

# APRIL 2015

Prayer calendar underwritten by:  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Pray for Kent Kauffman, director of Highland Retreat, as he provides leadership in a mountain setting where people meet Jesus, explore nature and build relationships.	6 As Steve, Bethany, Anjali, and Immanuel Horst begin their home leave, pray for good connections with family, friends, and supporters as they share about what God is doing in Bangkok, Thailand.	7 Thank God for the vision that Dini and Klementina Shahini have to see Christ made known in Albania. Ask God to continue directing their steps as they serve him there.	1 As Anton, a young Albanian believer, comes to the end of his Bible School studies, pray that this would be the beginning of a life of ministry.	2 Pray for the Schoenhals' relationships with Thai non-believers, especially with their neighbor Pat and her son Getchi. Pray that Christ's light will shine through the Schoenhals family.	3 Praise God that death did not have the final word, but that Christ's death led to a resurrection which offers new life to all who believe. Pray that hearts around the world would know this truth.	4 Pray that Steve and Laura Campbell would carry a contagious hope as they relate to their Montenegrin friends and seek to share the love of Christ.
12 Pray for Kevin Clark, overseer of the VMC teaching cluster, as he provides spiritual and emotional support to scholars and pastors engaged in the teaching ministry at educational institutions.	13 Pray for the Jamaican Mennonite Church and for tranSenders Caleb and Roni Keifer as they grieve the loss of pastor and mentor Donovan Maitland. May God give them peace.	14 Ask God to bless the new ministry Rafael Tartart has begun in the local prison in Albania. May the inmates he shares with find freedom in Jesus.	8 Gracie and Yugo Prasetyo's neighbor has stage four cancer and cannot afford medical treatment. Pray with them for God's mercy in the midst of deep poverty and physical need.	9 Pray for Luke Schrock-Hurst, Potomac District Minister, as he provides inspirational leadership, thoughtful counsel, and steadfast presence for the work of Virginia Mennonite Conference.	10 As teachers at Lezha Academic Center work amidst the challenges of teaching in the Albanian school system, pray that God will provide the wisdom and creativity they need.	11 Pray Romans 15:13 over VMissions' workers: "May God, the source of hope, fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."
19 Pray for Maren Hange, co-pastor of Charlottesville Mennonite Church, as she seeks to build the Kingdom of God by following Jesus in daily life, worshiping in word and deed, and providing a welcoming table for fellowship.	20 Pray for God's leading as the Stutzmans discern what is next for them in Germany. Ask God to continue to give them His vision and to direct their steps.	21 Pray for David Gullman, pastor of Crossroads Mennonite Church, as he provides leadership to the congregation.	15 Pray for Harvey Yoder, pastor of Family of Hope, a house fellowship seeking to follow Christ in life and mission. May God's love and activity be shown through the members of this fellowship.	16 Justice, a friend of a worker family in South Asia, has experienced God through answered prayers. Pray that God will continue drawing her into the Kingdom and that God's plans for her life will be accomplished.	17 Pray for the people that the Ramellas connect with in Kosovo. Pray that they will have a hunger for God and that God's love will be evident to them.	18 Pray for the Board of VMissions as they gather this weekend for a retreat. Ask God to guide them as they seek His vision and direction for VMissions.
26 Pray for Leslie Francisco, Bishop and pastor of Calvary Community Church, as he leads the congregation in building community, restoring hope, and witnessing transformation.	27 Ask God to stir in the hearts of church leaders attending the Exponential conference in Tampa, FL this week. May they be excited and energized for the work of the Kingdom.	28 Pray for the parents of VMissions workers around the world as they support their children and grandchildren from afar. Thank God for the way He can knit families together even at great distances.	22 Ask God to bless the leaders of the Life Enrichment Church in Det Udom, Thailand with wisdom, creativity, and energy. Pray that they will become skilled at raising up new leaders.	23 Pray that God would continue to bless the ministry of Norma Teles as she teaches Roma children at a preschool in Albania. Pray that the children will know the love of God.	24 Join Nancy Marshall in asking God to raise up members of Jesus' Deaf Church for leadership.	25 Ask the Father to guide Joel as he discerns his next steps of ministry in East Asia. May his path become clear with feelings of peace and a continuing sense of God's calling.
<p><b>"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him."</b></p> <p>James 1:12 (NIV)</p>						



