

JUNE 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>If you would like to sponsor the prayer calendar, contact Sarah Showalter: sarah.showalter@vmissions.org or (540) 434-9727.</p> <p>7 Pray for Harvey Yoder and others who give leadership to Family of Hope, an engaged house church in Harrisonburg, Va. Thank God for their ministry and service to their community.</p>	<p>1 As the Life Enrichment Church in Thailand explores opportunities for cross-cultural mission, pray that God would give them His vision and open the doors for this Kingdom work.</p> <p>8 Pray that God would inspire a sense of mission in each of us as we relate to our neighbors, friends, family, and co-workers. Ask God to ignite a genuine desire to see those around us know Christ.</p>	<p>2 As Justin Rittenhouse prepares to return to the US following three years of service at the Lezha Academic Center, pray that God will continue to guide him step by step into the plans He has for him.</p> <p>9 Thank God for the joy that Caleb and Roni Kiefer find in serving the Lord at Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. Ask God to continue guiding their steps and growing them as His disciples.</p>	<p>3 Pray for Bob Brisco, Executive Director of Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, as he provides creative leadership to the various adult and summer programs offered by WCRC.</p> <p>4 Pray that Steve, Bethany, Anjali, and Immanuel Horst, mission workers in Thailand, will grow together as a family on mission, modeling what it looks like to be family rooted in Christ.</p>	<p>5 Pray for David, Eliana, and Kaleigh Shenk as they wait for visas in order to return to the US. Ask God to surround them in His peace as they prepare to leave Ecuador and begin a new chapter in the US.</p> <p>6 Michael and Ruthy are on home assignment, with hopes to return to the south Asian city where they serve in July. Pray for meaningful family connections, refreshment, and for financial needs to be met for the next term.</p>	<p>12 Pray for the delegates gathered to worship, learn and discern together at VMC's annual Conference Assembly.</p> <p>13 Pray for Bishop Leslie Francisco III as provides Spirit-filled leadership to Calvary District and its various outreach ministries, Calvary Community Church as senior pastor, and Calvary Community Academy.</p>	<p>19 Lift up Yugo, Grace and Jeremi as Yugo begins his second block of Masters Bible classes. Pray that this will be a wonderful time of deepening his knowledge and love of God.</p> <p>20 Pray that Mitch and Lauren Yoder will continue to find balance between their teaching jobs and their work at Fortress of Hope in Nicaragua. May they find their hope, strength and purpose in Christ.</p>	<p>27 Ask God to bless Nancy Marshall's time in the US on home assignment. Pray for connections and opportunities to share with others the way God is moving at Jesus' Deaf Church in Belize.</p>
<p>14 Pray for Ben Risser, pastor of Ridgeway Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Va., as he provides innovative and compassionate leadership to the congregation and community.</p> <p>21 Pray for Jim Mellinger, pastor of Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship (NC), as he provides leadership to explore what it means to live life in the way Jesus modeled.</p>	<p>15 Lift up the church planters and missional leaders who are gathered for a VMissions resourcing and retreat time. Ask God to give them a vision for what the Good News looks like in their context.</p> <p>22 Lift up the church that Steve and Laura Campbell work with in Montenegro. Pray for wisdom for the leaders and a bigger meeting location for the growing body of believers.</p>	<p>16 Today is the last day of classes at the Lezha Academic Center. Praise God for another year of ministry through this school and ask God to continue growing the seeds that have been planted in students' hearts.</p> <p>23 Praise God for Immanuel, Lianna, and Nathanael Stutzman and the joy they bring to parents David and Rebekka. Ask God to knit them together as a family on mission as they serve in Germany.</p>	<p>17 Ask God to open the eyes, ears, and hearts of the people of Kosovo that they might know the goodness of God. Pray for the Ramellas as they continue to share Christ's love in Istog.</p> <p>24 Pray for Kevin Goertzen, pastor of Springdale Mennonite, as he provides leadership to grow the congregation's ministry to the local community.</p>	<p>18 Ask God to open the doors for relationships with neighbors as mission workers Adam and Jeanette Strode settle into their new house in Bangkok, Thailand.</p> <p>25 Ask God to provide for the financial needs of the VMissions workers who are raising funds for their ministries. Pray for the Kingdom work that will result from the generosity of many people.</p>	<p>26 Pray that Jacob and Hosanna will be filled with God's peace and hope as they return to their place of ministry in South Asia. Pray that God will work mightily during their next term.</p>	<p>28 Ask God to bless the work of each of the Virginia Mennonite Conference Related Ministries that work in various ways to enrich and enlarge the Kingdom of God.</p>	<p>29 Ask God to shine His light through Allen Umble to the many Albanian people he relates to in the Lushnje area. Also pray for the Albanian mission team members and future leadership.</p> <p>30 Pray that God's Spirit would be stirring hearts during the MC USA Convention in Kansas City, as participants focus on what it means to be "on the way" with Jesus.</p>
<p>This man [the centurion] is the vanguard of many outsiders who will soon be sitting down at God's kingdom banquet alongside Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Then those who grew up 'in the faith' but had no faith will find themselves out in the cold, outsiders to grace and wondering what happened." - Matthew 8:11-12 (The Message)</p>							

