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Park View helps growing Chinese congregation move

Thanks to a \$6,000 “capital tithe” of the Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Va., a fledgling congregation deep in the rugged mountains on the eastern edge of the Sichuan Basin, China, can move out of a rented garage and worship in a new church.

Ervie Glick, a retired linguistics professor from Eastern Mennonite University, has just returned from a fraternal visit to the 300-member Anren congregation, who just 20 years ago never heard the name Jesus Christ and had no way of translating the Bible into their local Chinese dialect.

In a weekday gathering in Anren recently of some 80 members, Glick and Jeanette Regier Hanson, a China Educational Exchange worker based in nearby Nanchong, read a letter written by Phil Kniss and presented the money for their new church.

“I unfurled the banner that Doris Bomberger had made and explained its symbolism,” reported Glick. In Chinese characters it read ‘Together in Christ.’ I then presented the money, which Jeanette had wrapped in red paper, as is customary in China for such events, and read the letter from Park View which Wu Wei had translated into Chinese.”

After an impromptu sermon by Jeanette, he says, they sang several hymns, including “In Christ there is no East or West.” After closing, each one came by and clasped our hands, exclaiming how God had touched their individual lives and thanking us, he said.

“I know no Chinese (nor their local dialect), but their tears and enthusiasm spoke volumes to me. I wish all of you could have experienced this day with me,” Glick told his home congregation of Park View.

Glick's dream is to have a delegation from Park View visit Anren again in two or three years, keeping up the contact that has begun with his visit. Now that a bond has been established between the two congregations, Glick hopes this is the beginning of a long-term relationship.



Courtesy Dick Berner

Prior to Glick's presentation, two representatives of the Dazhou region's religious affairs bureau stopped by to check things out. “They wanted to be assured that we were not among those ‘cult’ types that bring trouble to isolated regions,” he said. “I think they went away satisfied.”

The story of the new Christians in this small village is an amazing one according to Glick. These villagers knew nothing of Christianity and the Bible some 20 years ago, but thanks to a migrant worker bringing a Bible back from the Fujian province in the 1980s, some family members became Christians.

They met together and copied portions of their one treasured Bible. Among them was a young woman named Shi Chufen, who after becoming a Christian in 1992, began serving as a leader among the growing group of believers while supporting herself as a tailor.

Because the number of believers grew so large, local government officials were instrumental in connecting them with the church in nearby Dazhou city (a 2 1/2 hour bus ride away). The

Ervie Glick watches as a translated letter written by Park View pastor Phil Kniss is read to the Anren congregation in Sichuan, China by pastor Shi Chufen.

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Virginia Mennonite Conference and Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions will accept donations for tsunami relief efforts in Asia and forward these to Mennonite relief agencies working in that affected region. As of January 6, 2005 we are aware of collections coming through VMC, 8 churches, Park View Federal Credit Union and individuals that have contributed a total of \$54,386.49 to Mennonite Central Committee for their efforts in relief of tsunami victims.

A hockey game in Alberta, 1965

The Hines Creek men's hockey team was in Fairview playing the 'Monarchs.' It was a rough game and the hometown crowd was angry with the officials. Some stuff was being thrown out onto the ice.

One of my high school friends found a plank (a 2x8 or 2x10, eight or ten feet long) on the upper seat of the stands in the arena. He threw it out onto the ice and then promptly raced down to the lowest level so he would not be in the area from which this thing had come! The local policeman came up to where we were standing to make inquiries, and of course, none of us had done it.

The visiting team was furious and actually began to leave the ice. As they were walking below us to the locker rooms, the hometown fans were calling them all kinds (make that unkind!) of names. Eventually, the referees persuaded them to return and the game was completed.

When my brother, Tim, and I got home we were telling Dad and Mom about this incident. There was the discreet inquiry about whether or not we were involved. We responded that it was others. Then, Dad made a comment that I've never forgotten. He told us we should remember to treat everyone in such a way that even after a hockey game we would be able to talk with the visiting players about Jesus.



Owen Burkholder
Conference Minister

Missional Observations:

Dad's memorable comment was a transparent reflection of the deepest intention of his own life and his hope for his family. Live in such a way that you can share the good news of Jesus with everyone with whom you interact. That was reflected in how he treated salesmen, customers, and employees, in his business dealings.

It was this "witness" ethic that was used in helping us children sort out which activities we should be involved with. For example, it was ok for us to be on the minor league hockey teams but it was troubling when games were played on Sunday.

