

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

January 21, 2018

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader – Jon Mark, Music Leader – Kevin Nice

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship

Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom of God has come near

Repent and believe in the good news

Indeed repent of a faith with only one way to be faithful

For the gospel is salvation to everyone who has faith

Believe in a faith built upon justice and life

The one who does justice lives by faith

Opening Praise Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Grace

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace.

Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to bow before you in true repentance, and bow to one another in true repentance. Forgive us for the times we have been like Egypt, favoring our own people over others. Bring us all out of Egypt, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separates us. Fill us O Lord with your perfect love, which casts out our fear.

The power of God's faithful love brings salvation to all who trust in him, so those made right by God will live by faith.

Passing the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Exodus 4:1-20

Jeremiah 16:14-21

Romans 1:8-17

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon – *Called for a Purpose*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn

Sending to Serve

Pray for Mennonite Missions: A family with two young children is sharing Jesus' love through teaching and community art projects in a Middle Eastern country that is predominantly Muslim. They are serving with Mennonite Mission Network and Eastern Mennonite Missions. Pray for meaningful social and spiritual relationships.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK AND THE SEASON

1/28: Exodus 5: 1- 6:13; Hosea 5:13- 6:6; 2 Thess. 3:1-5; Mark 1:21-34
Worship Leader, Jon Mark; Music, Carol Detweiler

2/4: Exodus 7:8-24; Jeremiah 33:1-12; Romans 9:1-29; Mark 1:35- 2:12
Worship Leader, Sylvia Daniel; Music, Cheryl Van Horn

2/11: Exodus 7:25-8:15; Jerem. 11:1-20; Rom.10:20-11:36; Mark 6:1-6
Worship Leader, Jon Mark.

Today – Potluck Fellowship Meal and Church Meeting after Worship!

This Tuesday, Jan. 23 – Quilting starts at DMC!

This Tuesday, Jan. 23, 5:45-8:00 p.m. – Annual Banquet of Durham Congregations in Action, at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church, 504 W. Chapel Hill St. Keynote Speaker, Mayor Steve Schewel. \$15 per plate, RSVP today to Pastor Spencer.

Thursday -- Annual Service of Prayer for Christian Unity - January 25, 7:00 p.m., Yates Baptist Church, 2819 Chapel Hill Rd. Ecumenical celebration and call to unity among diverse Christian traditions. Quilts on display!

MCC Washington Office high school essay contest: Do you have a passion for writing about the causes you care about? The MCC Washington Office is now accepting submissions for its annual high school essay contest! This year's topics include **climate change, foreign assistance and mass incarceration**. Anabaptist youth who are of high school age within the U.S. and Puerto Rico are eligible to enter and win up to \$1,000! The deadline for submitting essays is January 26, 2018. To learn more, visit mcc.org/essay-contest.

Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7:30 pm, Duke Chapel Jazz Vespers - A collaboration between Duke Chapel and the Duke Jazz Program, this Jazz Vespers worship service combines the form of the traditional Christian evening vespers service with the musical improvisation of jazz. Chapel Dean Luke Powery and others will offer prayers and readings during the service, while music professor John Brown's "Little" Big Band will provide musical leadership. Local ministers will also participate. Vespers is an ancient Christian service with chants, anthems, prayers and scripture reading. All are welcome to attend.



Signs of God's Kingdom

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front art: "Moses at the Burning Bush" Yoram Raanan

*Our mission is to restore people to relationships of communion
with God and each other in Christ.*

*We will practice this mission through our worship and witness,
our discipling, fellowship and service.*