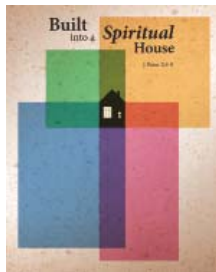


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June 2015

Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly is June 11-13 at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Exploring the theme *Built into a Spiritual House* from 1 Peter 2:4-9, join in worship, delegate sessions, workshops and pastoral commissioning. Learn more at virginiaconference.org/assembly.



Celebrate the sending of new VM Missions' workers at the **transSend Commissioning**, Thursday, July 16. Join us for a meaningful time of worship and blessing, followed by Taste of Missions at the Hershberger Barn (5647 Wengers Mill Rd.) starting at 7 p.m. Contact Martin Rhodes with questions at martin.rhodes@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727.

Plan to join the annual **Mennonite Women of Virginia Breakfast** as part of Conference Assembly on Saturday, June 13, 7 a.m., at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Bethany Tobin will speak about her family's ministry in Bangkok, Thailand. Register as part of Assembly at virginiaconference.org/assembly (The breakfast is \$10, but no registration fee is necessary if you are not otherwise attending Assembly.)

Highland Retreat's Annual Steak BBQ will be held at Highland on Sat., June 27. Beginning with the summer staff commissioning service at 1:30 p.m., activity centers open for all ages (3:00) with a cornhole tournament, zipline, children's activities, and swimming. Steak BBQ begins at 5:00; live bluegrass music will follow. Highland will provide meat and drinks; please bring a side salad or dessert, and a donation. To reserve a \$10 campsite or A-frame cottage, contact info@highlandretreat.org or (540) 705-0554. Register for the cornhole tournament at highlandretreat.org.

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center's Family Retreat, August 2-5, is specifically designed to help you and your family connect with each other and with God. Enjoy our peaceful, wooded facility, comfortable lodging, great food, fun activities and recreation options, worship times and devotions. Register by July 20 to receive a \$20 discount. Visit www.wcrc.info for more information or to register.

Mark your calendars for the **Mennonite Women of Virginia 2015 Fall Retreat** at Massanetta Springs Resort, Harrisonburg, Va., October 30 to November 1. Exploring the theme "Our Stories, God's Story," the retreat will be facilitated by Sharon Landis-Clymer, author of *The Spacious Heart: Room for Spiritual Awakening*.

Mtn. View Mennonite Church (Hickory, N.C.), is seeking a **half-time youth leader** for their growing youth and junior youth program. Contact mvmc@mvmchurch.org for more details, or to submit a résumé.

Springdale Mennonite Church (Waynesboro, Va.) is seeking a half-time **Associate Pastor** to work in cooperation with the Lead Pastor in a variety of ways. This position will focus on equipping people within the church for ministry and will involve giving direction to Springdale's ministry with youth. Contact Krista Powell at kristap@ntelos.net for more information or to submit a letter of inquiry.

Grace Mennonite Fellowship (Lacey Spring, Va.) is seeking a **half-time youth pastor** for a growing congregation of about 250 with an active youth population of approximately 40. This community-oriented church strives to be mission-focused both locally and globally. For more information and application instructions, visit the announcements page at www.gracemennonite.net.

Canadian Rockies by Train: Dave and Joyce Eshleman invite you to join them for a train adventure through the Canadian Rockies next September. The trip will include Calgary, Banff, Lake Louise, Jasper, Vancouver, Victoria, and a two-day, daytime-only train travel through the Rockies. The dates are September 20-29, 2016, with travel arranged by TourMagination. For details, contact Dave at DEshleman41@gmail.com or call (540) 421-1651.

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