

## 68 students complete new *Perspectives* class

**By PHILIP RHODES**  
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 Harrisonburg *Perspectives* Administrator

In December, 68 people in Harrisonburg completed what 100,000 have done around the world: a course called *Perspectives on the World Christian Movement*. Created by the U.S. Center for World Missions over 30 years ago, it has grown into a movement that is now held in over 200 locations each year. Virginia Mennonite Missions decided to become the lead organization on a new project for Harrisonburg about a year and a half ago when the closest course location was Chantilly, Va., two hours away.

After taking the course in Chantilly, Gloria Lehman and I were commissioned to bring together a dynamic interdenominational team to imagine the beginning of a powerful and unstoppable mission movement among us. As we got to work, it was exciting for us to see pastors and mission committees joining with us around the *Perspectives* vision. We all want our churches to be educated about missions and to be passionate about giving God glory here and everywhere. We want to see all the people of the world come to know and follow Jesus.



Instructor Julian Linnell taught the first session.



The *Perspectives* class filled the largest classroom at Eastern Mennonite Seminary to capacity. Participants gathered each Tuesday evening for 15 weeks, for lessons taught by 15 different instructors. Photos by Galen Lehman

The excitement culminated in 68 more people completing the program: 7 received graduate credit through Eastern Mennonite Seminary; 1 each received undergraduate credit through Eastern Mennonite University and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School; 14 earned certificates; and 45 audited. In 15 lessons taught by 15 different instructors, the course took these students through four missions studies: biblical, historical, cultural and strategic.

Students responding to a course survey after the class deeply affirmed its value and recommended it to everyone interested in mission. “Would you recommend the class to others? Why or why not?”

- “Already have! It has been a spiritual shot in the arm.”
- “Yes, I brought guests all semester. They need to hear that God is a missionary God.”
- “Absolutely—so eye opening. A wonderful training for mission-bound people.”

- “Absolutely. It has brought me much closer to God as I’ve discovered the gospel and mandate for myself more and more.”
- “Yes, this class is not only for missionaries but all Christians who desire to learn more about the Bible and Christianity.”
- “Yes—very challenging and a great maturing experience.”
- “Yes, pastors need to refresh their call through this class.”
- “I definitely recommend this class to others! I was challenged so much through the speakers and the readings. I feel much more equipped to possibly go into missions although I want to take this class again because I feel like there’s still so much to learn!”

We believe this is a movement of God and God movements don’t last a semester—they continue, transforming lives and churches and the world. Join the movement this fall! [www.perspectives.org](http://www.perspectives.org)

# Partnership

The life of solitude sometimes appeals to me. When I hear of a person who lives a more hermit-like existence, I do at times consider the advantages—briefly. While walking around a monastery recently, hand-in-hand with Earlene, I thought, “This is nice.” I barely noticed the incongruity.

Most of my life, on the other hand, is devoted to partnership. The aforementioned relationship with a spouse is clearly one example. Church, work, family, friends are other examples. Even God’s choice of entering into human existence, even choosing to enter into my life, is a form of partnership.

Partnerships are hard work, which is why they sometimes break down. They cost something to the ones so engaged. The reason we remain in partnerships is that, ultimately, we consider the advantages worth the effort. In organizational language, we believe that the increased costs and complexity are more than offset by the increased capacity and results.



**Loren Horst**  
VMM President

When that is not true, when partnerships are not longer considered worth the effort, we find ways of getting out of them.

VMMissions operates almost entirely in the context of partnerships. We are partners with the conference, churches, and persons who support us. We are partners with national churches and

other local groups in locations of ministry. We are in partnership with other similar agencies and efforts devoted to common cause.

