

Durham Mennonite Church

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A Congregation of the Virginia Mennonite Conference & Mennonite Church USA

August 20, 2017

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

10:30 a.m. Worship Leader, Spencer Bradford; Music, Kevin Nice

PRAISING OUR CREATOR WHO CALLS US

Call to Worship (2 John 1:3)

Grace, mercy, and peace will be with us from God the Father
and from Jesus Christ, the Father's Son, in truth and love.

Opening Songs

Confession of Sin and Assurance (*adapted from Genesis 32:9-12*)

O God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Isaac and Rebekah, O Lord who
summons us to come home to you and who promises to do us good:

**Lord, we are not worthy of the least of all the steadfast love and all
the faithfulness that you have shown to us. You have blessed us, and
yet we walk in fear. We fear the consequences of our wrongs, the
debts we owe for our failings and untrue words, the death that
pursues us. By your grace and mercy, forgive us. Bless us again with
life and hope, for you are the God whose love is faithful.**

The Lord has said, "I will surely do you good, and make your offspring
as the sand of the sea, increasing your blessings beyond measure."

Passing of the Peace

Announcements

Hymn

HEARING JESUS, THE LIVING WORD

Genesis 32:1-21

John 13:31-35

1John 4:7-12, 16b-21

2John 1:1-6

Sermon – *Love Vs Hate*

Spencer Bradford

RECEIVING THE SPIRIT, JOINED IN CHRIST'S BODY

Word Made Music – Hymn #580

Testimonies, Sharing and Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal #731)

Offering and Offertory

RETURNING TO GOD'S SERVICE AS NEW CREATURES

Closing Hymn #592 – *Love Divine*

Sending to Serve

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides
in them. As God is, so are we in world. Let us love one another. And
this is love, that we walk according to his commandments. Go in peace.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

For 8/27: Gen. 32:22- 33: 11; 2Sam. 5: 3-12; Rev. 3: 14-22; John 9: 1-41
Worship Leader, Jackie Carroll-Garcia; Music, Carol Detweiler

For 9/3: Ezekiel 34: 15-31; Psalm 23; 1John 3: 16-24; John 10: 1-18
Worship Leader, Renee Collins Bradford; Music, Aaron Griffith.

Pray for Mennonite Missions: Alisha and Josh Garber are beginning an assignment
in Spain with Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they adapt to a new
language and culture and as they serve alongside the leaders of the Barcelona
Mennonite Church, focusing on youth outreach and congregational mission.

Dan and Kathryn Smith Derksen and their sons spent July in North America
speaking on behalf of Mennonite Mission Network. Pray for them as they return to
South Africa, working with Southern African Development and Reconstruction
Agency to achieve 2020 vision: 20 trained conflict mediators in 20 communities by
2020.

Upcoming Durham Mennonite Dates:

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. – Quilting & Sewing at Durham Mennonite

Next Sunday, August 27 – Fellowship Potluck after Worship

Wednesday, August 30 - Singing and Prayer at Carver Assisted Living

**Friday, Sept. 29 – DMC prepares and serves supper for 200 at Urban Ministries
of Durham.**

**Thursday, Aug. 24, 12 Noon - Religious Coalition for a Nonviolent Durham
Community Luncheon Roundtable in the fellowship hall of Shepherd's House
United Methodist (107 N. Driver Street; corner of Main and Driver).** Lunch
from CORE Catering is free, and all are welcome to break bread with us. Feature
program will be a conversation about the many pathways to recovery from mental
health and substance use disorders in Durham. Robert Thomas, Randy Tucker, and
other members of the Recovery Community of Durham will lead a discussion on the
diverse paths and collaborative approaches to supporting recovery in our Durham
community.

Happy Birthday to Jonathan Nice (8/21), Anna Showalter (8/23), Matthew Tieszen (8/24)! Happy Anniversary to John and Alma Shertzer, 8/25!

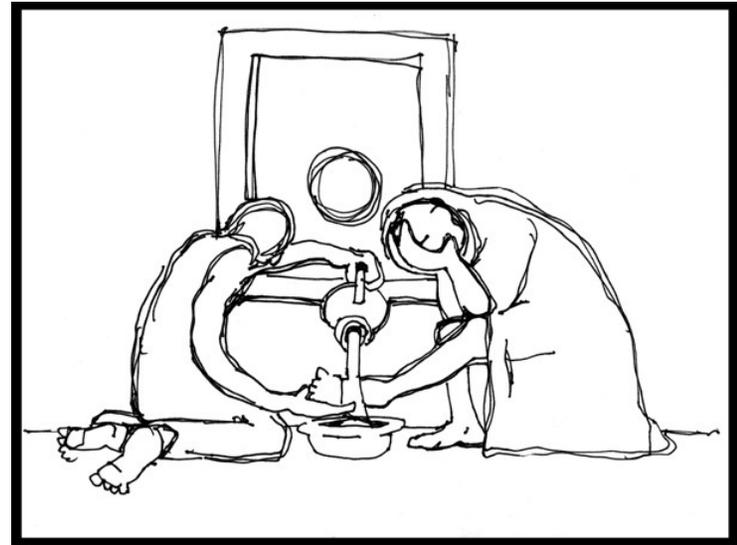
Response to Violence in Charlottesville, VA, from Mennonite Church USA

In the wake of the horrific violence that resulted from a white supremacist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, over the weekend, our hearts break for the families of those who lost their lives at the event, namely Heather Heyer, who was killed when James Alex Fields allegedly drove a car through a crowd of counter-protesters, and two troopers — Lt. H. Jay Cullen and Trooper-pilot Berke M.M. Bates. May God bring their loved ones comfort and hope in the face of their tragic loss.

As followers of Jesus, we must speak out against the evil of racism, white supremacy and neo-Nazism that prompted the demonstration. We declare with the authority of scripture that all people are created in the image of God, and that no so-called race is inherently superior to any other. We call all of Mennonite Church USA to be watchful and open to the Spirit of God, inspiring and emboldening us to stand together with people who are the target of hate solely because of the color of their skin, gender, sexual orientation or religion.

We support the people of faith and all people of good will who are uniting in a spirit of hope and love to resist the influence of hate groups around the country. We call all of Mennonite Church USA to pray for justice and mercy in our nation, that we may grant to all the dignity and respect which they deserve as people loved by God, and for whom Christ died.

Ervin Stutzman
Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA



*“Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another.
By this everyone will know
that you are my disciples,
if you have love for one another.”*

DURHAM MENNONITE CHURCH

Front Image: “Footwasher #3” Daniel Bonnell

*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.*

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