponsoring a summer Mediation and Facilitation Training Institute, July 8-12, 2002, at Eastern College campus in St. Davids, PA. The cost is \$450 (\$500 for registrations received after June 7); some scholarship assistance is available. For more information, contact MCS at 717-859-3889 or mcs@mccus.org or visit www.mcc.org/us/peaceandjustice/mcs.html.

Do you love books and want to be involved in international missions? A director for the **Books Abroad and At Home** program is needed by June 15. This is a part-time volunteer position. The "book barn" is located beside the Virginia Mennonite Conference Center in Harrisonburg. If interested, contact Glendon Blosser at 540-434-0657 or e-mail gblosser@aol.com.

Warwick River Christian School, Newport News, Va., will celebrate its 60th anniversary on September 20-22. The keynote speaker will be the school's 90-year-old founder, George R. Brunk II, and/or his son, George R. Brunk III, depending on health considerations. The weekend program will feature former students and teachers, with a Friday open house to visit recently-expanded classrooms. There will be fellowship settings for visiting with age-mates who were enrolled during shared decades.

Located in the Denbigh area of former Warwick County, now Newport News, Warwick River Christian School began on September 21, 1942, in the basement of the old church building, with 21 students in grades 1-3. Current enrollment is just under 300, including preschoolers through grade 7. Middle school grades are being added, and the program will be complete with the addition of grade 8 next fall.

the basement

a coffeehouse for young adults

May 18 • 8-11 pm

Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg
Fireplace room (Park Rd. entrance)

open mic
bring games and friends
food and drink available for a small fee

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