Two examples serve to illustrate. VMMissions is currently engaged in renewing the three-year-old partnership agreement with Mennonite Mission Network and also finalizing a similar agreement with Eastern Mennonite Missions. The overall vision of developing closely collaborative working relationships while retaining organizational distinction is becoming a reality. Are these relationships hard work? Sure they are. At the same time, we can give many

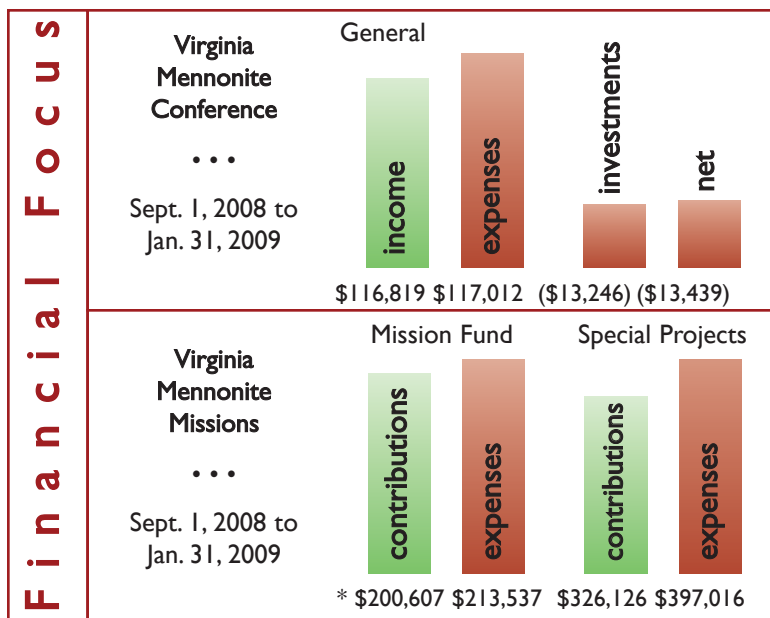
illustrations of how working together has dramatically increased the capacity and results of ministry. Each of us is stronger working together.

The *Perspectives* class is another illustration. Over two years ago, VMMissions began to dream of bringing this mission training event to Harrisonburg.

Gloria Lehman and Philip Rhodes attended a similar class for 15 weeks in Chantilly, Virginia, in order to be qualified to lead the effort here. Then VMMissions sought out other partners here in Harrisonburg. Individuals, congregations, and Eastern Mennonite Seminary all worked together to pull off this significant mission event—a first-time for Harrisonburg. This partnership involved 68 students, 24 congregations, and 12 denominations. Already the groundwork is being laid for next fall with students indicating their intentions to enroll.

All of these have been incredibly hard work, but well-worth the effort.

*Loren Horst*



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## Providing hope in Haiti

**Told by KER FERDINAND**

Community Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Va.

Today, many people in my country barely find enough to eat, because of a lack of resources. In fact, some people are eating cookies made from dirt, because it is cheap and available. But when Haiti's Hope Foundation asked small groups in the Central Plateau how they could best be helped, they asked for help sending their children to school. They see knowledge as a resource that will not feed their families today, but will provide longer-term change for tomorrow.

I grew up in Haiti, but moved with my wife to the U.S. in 1997. Before moving to Harrisonburg, my wife Laura and I worked with MCC among the Haitian community in Miami. For the past three years I have been involved in raising

interest in helping Haiti's Hope Foundation. It was started about 8 years ago by Patrick Eugene, a Haitian friend who also lives in Harrisonburg. This organization is managed by Haitians, to help Haitians. Coordinators in Haiti work with community groups to choose the families who need this assistance.

While people in the U.S. want to help, many non-profits go to Haiti without asking the people there what they need. They just assume that food is the answer. But Haitians tell us, "if you just come and feed me, I will still have the same problem tomorrow. If you show me how to fish, then I can go fishing every day and get something." One of the children I talked with wants to become a doctor and then go back and help his people. The way we see it, if we can help one person get an education and then a better job, we actually help 100 people. Why?

Because that one person ends up helping their family and friends, who also help others.

Right now, more than 80 persons per year are reached directly through this program. We assist children in grades 1-12, and also have helped some go on to university.

We are not only asking for money, but we invite everyone to go to Haiti to visit. People stereotype us as poor, but we have more to share. We have a culture like any other country in the world. We are a friendly, open-minded people, and we want people to talk to us, understand our country, and learn from us. We believe that we can learn from each other.