Note: *During my sabbatical month, October 2004, I spent some time gathering materials relating to the "missional lives" of my parents (Paul & Doris Burkholder) and my in-laws (Fred & Carolyn Augsburg). I would like to gather stories about persons in VMC who have lived or are living "missionally." Send such stories to me at 901 Parkwood Dr., Harrisonburg, VA 22802 or owen.burkholder@vmconf.org*

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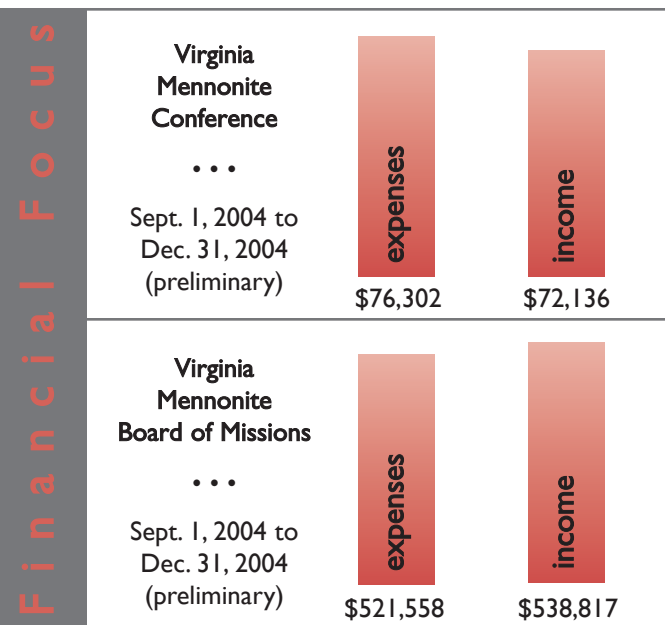
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Growing up as a modern day Anabaptist

Although we aren't running for our lives and being persecuted as our ancestors were, it's still not easy standing up for what we, as Anabaptists and Mennonites, believe in.

The main difficulty probably comes in defending our pacifism. As awesome as my Christian school is, the Mennonites are a small minority, and it sometimes becomes a struggle to defend our beliefs. A few weeks ago we had a debate in my English class that started out on capital punishment but somehow ended up being pacifism vs. violence in general. I wasn't going to get into the debate because I figured somebody else would probably defend my beliefs, so why should I say anything? But as time passed by, the only thing they were saying was in defense of capital punishment and war, and personally, I am against both. After a while, my teacher asked if there was anyone who actually opposed capital punishment, and I quickly raised my hand. He looked amused and said, "Why?"

I started out defining murder as "deliberately taking the life of another person," and I said, "If you give somebody the death penalty, you are deliberately taking their life, so aren't you committing the same crime that you're punishing them for?"

Overall, there were only three of us out of the entire class in favor of pacifism. I was pretty much the spokesperson for our group, and I debated ten or eleven people that day. After class was over, we dragged the debate into lunch, and we even had students from other grades join in. Still, there were only three of us fighting for the Anabaptist beliefs. No one else seemed to understand why we would want to let terrorists and murderers live. I tried using Matthew 5:44 "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." I use this verse as my pacifistic motto.

One guy called conscientious objectors "a bunch of freaks and cowards who were too afraid to

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pastor from Dazhou, Pastor Duan, went to visit Anren and discovered this group of Christians while at the same time the group discovered they were not the only Christians in the world.

Communication was difficult, however, because the believers in Anren speak their own dialect. Pastor Duan encouraged Shi Chufen to pastor the new church full-time.

In obedience to this call, Shi and her Christian husband moved off their farm and into town, where they bought a house and a garage for the husband's business. The new believers began meeting in a rented garage nearby, growing to 300 members and attracting up to 1,000 people for special occasions.

From 1997 to 1999, Shi Chufen studied at Sichuan Theological Seminary in Chengdu, the province capital. It was here she developed an awareness of other Christian groups around the world. One of her instructors at the seminary was Yuan Shiguo, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

Local officials say the rented garage is inadequate and a threat to public safety and are requiring that they have a meeting place to continue worshipping. These officials have helped them by offering a piece of land at a substantial discount.

Because the area is remote and mountainous, the people are very poor and have little cash income from their subsistence farming of raising sweet potatoes, various green vegetables and pumpkins. Church officials in the provincial capital have made this a priority capital project, calling for outside help to build the church.

