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The first 2014-15 **Anabaptist Center for Religion and Society breakfast presentation** will on Monday, September 8, 7:30-9:00 a.m. in the West Dining Room (Northlawn) at EMU. Lisa Schirch, director of Human Security at the Alliance for Peacebuilding, will address **“Navigating the Path to Peace in the Pentagon.”** Can an institution created to wage war play any role in peace? What are the dangers and dilemmas? Schirch will describe new initiatives and trends at the Pentagon to support training for the military in how to engage with civilians, and she will lay out her vision for the role of the military in supporting peace-building. Lisa will trace the evolution in the field of peace-building, from small-scale efforts by MCC to what is now a global movement. Learn more at temu.edu/acrs/events/

Join **New Song Fellowship** for an outdoor worship service Saturday, September 13, at 6 pm on 3156 N Valley Pike (Route 11) just north of Harrisonburg.

Registration is open for the VMC Middle School Retreat, September 20-21. Kent Kauffman, director of Highland Retreat, will present "The Story of Your Life," with worship led by members of The Walking Roots Band. Join us for a weekend of worship, faith stories, energetic activities and friendship-building! Middle school youth in grades 6-8 and adult sponsors are invited from all Virginia Mennonite Conference churches. The retreat will be held at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center, located at Smith Mountain Lake in Wirtz, Va. Learn more and register at wp.me/P2AxnQ-ov

You are invited to a delicious Ethiopian fundraising meal hosted by NEW (Nurturing and Encouraging Women) at Lindale Mennonite Church from 5:30 –7:00 PM on Friday, September 12. With Ethiopian women as its focus, NEW supports efforts in evangelism, counseling, education, healthcare, poverty and hunger reduction and small business development. RSVP to Leanne Benner at [\(540\) 432-9064](tel:5404329064) or benbiz29@aol.com

Join **Our Community Place** for **Beyond Night Out!** on Monday, September 15, from 5 to 8 pm. Our Community Place (community center) is transformed into a fine-dining restaurant, with Beyond Restaurant cooking a four-course meal. The suggested donation is \$20. Enjoy a wonderful meal and support your local community.

Join local **Herald Press** author **Shirley Showalter** at VMRC's Strite Auditorium on September 18 at 3 pm for a one-year birthday celebration of the release of her memoir **“Blush: A Mennonite Girl Meets a Glittering World”**

Love to ride in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley? Save the date for Saturday, September 20, and join the 17th annual **Bike Shenandoah**. Choose one of five rides for all ages and abilities, and support the work of seven local and regional agencies! Learn more and register at bikeshenandoah.org.

Cherith Fee Nordling will give four presentations in Harrisonburg on the theme **“Being Human, Becoming Christian: an embodied reconciliation of heaven and earth,”** September 15-17. **The four events are:** a public presentation on Monday, Sept. 15, Park View Mennonite Church, 7:00 pm, a Pastors’ Breakfast:* Tuesday, Sept. 16, Fireplace Room at Park View Mennonite Church, 7:30 am (*RSVP to Sarah Showalter at sarah.showalter@vmmissions.org or [\(540\) 434-9727](tel:5404349727) by Sept. 11 if you plan to attend.), a Seminary Chapel: Tuesday, Sept. 16, Eastern Mennonite Seminary, 11:00 am, and an EMU Undergraduate Chapel: Wednesday, Sept. 17, Lehman Auditorium, 10:00 am. Cherith Fee Nordling is Associate Professor of Theology at Northern Seminary in Lombard, IL.

OFFICE SUITE FOR RENT: at 901 Parkwood Drive. For more details, contact Lynn Suter at lynn.suter@vmmissions.org or [540-434-9727](tel:5404349727) or vmmissions.org/2014/09/office-suite-for-rent/

Looking for missional church resourcing with an Anabaptist perspective? Join us for the **“Church and Post-Christian Culture” Conference**, Sept. 19-20, in Carlisle, Pa., at Carlisle Brethren in Christ Church. Speakers include Anton Flores, Greg Boyd and Nelson Okanya. Jesus, community and mission are the broad themes for plenaries and breakouts. Mennonite Church USA is a partnering denomination. Contact Skip Tobin at skip.tobin@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727 • (800) 707-5535. Learn more and register at missioalliance.org/event/church-after-christendom-christian-witness-in-the-way-of-jesus/

The **Everence** Harrisonburg office is sponsoring **Everence Harrisonburg Week of Generosity** from Sept. 22-27. Everence members are invited to volunteer at a charity of their choice during that week. If you volunteer for three hours or more, Everence will contribute \$50 to the charity you served. (This offer will be limited to the first 60 volunteers.) Each charity will be eligible to receive up to \$500. All you need to do to participate is complete an application and pick up a free Everence T-shirt from our Harrisonburg office at 841 Mount Clinton Pike. We'd like you to wear the T-shirt while you're volunteering, if appropriate. Let's pull together to help the community during the week of Sept. 22-27. Visit everence.com/harrisonburg or call us at (540) 437-7422 for more information.

Rehoboth Jail & Prison Ministry invites you to the **27th annual Day of Jubilee**, Saturday, Sept. 27, beginning around 11 am. at at Tim Miller's house. Enjoy sharing times, prayers and praise, a carry-in meal, and games. Tim's home is located at 165 Quarry Hill Lane, Schuyler, VA 22969. (434) 831-2963 or cell (434) 962-2354 on the day of Jubilee. Any time before that day you can call Ron Baker (434) 831-2963.

The annual **Harrisonburg churches CROP walk** to raise funds for Church World Service's program's to combat hunger around the world will take place Sunday, September 28, at 2 pm, starting from Muhlenberg Lutheran Church in Harrisonburg. This is a great activity for a family, Sunday School class or small group. Even if you do not have persons to donate money for your walk it is a good way to educate people about hunger in the world and CWS's programs to feed the hungry. Some of the money raised will go to local agencies such as People helping People and the Refugee Resettlement Program.

The **Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** will be October 3-4 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds, Harrisonburg. The relief sales offers a little bit of everything—quilts, artwork, homemade food, antiques, crafts, music and activities for the whole family. We hope you'll join us! Proceeds go to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. **Keep collecting for Penny Power** and consider matching your church's total! Watch the new video from VMM on this year's Penny Power projects at vmmissions.org/support/penny-power/ Learn more about the sale at vareliefsale.com

Registration is now open for the 5th annual **5K for Relief** that will be held at the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale on October 4 at 8:30 am. Runners, joggers, walkers, strollers, and youth are all welcome to participate. Participants who register by Sept 26 will get a free T-shirt. Sign up now at runwalkjog.com/relief.

There will be a **Gestalt Pastoral Care Retreat** led by Tilda Norberg at Highland Retreat, October 16-18, 2014. Tilda's healing ministry was featured in the 2013 School for Leadership Training at Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

The **Walk for Our Community Place** will be October 18 at 9 am. Walk options are a 10K or 10 blocks. This Walk is a way for the community to help Our Community Place in its mission to promote personal growth and community well-being in the Harrisonburg area.

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