For more information on Haiti's Hope Foundation, go to [haitihopefoundation.org](http://haitihopefoundation.org)

## VMC receives Early Church at Winter Delegate Session

**By LOIS R. SHANK**

Virginia Mennonite Conference Secretary

A rich day of fellowship, reporting and discussion marked the winter delegate session at Springdale Mennonite Church on February 7. Harold Bergey, overseer of the Eastern District overseer, began the day with a meditation on reflections of hope. Harold gave spiritual encouragement that the "best is yet to come" despite the current economic realities in our country.

The delegates took action on several items. The Early Church was received as a full member congregation of Virginia Mennonite Conference. A time of prayer and blessing was held for Pastor Ron Copeland, family and church. The delegates took action by affirming the report and guidelines of the Church/Conference-related Ministries Task Force report brought by Joe Lapp. Ric Gullman was appointed to the board of VMMissions.

Photo by Ed Bontrager



Pastor Ron Copeland shares about Early Church.

Kurt Horst of Allegheny Mennonite Conference gave a presentation on *The Corinthian Plan*, which is a MC USA health care access project for pastors. All MC USA congregations will be hearing more about this project in the near future. Greta Shenk, an EMU student, gave a report on attending a peace conference in Philadelphia, Pa.

A highlight of the delegate session was a conversation on how VMC congregations and agencies are experiencing the economic downturn. Jim Musser,

Stephens City congregation, Ervin Stutzman, Eastern Mennonite Seminary dean and Joe Lapp, MMA, all shared how their congregation and agencies are affected and have responded to the recent economic realities.

Owen Burkholder and Clyde Kratz presented the competency grid for ordained leaders. During open mic time, the grid generated comments of both affirmation and concern. Owen highlighted that the grid reflects growth areas for all ordained ministers and leaders.

Moderator Beryl Jantzi led the delegate body in reading #793 in the *Hymnal: Worship Book*: "We commit ourselves to follow Jesus Christ . . . in this commitment we find joy, peace and new life." Among the congregational life of Virginia Mennonite Conference there is much to joyfully celebrate in serving our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

# In Trinidad, a dream is becoming a reality

By PAUL KRATZ

VMM mission worker in Carlsen Field, Trinidad

Over the years God blessed Kissoon and Bashoon Rampersad with more than twenty children. He claims he doesn't know how many! She placed her faith in Jesus before he did. For some time he preferred to remain a Hindu. But she witnessed to him and even tantalized him by saying she was going to church from week to week to be with another man. Eventually his curiosity got the best of him so he accompanied her one Sunday only to discover that the "other man" was Jesus. Soon he began to want to know more about this Jesus.

Word came to persons in the Hope Mennonite Church that he wanted someone to come and teach him the Bible. So in January 2005, Bible studies were begun in his home. He became very excited about what he was learning from the Scriptures and by May of that year, he gave his heart to the Lord! Sister Bashoon came to the Mennonite Church with him.

Almost immediately he began to dream of having a Christian worship center in his home in Carlsen Field for the benefit of his children, grandchildren, and neighbors. He felt so strongly about this that he, at his own expense, built an addition to his house so Bible studies and worship services could be held there. In September 2006, the worship center was dedicated.

From October 2006 to December 2008, the other Mennonite congregations took turns leading Sunday afternoon services in the facility Bro. Rampersad had built. This was good, but he kept dreaming and praying. His heart-cry was to have a pastor and regular Sunday morning services. On July 18, 2008, sister Bashoon passed away.

Evelyn Kratz, Bro. Rampersad, and Paul Kratz in front of the addition to Bro. Rampersad's home where Carlsen Field Mennonite Church meets.



Paul Kratz, overseer of Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago congregations, led the commissioning service for the families who are serving in Carlsen Field Mennonite Church: (l to r) Ramesh & Babes, Arvin and Avi Jaimani, and Sarah, Leah, Savi and Patrick Maharaj. Photo: Evelyn Kratz

After much prayer and heart searching the Mennonite Churches of Trinidad & Tobago (MCTT) asked Bro. Ramesh Jaimani to pastor the Carlsen Field work along with his wife, Sister Babes, and two sons Avi and Arvin. To make the team more complete Bro. Patrick and Sister Savi Maharaj from Diego Martin were asked to join them, along with their two daughters, Sarah and Leah. At a joint service on evangelism, held at the Charlieville Mennonite Church on November 30, these were all commissioned for leadership at Carlsen Field.