The brick-and-concrete church will be built with all volunteer labor by the believers and should accommodate about 400 persons when completed.

When spending \$2.2 million on its addition ten years ago, Park View Mennonite resolved to "tithe" this expansion with the funding of a capital project in some developing country where churches are struggling. Anren is the latest project. Other projects were assisting growing Mennonite churches in Thailand, Tanzania, Paraguay, Trinidad and Jamaica, helping two Christian schools in Ethiopia and a seminary in Guatemala.



Courtesy Dick Benner

Members of the Anren congregation in Sichuan, China, sing hymns.



Tom Sawin

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die.” I gave him a quick history lesson on how the first Anabaptists faced torture and gruesome death to stand up for what they believed in, so how could he say they were afraid of dying?

We didn't change anybody's mind during the debate, but I think our point was well-made. While it is definitely hard sometimes, I am proud of my Mennonite heritage, and I think that defending my beliefs strengthens my Christian walk.

• Tara Stoll,
High School Student

Volunteers reassemble the Cove Mennonite Church meetinghouse/Whitmer Schoolhouse on the CrossRoads site in December to represent the one-room school popular in the early 1900s.

Seventh generation home sparks a ministry

When the Rockingham County School Board decided to build the Mountain View Elementary School just west of Weavers Mennonite Church, their action catalyzed a vision— to save a seventh generation home and create a heritage center for preserving and nurturing the faith and life of the Mennonites and Brethren in the Shenandoah Valley.

The historic log house on the site, formerly owned and lived in by the Richard and Wanda Good family, had to be moved. Built in 1829 by Samuel and Elizabeth Rhodes Weaver, the house caught the attention of the Shenandoah Valley Mennonite Historians, who raised a cry to “save the house.”

Their call meshed with a vision at the time to create a heritage center that would preserve and nurture the faith and life of the Brethren and Mennonites in the Valley. The building of another new school determined the final location of this center.

When Harrisonburg city planners negotiated with Daniel Myers for land along Garbers Church Road on which to build a new high school, he offered the red brick house on the site to the newly formed Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center. The Center board bought 10 acres behind the school site and moved the 1854 Burkholder-Myers house up the hill on July 23, 2002. The adjacent three-bedroom Landes house was bought in 2003 and is now being turned into a Welcome Center for visitors, with plans to open to the public this spring.

Now known as CrossRoads, this developing center became an affiliated ministry of Virginia

Mennonite Conference last October as a resource to congregations. The CrossRoads vision seeks “to share and celebrate the story of Jesus Christ as it has been reflected in the lives of the Mennonites and Brethren in the Shenandoah Valley.”

Among the resources available to congregations is a 14-minute video entitled, “A Legacy of Faith and Life.” Other resources include stories and artifacts of Brethren and Mennonite life, music and drama programs to interpret Brethren and Mennonite faith and values, and speakers, displays, videos, books, postcards, and forums to highlight our heritage.

As servants to the Brethren and Mennonite churches in the valley, the CrossRoads board and staff are available to help you tap into the resources being assembled to nurture our faith heritage and to share this heritage with school children, church youth, civic groups and the many visitors who come to the area each year to learn about us.

A new membership plan, begun on Sept. 1, 2004, invites congregations to become a Witness Congregation, committed to praying for the ministry and contributing an offering in support of the mission. Witness congregations have free access to the CrossRoads facilities for programs, picnics, etc. Call 438-1275 to access resources from the center.

• J. Allen Brubaker
CrossRoads Ministries

Worship guide planning group (standing, l. to r.): Kris Shank Zehr, Lucinda Swartzendruber, Kevin Clark, Brian Martin Burkholder. Middle: Edie Bontrager, Marlene Kropf. Front: Gloria Diener, Jill Landis, Shirley Yoder Brubaker. (Photographer not identified)



Group creates worship materials

Three staff persons from Eastern Mennonite University were among eight Harrisonburg area people who worked together to create resource materials for a 2005 Easter to Pentecost worship series.

The materials, titled "Unbound!", with a different subtitle for each Sunday, are intended for use by pastors and other congregational leaders and will soon be available in "Leader" magazine, published by Faith and Life Resources, a division of Mennonite Publishing Network.

At the invitation of Marlene Kropf, director of the Office of Congregational Life, Elkhart, Ind., the group gathered last winter at Park View Mennonite Church for a weekend to begin the planning process. The work was completed individually and in small groups through the spring and summer months with Shirley Yoder Brubaker of the Park View congregation as local team coordinator.

