

# MAY 2015

Going through a long line of prophets, God has been addressing our ancestors in different ways for centuries. Recently he spoke to us directly through his Son. By his Son, God created the world in the beginning, and it will all belong to the Son at the end. This Son perfectly mirrors God, and is stamped with God's nature. He holds everything together by what he says—powerful words!

Hebrews 1:3 (The Message)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 Pray for Carlos Malvaez, pastor of Manantial de Vida, Harrisonburg, Va., as he provides spirit-filled leadership to the Hispanic community.	4 Ask God to open doors for the three members of the Life Enrichment Church in Det Udom, Thailand who are applying for visas to attend Mennonite World Conference this summer.	5 Ask God to continue growing transSender Whitney Specht into a disciple who is walking in step with Christ as she serves in Kosovo.	6 Pray for a breakthrough against the enemy's schemes in Adam and Jeanette Strode's lives. Claim God's protection, love, and goodness over their family.	7 Pray for the VMMSions group attending the Missio Alliance National Gathering in Alexandria, Va. Ask God to pour out His Spirit and ignite a passion for the Good News of Jesus' resurrection.	8 Pray for the network gathering that David and Rebekka Stutzman are leading this weekend in Germany. Ask God to encourage and inspire the participants.	9 Pray for Heidi Schoenhals as she begins attending the local elementary school in Det Udom, Thailand this month. Ask God for protection and good friends for Heidi.
10 Pray for the vision team planning the Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly, June 11-13 at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. May it be a blessed time of worship and relationship-building.	11 Pray for Jacob, Hosanna, Elias, and Maia as they recharge during their US assignment. Ask God to nourish a deep hope within them for the people and community they will be returning to.	12 Lift up the VMMSions staff retreat today as the staff worships, prays, brainstorm, and plans for continued service in God's mission.	13 Pray for Basil Marin, pastor of New Song Anabaptist Fellowship, as he provides dynamic leadership to the multicultural congregation north of Harrisonburg.	14 Pray that God would provide good friends for Anjali and Emmanuel Horst during the Horst family's US assignment.	15 Ask God to protect the "planted seeds" of good news that the Ramellas have shared with their friends in Kosovo. Pray that they will grow into strong disciples.	16 Pray that Aleksander, a young Albanian man that Rafael Tartari is mentoring, will grow in faith and establish himself more and more in the ways of God's truth.
17 Pray for Earl Zimmerman, pastor of Northern Virginia Mennonite Church, Fairfax, as he provides innovative leadership to the congregation on issues of social justice.	18 Give thanks for the gifts Richard and Elsie Bowman offer to the school and church in Lezha, Albania. Continue asking God for healing in Richard's hip following his surgery earlier this year.	19 Give thanks for transSender Jonathan Cranston and the ways he is witnessing and testifying to the work that God is doing in the Philippines.	20 Pray for Keith & Tami Nice, leaders of Outlet 10:27 in Graham, NC, as they provide compassionate dynamic leadership to the community.	21 Pray that through the humble servanthood of Grace and Yugo Prasetyo, and their team in Indonesia, many people will experience the love of Christ.	22 Lift up Brook Hostetter as she teaches music at PROMESA in Peru. Pray that she will find the strength, grace, and love that she needs through Jesus.	23 Lift up the relationship that Steve and Laura Campbell have with Lazar and Masa in Montenegro. Pray that this young couple will continue to live into the call the Lord has for them.
24 "The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the shadow of death, light has dawned." Matthew 4:16 (NIRSV)	25 As Steve and Bethany Horst share about their work in Thailand, pray that they will be tuned into God's purposes and that many people will be energized toward Kingdom endeavors.	26 Ask God to open the doors for church planting as David and Rebekka Stutzman look ahead to their next term in Germany.	27 Pray for economic stimulation in Kosovo and for the people of Kosovo to see God's provision for them.	28 Ask God to continue growing the staff of VMMSions in the practice of prayer as they seek Christ's kingdom in the office and around the world.	29 Lift up Raleigh and Opel and their children Robbie and Anna* as they prepare to move to North Africa later this year. Pray that God will prepare the way for them.	30 Ask God to provide Thai friends and a strong local support system for Adam and Jeanette Strode as they establish themselves in Thailand.

\*pseudonyms



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# Connections

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The Mennonite Women of Va. **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 in Jamaica. Registration begins at 9 a.m. A business meeting will follow the Mission Needs Auction, and lunch will be served.

**Pastors and credentialed leaders** in VMC are invited to the fourth **Pastoral Leadership Consultation**, May 15, 10-4 p.m., at Mountain View Mennonite Church, Hickory, N.C. David and Shana Boshart will present from their research, writings and experiences on "God's Gift of Sexuality." Event time is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided by the church; there is a suggested \$10 donation to cover the meal. Confirm your attendance by contacting [anieta.mccracken@virginiaconference.org](mailto:anieta.mccracken@virginiaconference.org) or (540) 434-9727.

**Pleasant View, Inc.'s 18th Annual Golf Tournament** will support individuals with intellectual disabilities. Come out on Friday, May 15, at Spotswood Country Club (1980 Country Club Rd, Harrisonburg, Va.) This will be in a Captain's Choice format. Registration will begin at 8:00, with a shotgun start at 9. Team prizes, contest prizes, and door prize drawings will be awarded after lunch. Fees: \$100/golfer or \$380/team of four. Learn more by contacting Pam Miller at (540) 896-8101.

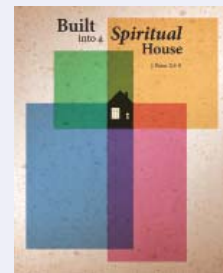


**Family Life Resource Center's Fundraising Dinner** is Saturday, May 16, 6 p.m., at VMRC's Hartman Dining Hall. Judy H. Mullet, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology at Eastern Mennonite University will speak on the importance of restorative relationships. Special memorial tribute will be given to Jim Glanzer, one of the founders of FLRC. RSVP by May 7 to [marie@flrc.org](mailto:marie@flrc.org) or call (540) 434-8450.

**Register now for Kaleidoscope Camp at WCRC!** Camps are available for ages 7 to 18 and run from June 21 through July 30. Fun activities, great counselors, Christ-centered worship, amazing food and new friends! For more information pick up a brochure. Information is also on the web at [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info) or call us at (866) 566-9272.

**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. You'll enjoy our peaceful, wooded facility, comfortable lodging, great food, fun activities and recreation options, worship times and devotions to help your family focus on God. You also have the option to extend your stay to explore and play in Williamsburg. Register by July 20 to receive a \$20 discount. For more information or to register, go to [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info).

**Mountain View Mennonite Church**, Hickory, N.C., is seeking a **half-time youth leader** for their growing youth and



**Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly** is June 11-13 at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Join us for meaningful work and worship as we explore "Built into a Spiritual House," from 1 Peter 2:4-9. Speakers include Navin Benny from Trinidad and a dialog message with Craig Maven and Jacob Lee. Workshops will be offered and childcare is available throughout the weekend. Learn more and register at [virginiaconference.org/assembly](http://virginiaconference.org/assembly)

junior youth program. Contact [mvmchurch@mvmchurch.org](mailto:mvmchurch@mvmchurch.org) for more details, or to submit a résumé.

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

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