Two weeks later, on December 14, workers from all the other Mennonite churches gave a Christmas program at Bro. Rampersad's house church, with approximately 150 persons in attendance. The majority were from the community. After the service, gifts were given to the children and refreshments were served to everyone.



On January 4, the first service was held with the new leadership in place. Pastor Ramesh brought a message from 1 John 5, titled, "Our Life to Share." Twenty-eight persons were in attendance with the first offering totaling TT\$987! The service was led by persons of all ages beginning with those in their teens. It was a special day in more ways than one for Bro. Rampersad. It was

his 83rd birthday! There was an air of anticipation that God is on the verge of accomplishing great things in the village of Carlsen Field. A dream is becoming reality!



## Family serving in Trinidad

By GLORIA L. LEHMAN

VMM Caribbean Regional Assistant

Michael and Marcia Hall, from Christiana, Pa., and their children, Micah (14), Mariah (12), and Matthew (10) are serving in Trinidad for three months. The Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago (MCTT) invited them to teach music and worship leading in the six congregations of MCTT. The Hall family previously served in Kenya. Please pray for them in this ministry.



Jon Spicher (left) and Lars Akerson, who are riding to Asuncion, Paraguay.

## Hospitality greets bikers on way to Paraguay

By JON SPICHER

Photo courtesy [americas.bikemovement.org](http://americas.bikemovement.org)

*Port Arthur, Tex.:* According to Pastor Baugh, pastor of the Rock Community Outreach Center, the town of Port Arthur was planned on the basis of witchcraft and used to be entirely white upper class. That has since changed, and the booming oil town of yesterday has gone and with it a “white flight” occurred. The town is now mostly people of African American, Latino, and Vietnamese decent, with quite a few rundown housing projects. We arrived in Port Arthur early, and a man at the corner gas station recommended a church two blocks away. So we stumbled upon The Rock. Pastor Baugh answered the door and told us many fascinating stories of passing out food and clothing in the projects, as well as prostitutes and drug dealers weeping when he told them he was there for them. “You just need to go out there and love people” was a quote of his that stuck with me, and one that I think we can all learn from.

It has been a whirlwind tour of different beliefs, experiences, cultures, and people. One thing I have come to depend on is God as the Orchestrator of all things. In looking at the constants, one thing is that we were provided for, in some way or another. Where someone dropped the hospitality ball, someone else picked it right up. Not that we’ve come to expect people to take us in, it has just happened to us *every day* for the past four weeks. Even skeptics will see a pattern here.

Another constant is that we met and interacted with people trying to follow God. Each with their own twist on things, but that core desire to live a life pleasing to the Lord remains, and we have seen evidence of that pursuit in many people, each serving as a witness to their own spiritual experience.

May the delicate intricacies of this web of connections, people, cultures, religions, and backgrounds that we are attempting to weave throughout this trip be strengthened and guided by God.

# Careers continue through volunteer positions



Dorcas and Jim Good in their home at VMRC. Photo courtesy of Gloria Lehman

**By MAUREEN PEARSON**  
VMRC Director of Communications

Dorcas and Jim Good, residents of Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community, have found a place in their community for using past workplace experiences in their current retired lifestyle.

Dorcas, who volunteered for 35 years at a crisis management organization in Richmond, volunteers regularly with People Helping People. "It's a crisis ministry supported by 35 churches, eleven of

which are Mennonite," said Dorcas, who serves one morning a week. At People Helping People, volunteers are trained to assess the needs of people in a crisis or emergency situation, help identify community assistance and make appropriate referrals to community resources. The training is twofold: 1) real-time, on the job training and 2) developing and expressing an attitude of thoughtfulness and compassion to those persons who come to the organization for assistance.

"When we moved here, I was looking for something like this in Harrisonburg," said Dorcas, who wanted to continue working with people in crisis.

Jim, her husband, found a way to apply previous teaching experience as a volunteer. As a teacher in the state prison system in Richmond, Jim taught adult men general equivalency diploma (GED) subjects. He now tutors international students at Eastern Mennonite University in the Center for Peace and

Justice and other graduate level programs.

