


SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.</p> <p>Hebrews 1:1-3 (NRSV)</p>	<p>1 Praise God for Matteo Timothy Green, born on August 3 to Shawn and Laura in Italy. Pray for the special opportunities for relationships that will come from having a new baby.</p>	<p>2 The Life Enrichment Church in Det Udom, Thailand celebrated their 20 year anniversary last month. Praise God for the amazing growth of His kingdom!</p>	<p>3 Pray for the preschool and after-school ministries of the Joshua Center in Albania, directed by Norma Teles. The Joshua Center will resume this month for the new school year.</p>	<p>4 Pray for Lesley Francisco, Director of Student Ministry at Calvary Community Church, as she inspires faith in young people for life in the world.</p>	<p>5 Pray for Dini and Klementina Shahini as they prepare for another school year at the Lezha Academic Center. Thank God for their passion in making Christ's name known in Albania.</p>	
<p>6 Lift up Kara Yoder, Associate Pastor at Mount Clinton Mennonite Church, as she engages in ministry with youth and young adults.</p>	<p>7 Raleigh, Opal, Robbie and Anna* leave for North Africa today. Pray that God will provide for them and guide them as they establish a new way of life. *pseudonyms</p>	<p>8 As Steve and Bethany Horst transition back to life in Bangkok, Thailand, pray that God will fill them with joy as they pursue His kingdom.</p>	<p>9 Lift up Nancy Marshall in Belize as she partners with newly arrived EMM workers, Nathanael and Spring Davis and their four children, to create a ministry for deaf men.</p>	<p>10 Pray with Steve and Laura Campbell in Montenegro for the children who attended the church camps this summer, that they will continue seeking God.</p>	<p>11 As new Kids Club ministries begin to launch at several VMC congregations, pray for energy and discernment for Seth and Theresa Critsman as they guide these congregations.</p>	<p>12 Give thanks for the disaster response training that co-workers of transender Jonathan Cranston have facilitated for local pastors in the Philippines. Pray that this will alleviate suffering during typhoon season.</p>
<p>13 Pray for the ministry of Deb Horst, Associate Pastor of Christian Formation and Youth at Lindale Mennonite Church, as she guides the development of faith in young people.</p>	<p>14 Lift up Raleigh and Opel* as they begin language study this week in their new home city in North Africa. Ask God to enable them to soak in the new language. *pseudonyms</p>	<p>15 Give thanks for the Ramella's desire to see God's kingdom changing hearts. Pray that they would see God at work in them and around them.</p>	<p>16 Lift up Shawn Green in Italy as he begins a ministry project this month through the Italian Evangelical Bible Institute.</p>	<p>17 Pray that God will send Michael and Ruth people of peace who can be open doors to discipleship movements among the people group they minister to in South Asia.</p>	<p>18 Pray for Jason Gerlach, Associate Pastor at Community Mennonite Church, as he nurtures faith with youth and young adults.</p>	<p>19 Ask God to work in transender Joyce Critsman as she serves the local neighborhood alongside Waynesboro Mennonite Church. Pray for her transition to Waynesboro and for the many relationships she will form.</p>
<p>20 Lift Michael Harnish, Pastor of Youth and Young Adult Ministries in prayer as he serves the Weavers Mennonite Church and prepares youth for life in the world.</p>	<p>21 Pray for Brook Hostetter as she spends her days with the students at PROMESA in Peru, teaching and sharing her love of music.</p>	<p>22 Lift up the members of the Life Enrichment Church in Thailand as they share the gospel in several villages where there are not yet any believers.</p>	<p>23 Pray for Brad Kolb, Associate Pastor at Grace Mennonite Fellowship, as he provides innovative leadership for community life.</p>	<p>24 Pray that many young adults will experience the love of God and grow in discipleship through the ministry of transenders Tyler and Kendra Yoder and their home on Old South High Street in Harrisonburg, Va.</p>	<p>25 Give thanks for the ministry of the Mennonite Hispanic Initiative and the way God is opening doors for Hispanic discipleship movements.</p>	<p>26 Praise God for Luka and Mileta who were baptized this summer into the church where Steve and Laura Campbell serve in Montenegro. Pray that they will both bear much fruit for the Lord.</p>
<p>27 Pray for Diane Burkholder, Children's Minister at Lindale Mennonite Church, as she provides creative leadership to the children's ministries.</p>	<p>28 Lift up Grace and Yugo's multi-national ministry team in South Asia. Ask God to guide this team in their work.</p>	<p>29 Give thanks for Lucy and the joy she brings to her parents Adam and Jeanette Strode. Pray for God's good care over her as she grows up in Bangkok, Thailand.</p>	<p>30 Pray that the person God desires to serve as the new team leader in Albania will recognize God's leading. Ask God to bless the new leader with wisdom and vision for the Kingdom.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Park View FEDERAL CREDIT UNION</p> </div> <p>We can serve you and your immediate family.</p> <p>540.434.6444</p>		





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Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a class containing a rich menu of readings and 15 interactive sessions, which can help align your life with God's global purposes. Gain an understanding of four distinct dimensions of the missional challenge. The Harrisonburg course will be at Grace Covenant Church, Tuesday evenings, Sept. 1 through December 8. Learn more at perspectives.org, or contact Carol at carol.tobin@vmmissions.org.

Join the 18th annual **Bike Shenandoah** ride on Saturday, Sept. 19. Bike Shen offers five rides for all ages and abilities, starting from Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Va. This cycle for service supports seven local and national agencies. Register at bikeshenandoah.org

Enjoy the annual **Friends of MHI Dinner**, September 25, 7 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church. This Mennonite Hispanic Initiative fundraiser will support theological education, church planting and leadership development efforts. RSVP to Lizzette at lizzette.hernandez@vmmissions.org as a guest or as a table host (set cost).

Middle school youth and sponsors are invited to a **VMC Middle School One-Day Retreat** on "Walking on Water: Trust that Jesus trusts YOU!" with speaker Rebekka Stutzman, VMissions worker in Germany. Join us Saturday, Sept. 26, 9-5 p.m., Eastern Mennonite School. Learn more at virginiaconference.org/news/middle-school-one-day-retreat/

Discover how to shift in perspective from "the church of God with a mission" to "the God of mission with a church." **Missional**

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Church: Vision, Learning, Refocus will be a four-day seminar featuring keynote speaker Dr. Darrell Guder, of Princeton Theological Seminary. Sessions from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 will be at various venues in Harrisonburg, Va. Learn more at virginiaconference.org/news/missional-church-seminar/

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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Deaf sisters Camalee & Kimberly