"The Office of Congregational Life has coordinated the development of worship resources for Advent and for Lent, but this was the first time to develop worship resources for the Easter to Pentecost church season," noted Brian Martin Burkholder, EMU campus pastor and a group member.

Other EMU employees on the planning team were Jill K. Landis, associate director of church partnerships at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, and Kevin Clark, part-time instructor at the seminary.

Other committee members included Kris Shank Zehr, Edie Bontrager, Gloria Diener and Lucinda Swartzendruber, all from the Harrisonburg area.

• Jim Bishop
Public Information Officer, Eastern Mennonite University

'Pride for Parents' at Christmas

Parents feel the pressure as early as September. Television and radio commercials, along with other advertisements compel children to plead for the latest hit toy. Beaming eyes and energetic voices daily sing, "Mama, can you buy me that one? I really need it, Dad! Please, can I get that for Christmas?" Sadly, some parents' resources are no match for their children's innocent desires at Christmas time.

Pride for Parents Christmas store is a community ministry in Raleigh, NC, that celebrates the birth of Christ by providing low-income parents in need of financial assistance a way to purchase gifts for their children at affordable prices. The vision and focus of Pride for Parents are the same: respect for the parents' dignity. New toys are available for parents to purchase at reduced, affordable prices. There is opportunity for parents needing additional assistance to volunteer in the store in exchange for credit toward their purchases. What a privilege to be able to encourage parents in the challenging role of providing for their children.

Greater still are the blessings of a child's squeals of delight on Christmas morning and the tears of joy and pride on the faces of effective parents.

Cathy is a single parent and very concerned about today's economy and finds it challenging trying to stretch her dollars. "I do all I can do - still I need a little help." She says that shopping at Pride for Parents is more pleasant than shopping in the larger stores and malls. "Items are easy to find and the peaceful music playing makes me feel good." The bottom line for Cathy is getting quality stuff for her family. Over the years, Cathy has purchased all her son's educational toys at the Pride for Parents Christmas store. Whenever she can save money on the things she buys for her son, money is available for other needs like the food budget and gas. The bonus for Cathy is knowing that while she is getting the help she needs, others are helped too.

The toys are donated through local "toy drives" or purchased with cash donations. Income from the toy sales supports a scholarship program that helps youth from low income families attend quality schools.

• article from December 2004 issue of the Building Together Ministries newsletter, "Points of Hope"

Joe Bontrager



Volunteers assembling bicycles for the Pride for Parents toy sale.

EMHS: serving by educating

Discover Eastern Mennonite High School this year and get to know the many ways that we serve Virginia Conference as we educate youth. Strongly rooted in the Mennonite understanding of the world, EMHS closely connects with the teachings that youth receive in churches and at home. We offer a strong academic program, based in the belief that we are educating students for a lifetime of service in the larger church community and in the world. Chapels encourage students from our congregations to enrich their faith journeys through spiritual leadership and daily worship.

For those who already know EMHS, now is the time to rediscover EMHS as we open our doors to a wider range of students. The boarding program allows juniors and seniors from other areas of Virginia Conference to stay with families in their homes, making EMHS a possibility for those outside of the Harrisonburg area. And our new elementary school will enable families to experience Mennonite education in an elementary setting here in the Valley. Discover what an elementary school modeled after EMHS can offer your children.

We also joyfully celebrate the expanded facilities, with new classrooms that allow for expanded grade sizes, and a new auditorium that allows the entire school community to gather. But the new facilities are not just for the school community; we invite the Conference and congregations to use the new facilities for meetings, gatherings and concerts to build up the body of Christ.

Thanks to the support of many Virginia Mennonite Conference congregations, it may be more affordable than you think to discover EMHS. With the generous support of many people, it is

A Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community Christmas Tea was held on December 8, with EMHS classes providing cookies and music. The violinists (l-r) are Caleb Bennetch (12), Steven Stauffer (11) and Mrs. Janice Mulder, strings instructor.



Les Helmuth

possible for students to attend EMHS who may not otherwise have had the chance. Our goal is that every Mennonite youth in Virginia Conference who has the desire to attend EMHS will be able to do so, and financial aid is one way this goal is closer to being realized.