"They speak English well, and they read [English] well," said Jim. "But putting their thoughts on paper is difficult." Jim spends about 14-16 hours a week working with 8-10 students. "I read their papers with them and help them with grammatical corrections."

Jim said the students are very bright and very receptive to his assistance. "They very much want this help," he said. "I was told by one student that what I was doing was 'invaluable.'"

In addition, Jim and Dorcas both volunteer at Booksavers of Virginia, Jim serves at Virginia Mennonite Conference archives, and Dorcas volunteers at the Virginia Mennonite Conference Center.

*Editor's note: Many VMRC residents find that volunteerism is meaningful both for themselves and for those they benefit. They make a difference in the lives they touch. We're grateful for this dedication to the wider community.*

## Congregational Resource Center

### **TIME TO THINK ABOUT SUMMER VBS AND EVENTS!**

The Congregational Resource Center purchased four new starter kits for Summer 2009 VBS:

**Catch the Spirit** (Mennonite/Brethren) Crocodile Dock (Group)

**Rome: Paul & the Underground Church** (Group)

**Studio Go** (Standard)

**You may call or come in to reserve these items for your church committee to preview.** You may also sign up to USE the kits for your summer event, saving your church between \$80 and \$150.

**Keep in mind that VBS kits from past summers are also in the CRC** and contain thousands of ideas, activities and Bible studies worthy of using again.

**Be aware that the CRC WELCOMES YOUR DONATIONS of books for our book sale.** This allows us to fund the purchase of up-to-date resources as they are printed.

**A display of materials for Lent and Easter** may spark some ideas for your worship, children's ministry or other spring programming. Take a look at the many options for all ages and occasions when you visit.

The CRC is just off the main lobby of the seminary building at 1181 Smith Avenue, Eastern Mennonite University campus.

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Linda Alley, CRC Director

Call (540) 432.4219 or go to the online catalog at [www.emu.edu/seminary/crc](http://www.emu.edu/seminary/crc) to browse.

# MARCH 2009

## Connections

## Prayer Calendar

### Sunday

**1** The Adult Winter Bible School taught by Linford Stutzman continues through March 15. Thank God for the opportunity to learn how to relate the book of Acts to our present day world.

**8** This is Woman's Day in Italy. Pray for the banquet tonight at Centro Koimonia—an outreach to women. May the Spirit use Marilena Ceraulo's talk and other activities to speak powerfully to each woman present.

**15** Pray for the Hickory Hmong Mennonite Church (NC) leaders and for Pastor Chaiya Hadtasunern's family as they go back to Thailand and visit their families for a month this spring.

**22** Traditionally, during the Lenten season, something is "given up" to remind us of Christ's suffering. Perhaps giving up an ungodly habit or attitude is the best thing to do.

**29** Pray for the Stephens City Korean Community Church led by James and Sharon Rhee as they meet this afternoon. Thank God for the interest of the Korean community as Pastor James preaches the Word.

### Monday

**2** A *Partners in Mission* work team is serving in London, England, until March 11. Thank God for their energy to do construction and ask for safety in their work.

**9** Today is a training day for the 'Ambassadors' who will be inviting VMC churches to participate in the new health care initiative throughout Mennonite Church USA. Pray for Keith Harder and others who lead that initiative.

**16** Community Bible studies are often held on Monday evenings which give an opportunity for personal spiritual growth and for invitations to those who don't know Christ's love. Bathe these in prayer.

**23** A prayer team led by Eric Musser, pastor, Huntington Menn. Church leaves today to "watch and pray" in Albania regarding the vision of the Albanian Christian School. May God's presence surround them.

**30** Hold up Phil & Marcia Lehman and Chris & Melody Riddle today as they interact with a variety of people in Bari, Italy. Thank God for their commitment to witnessing daily about Christ's love.

### Tuesday

**3** Thank God for the good work that Mike and Lori Beimlich did as their family volunteered at the Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. They have returned to their home in northern Pa., with many good memories.