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# Connections

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**Dave Gullman will share** personal experiences and explore the ways in which healthcare providers can enrich the care they provide for people with disabilities and their families at “People First: Negotiating the Interplay of Healthcare, Spirituality, and Disability.” Join us Thursday, April 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, at Park View Mennonite Church’s Fellowship Hall. Gullman is pastor at Pleasant View, Inc., a local organization that provides nurturing support for persons with intellectual disabilities through residential and day support services. All community members are invited! Light refreshments will follow. The meeting is sponsored by Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship. For more information, call (540) 432-4195.

Come out to **Pleasant View, Inc.’s 18th Annual Golf Tournament** to support individuals with intellectual disabilities on Friday, May 15, at Spotswood Country Club (1980 Country Club Road in Harrisonburg, Va.) This will be in a Captain’s Choice format. Registration will begin at 8:00 am, with a shotgun start at 9:00 am. Team prizes, contest prizes, and door prize drawings will be awarded after lunch. Fees: \$100/golfer or \$380/team of four. Team prizes for first, second and third place; mulligans, power balls, and 50/50 will be offered at registration. Lunch will be provided. Contact Pam Miller at (540) 896-8101.

**Family Life Resource Center’s Fundraising Dinner** will be Saturday, May 16, at 6 pm at VMRC’s Hartman Dining Hall. Judy H. Mullet, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Eastern



Mennonite University will speak on the importance of restorative relationships. Special memorial tribute will be given to Jim Glanzer, one of the founders of FLRC. RSVP by May 7 to Marie@flrc.org or by calling 540-434-8450.

**On Sunny Slope Farm**, a renowned event venue located in the Shenandoah Valley, will host a **fundraiser for MEDA**—Mennonite Economic Development Associates on Friday, April 17, from 5–10 p.m. Featuring music, beer and wine tastings, door prizes and food trucks, the proceeds will support women farmers and entrepreneurs in Ghana through MEDA’s “Bike to GROW” volunteer initiative. Ticket options for the event range from \$15-\$30 and are available at [onsunnyslopefarm.com/events](http://onsunnyslopefarm.com/events). Tickets include a meal and a raffle ticket.

**Mennonite Women of Virginia’s Annual Missions Day** will be May 2 at Trissels Mennonite Church, Broadway, Va. Eve Knepp will



reflect on the importance of trusting God, as experienced through her family’s ministry with VMissions at Maranatha School for the Deaf, Jamaica. Registration begins at 9 a.m. A business meeting will follow the Mission Needs Auction, and lunch will be served.

All credentialed leaders in VMC are invited to: **“God’s Gift of Sexuality”**: a Pastoral

**Notice something different?** VMC and VMissions publications will be taking on a new form. *Connections* will now be a monthly publication like this, with a prayer calendar and announcements. Look for the first issue of VMissions’ *Transforming* later this month. The new quarterly VMC newsletter will make its debut in June.

Leadership Consultation on May 15, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Mountain View Mennonite Church, Hickory, N.C. Transportation arrangements to and from the Harrisonburg area are in the works. Resource persons will be David and Shana Boshart. RSVP to Anieta McCracken at 540-434-9727 ext 135, or at [anieta.mccracken@virginiaconference.org](mailto:anieta.mccracken@virginiaconference.org)

**Register now** for summer camp at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Camps are available for ages 7 to 18 and run from June 21 through July 30. Experience fun activities, great counselors, Christ-centered worship, amazing food and new friends! Information at [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info) or call us at (866) 566-9272.

**Mountain View Mennonite Church**, Hickory, N.C., is seeking a **half-time youth leader** for their growing youth and junior youth program. A minimum of two years experience in youth ministry and an associates degree or higher in a related field of study is preferred. Contact [mvmc@mvmchurch.org](mailto:mvmc@mvmchurch.org) for more details, or to submit a résumé.

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