As you have opportunity, Discover EMHS this coming year. Visit www.emhs.net, or better yet, attend the Soup and Arts Fest on March 19, the Spring Concerts in the new auditorium on March 22, the Spring Extravaganza on May 14, an athletic event, or schedule a visit to just stop by to take a look around and discover the possibility of becoming a part of one of the Virginia Conference ministries.

• Ben Bixler
Eastern Mennonite High School

Congregational Resource Center

Several new resources have been added to the collection of resources at the CRC. Listed here are the newest additions from Herald Press and Faith & Life Resources.

Children's resources

God's love is for everybody: CD and song and activity guide. Elsie Rempel and friends

Walking with Jesus: stories about real people who return good for evil. Mary Clemens Meyer

Youth resources

Sacred Search: Encountering God during Lent. Angela Reed. Introduces youth to Lent, the forty days of preparation from Ash Wednesday to Easter. Six clearly outlined sessions include biblical and historical background, current day examples, Biblical texts, and reflections for youth outside of the group sessions.

Adult Sunday school and small groups resources

Second Mile: A peace journey for congregations. Pathway C: Road to Emmaus. Six topics of two to five sessions includes peace, communities of refugees, being the church, prayer and service.

Faith Dilemmas for Marketplace Christians. Ben Sprunger, Carol J. Suter, Wally Kroeker. Thirteen relevant issues are presented with a story, scripture and discussion questions.

The Resource Center is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Contact Jill Landis at 540-432-4219 or crc@emu.edu to make arrangements for evening use.

Visit our website at www.emu.edu/mcrc to browse our catalog.

February 2005 Prayer Calendar

Sunday

This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by Rawley and Esther Shank, whose support of missions helps spread God's love.

If you would like to sponsor the prayer calendar, please contact Gloria Lehman at gloria.lehman@vmbm.org or (540) 434-9727

6 Four new families attended the Christmas celebration at Centro Koinonia in Bari, Italy. Pray the Holy Spirit will use the message and fellowship shared that evening to touch their lives with the Gospel.

13 Mennonite congregations across North Carolina are meeting for worship today. Several are new and there is vision for additional new church development. Pray that people will hear God's call to be a part of these new ventures.

20 Richard and Margaret Keeler are getting more involved in counseling individuals in the churches and community in Trinidad. They ask that we pray for them to know how best to listen and assist those who come to them for help.

27 The Hickory Hmong Mennonite Church is continuing to grow under the leadership of Pastor Chaiya. Pray that a capable leadership team will develop and that the church will be a light among the Hmong immigrant community.

Monday

1 Praise God for the many persons who support VMC and VMBM ministries through monetary gifts, voluntary service and prayer.

8 The tsunami in Asia ranks as one of the worst tragedies in recent history when measured by destruction and loss of life. Pray that God's people will produce an outpouring of generosity and compassion and extend Christ's love.

15 The Congregational Resource Center is holding an open house tomorrow for local pastors at their facility at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Pray for Director Jill Landis that she might help resource our pastors and congregations.

22 The Chestnut Ridge congregation in Ohio has embarked on a series of gatherings to pray and discern vision for the future. Pray for Pastor Marvin Zuercher and this congregation as they enjoy new excitement and growth.

28 "The Lord gives strength to his people; the Lord blesses his people with peace." Ps 29:11

Tuesday

2 Krista Swartzentruber, serving at the Maranatha School in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica asks us to pray that she will continue to grow in knowledge and understanding of sign language. May God give her this essential skill.

9 Pray for Norma Teles as she takes a break from her ministry in Albania to spend about 10 days with the Eberlys in Italy beginning Feb.11. Together they want to visit some Albanian believers who live in Italy and several supporters.

16 Who is God calling into mission? Pray that VMBM personnel needs in Albania, Italy, Trinidad, and Jamaica will be met with willing, qualified, and committed people.

23 Pray for the small congregation in Termini, Sicily where two members are struggling with the recurrence of cancer, and one man lost his job and has four children. Pray for Pastor Toni Ceraulo as he tries to lead them through struggles.

Wednesday

3 Because of complicated bureaucracy, Willard Eberly still waits after almost 2 years to be officially recognized as a disabled person in Italy, which would grant him parking and other privileges. Ask the Lord to intervene on his behalf.

10 Three Eastern Carolina District churches are currently in a search for long-term pastors: Durham, Greensboro and Raleigh. Pray that leaders will be identified who will serve effectively and that adjustments can be made.