**10** Annual interdenominational convention for women involved in ministry in churches of southern Italy is held March 9-11. Pray God's renewal and restoration in their lives, many of whom serve in difficult, lonely settings.

**17** In Trinidad, Paul Kratz often attends leadership team meetings of congregations in the evenings. Thank God for his availability, his patience and his vision for this work.

**24** Each day brings a variety of tasks to Skip & Carol Tobin, Thailand. Join them in praying for God's vision to infuse them as they move ahead with projects and with people initiatives.

**31** Commit a verse of scripture or song to memory today. In times of waiting, rehearse it as a way of "hiding it in your heart," and share it with others when you have the opportunity.

### Wednesday

**4** Some VMC congregations gather on Wednesday evenings around supper and meetings of children, youth and adults. Pray that these gatherings will foster strong bonds of faith to God and each other.

**11** Richard & Margaret Keeler, Sangre Grande, Trinidad, spend time in prayer with the church members on Wednesday evening. Ask God to hear and answer as they earnestly seek Him.

**18** Thank God for the appointment of Harold Bergery as the overseer for Eastern District. Pray for overseer search processes in Potomac and Southern Districts.

**25** Pray for those carrying the vision of the Albania Christian School: Klementina and Dini Shahini and the school board. May they have clear direction as they make decisions to move forward.

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### Thursday

**5** Stewardship University meets March 7 at the Park View Mennonite Church. Pray for the presenters and participants as we try to be wise in these challenging financial times.

**12** Thank God for a new church in James City County (Eastern Virginia) with church planting couple, Randy & Lea Ann Coblentz. Pray for them as they begin developing a core group and small groups.

**19** The Early Church connects with Our Community Place which holds interest groups on Thursday evenings—new skills, new friends, good conversation. God will bless the relationships built there.

**26** The Table is hosting Alan & Eleanor Kreider this weekend as they lead a workshop "Ancient-Future Practice of the Lord's Supper." Pray for participants as they discover new inspiration for worship.

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### Friday

**6** Toni and Marilena Ceraulo (pastoral couple from Sicily) travel tomorrow to Bari, Italy, to minister at Centro Koimonia this weekend. Pray God's protection and blessing over them.

**13** Pray for an outpouring of funds to bless the Christian school envisioned for Albania. Because Albanians highly value education, this is an important avenue to reach their hearts and minds for Christ.

**20** Youth meetings are often held in congregations of Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago on Friday evenings. Pray that God will touch the youth with His power to withstand temptations and to grow strong in Him.

**27** Pray for Ted Swartz as he launches Ted and Co. TheaterWorks with two performances this weekend.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud."

### Saturday

**7** The Jamaica Mennonite Church meets this weekend for the 51st annual conference with the theme "Our God is a God of Missions." May God's voice be heard in delegate sessions and the worship services.

**14** On Saturdays, Nancy Marshall, Orange Walk, Belize, spends time in prayer and preparation for the meeting of Jesus' Deaf Church on Sunday. Ask God to doubly bless and guide her.

**21** Prepare for worship on Sunday morning by making time for prayer and meditation on Saturday evening. Pray especially for families with young children as they have many details to manage as they seek to make this a priority.

**28** This weekend a Family Conference is planned in Bari, Italy, as an outreach to the city of Bari. Pray this event will draw many new people and remember the resource persons: a Christian couple who are family counselors.

1 Corinthians 13:4 (NIV)

# Announcements

**Men's Retreat** Please join us at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center for Men's Retreat, March 6-8, 2009. Our



speaker will be Dr. Myron Augsburger. Myron will be speaking on the topic of Christ-

like Masculinity, looking at how men interact in community and family relationships, exploring the true meaning of love within the context of family life, and discussing Christian discipleship. This weekend will include inspired teaching, meaningful worship, and fellowship designed to recharge your spiritual batteries. For more information check our website [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info) or call (866) 566-WCRC (9272).

**The 2009 MCC Turkey Canning Project** is scheduled for March 2-6 at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, Va. Virginia Mennonite Conference is responsible to provide help on Tuesday, March 3, but anyone is welcome on any day. Help is needed from 5 a.m.-11 p.m. each day. March 6 is scheduled as a community day and help is needed especially in the early morning. Funds are needed to purchase turkey for processing and for the ongoing operation of the Relief Center. If you would like to contribute to this project you can send a donation to the: Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, PO Box 519, Dayton, VA 22821. Contact Leon Rhodes at (540) 867-9751 or Gerald Knicely at (540) 879-2077.

**Ted Swartz and friends will present two new shows** in Harrisonburg, March 27 and 28, officially launching the Ted & Company TheaterWorks name, new logo and website. Come celebrate by watching one or



both of these productions and then join Ted Swartz and cast for a cake and punch reception immedi-

ately following each performance.

- 7:30 p.m. Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium, Harrisonburg. Tickets for shows and reception: \$12 for single show; \$20 for both. (540) 434-3369, toll free (866) 276-2345 or at the door.
- Friday night, March 27: *What Would Lloyd Do?* stars Ted and Trent Wagler, along with Jay Lapp and local musicians from Shekinah and Sons of the Day.
- Saturday night, March 28: *Tattered & Worn*. Jeff Raught and Ted use mono-

logue and song to weave together an entertaining look at God interacting with humanity through the characters of Zeus, a homeless man and a piano-playing angel, Gabriel. For more information on both shows, visit [www.tedandlee.com/liveshows](http://www.tedandlee.com/liveshows)

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center's 5th Annual **Pedal the Peninsula fundraiser** is planned for May 16, 2009. Routes range from 10 to 61 miles. Registration is \$35/person; family

cap \$70. Lunch included. Register by April 24 to receive a t-shirt. Door prize drawings. Brochures available; visit [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info) or call (866) 566-9272.

The **CrossRoads Heritage Center** will hold its annual spring lecture on Sunday, March 22, at 4 p.m., at Dayton (Va.) Mennonite Church. Emmert Bittinger, professor emeritus at Bridgewater College, will speak on the theme, "Women and the Civil War Experience." (540) 438-1275, [info@vbmhc.org](mailto:info@vbmhc.org), [www.vbmhc.org](http://www.vbmhc.org).

Enjoy a program of men's a cappella music as the **Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus** performs April 5 at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg.

## Workshop on the Lord's Supper

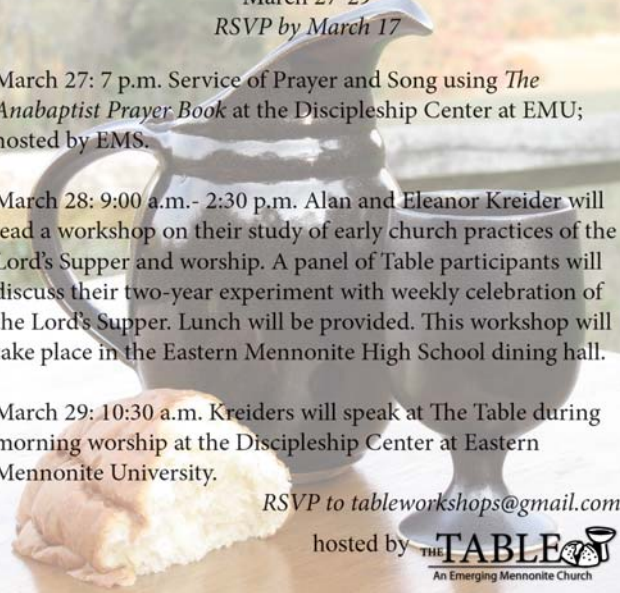
**Ancient-Future Practice of the Lord's Supper**  
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March 27-29  
RSVP by March 17

March 27: 7 p.m. Service of Prayer and Song using *The Anabaptist Prayer Book* at the Discipleship Center at EMU; hosted by EMS.

March 28: 9:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Alan and Eleanor Kreider will lead a workshop on their study of early church practices of the Lord's Supper and worship. A panel of Table participants will discuss their two-year experiment with weekly celebration of the Lord's Supper. Lunch will be provided. This workshop will take place in the Eastern Mennonite High School dining hall.

March 29: 10:30 a.m. Kreiders will speak at The Table during morning worship at the Discipleship Center at Eastern Mennonite University.

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