17 Pray for the believers in Albania as together they form a church council to represent the church groups in the villages of Kemishaj/Goricaj and Lushnje. This council will assist the missionaries in leadership.

24 Jason and Donna Martin need prayer support as they seek professional care in Italy for their son Luca who has been diagnosed with autism. Whether they will be able to continue their service as missionaries depends on this!

Thursday

4 Approximately 130 of VMC's Congregational Delegates will gather at Calvary Community Church in Hampton tomorrow in Winter Session. Pray that they may have safe travel and wisdom as they discern, work and worship together.

11 About 150 Conference Ministers and Youth Sponsors will gather in Williamsburg this weekend for an annual spiritual retreat under the guidance of Brian McLaren. Ask God to refresh them for their work in our midst.

18 Sue and Ken Horst leave today for Kosovo. Your prayers are appreciated as the strategy and location for long-term work is developed with greater clarity.

25 Orval and Dorothy Shank are finishing their 2 months of service in Trinidad, teaching Biblical stewardship principles in each of the four Mennonite congregations there. Ask God to guide the persons who learned new insights.

Friday

5 Pray for Pastor Chaiya and the people of Hickory Hmong Mennonite Congregation. Today VMC's delegates will consider accepting them as a full member congregation of the Conference.

12 This month Willard Eberly begins teaching "Old Testament Survey" to a group of believers in Bari, Italy. Ask God to inspire both teachers and students as they discover together new spiritual insights in this course.

19 Eastern Carolina District is sponsoring a workshop for District and congregational leaders on "Healthy Congregations: A Systems Approach." Pray that the attendees will gain insights that strengthen the churches in the ECD.

26 Conf. Coordinator Steve Carpenter celebrates his 50th birthday today with a joint party and VMC fundraising event at Court Square Theater in Harrisonburg. Pray for Steve in his work and for the finances of VMC.

Saturday

"I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people, may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love."

Ephesians 3:17-18

Announcements

World Day of Prayer is March 4. The material this year is prepared by the women of Poland, and distributed by Church Women United. The theme is "Let Our Light Shine." To order the leader's guide, contact CWU at (800) 298-5551 or cwu@churchwomen.org. The item is #1501, and the cost is \$3.30 (includes S&H). You can order via credit card or mailed check. Mail orders need to be placed before January 19.

The Virginia Mennonite Conference Youth Office will host a **30 Hour Famine** at Eastern Mennonite High School, March 4-5. The 30 Hour Famine is a program of World Vision, and the proceeds will help supply food to children in some of the world's poorest countries. Youth are encouraged to be a part.

A **winter delegate session** will be held February 5 at Calvary Community Church in Hampton, Va. If you are a VMC delegate, please plan to attend. There will be coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m., prior to the 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. session with lunch at the church for a modest charge.

A **Conference-Related Ministry Events Calendar** is now online! Visit www.vmconf.org/calendar for the latest information on the events taking place in Virginia Mennonite Conference and its related ministries. To submit Conference-related events or to alter information currently on the calendar, please send e-mail to info@vmconf.org or call Rachel Swartzendruber at (540) 434-9727 or (800) 707-5535.

You are invited to be a part of Conference Coordinator **Steve Carpenter's 50th birthday celebration**. A party will be held at the Court Square Theater in Harrisonburg, Va. on Saturday, February 26, from 1-5 p.m. Visit www.courtsquaretheater.com/directions. Guests will enjoy the award winning film *Chariots of Fire* along with snacks and fellowship. In lieu of gifts, contributions are being accepted by Virginia Mennonite Conference. RSVP by Feb. 21 to laura.moyers@vmbm.org or call (540) 434-9727 or 1-800-707-5535.

Thousands of Jewish, Muslim and Christian children are coming to Nazareth Village, Israel, to see what Nazareth may have looked like 2,000 years ago when Jesus walked the streets. When they tour the Village, the children are told the parables of Jesus. Many hear the story of Jesus for the very first time. To keep this door open, the **Loaves & Fishes Fund** has been established to provide a way for individuals, churches and Sunday school classes to contribute. For more information visit www.nazarethvillage.com and click on the Loaves and Fishes program. You may also contact Dave and Joyce Eshleman at 540-434-0844 or at DMEshleman@aol.com.



Hunt Family Fiddlers, Chesapeake, Va., will perform on Sunday, March 20 at 4 p.m. in the EMHS auditorium. An offering will be received to benefit Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions ministries.

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