



First Mennonite Church of Richmond Online Sunday Service

September 6, 2020

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11:00 AM

Call to Worship		Randy Suders
Special Music	"All Who Are Thirsty"	Christine Suders
Music Video	"Jesus Loves the Little Children"	
Children's Time		Warwick River Mennonite Church
Scripture Sermon	Genesis 11:1-9 "The Great Scattering"	Ryan Ahlgrim
Special Music	"I Will Trust in You"	Christine Suders
Sharing Pastoral Prayer Announcements & Offering		Ryan Ahlgrim
Special Music	"You Shall Go Out"	Christine Suders
Benediction		Ryan Ahlgrim
Breakout groups (two rounds)		

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**PRAYER GUIDE FOR
FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH**

PRAYER REQUESTS may be emailed to secretary@firstmennonitechurch.org, or called into the office. We will rotate or replace prayer requests every few weeks unless you request otherwise.

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- Pray for our school administrators, teachers, parents, and children as difficult decisions are made about the best and safest ways to educate our children as the new school year begins.
 - Alice Beachy's father, **Ray Schreiner**, passed away on Thursday, September 3rd. He had been suffering from Alzheimer's for the past few months. Alice was able to be with him. He was 98. Pray for her comfort.
 - **Dave Bartow** is now receiving radiofrequency ablation to address his chronic back pain. It may take 1-3 weeks before he experiences relief. Pray for pain reduction and God's presence.
 - **Curt Holsopple** has opted to keep a straight, fused right leg. Infection is almost gone from the surgery five weeks ago. He is adjusting to the awkwardness, and his attitude is improving about the new normal. Pray for his continued well-being.
 - **John Bowman** will be having back surgery on September 16th to help correct several problems including a ruptured disc.
 - **Jim, Ginny and Victoria Meisner** (former attendees at FMC) are going through a difficult time. Jim is asking for our prayers.
 - **JT Nix** is struggling with anxiety. Pray that he may experience calm and can get proper sleep.
 - **Terrie Martin** is struggling with her health. She is also hoping for the time when she can meet her son, Adam. Pray for her well-being.

- Jay Rohrer's sister-in-law, **Wendy Rohrer**, is suffering the tragic loss of her brother, Steve, who was murdered recently. Pray for comfort and healing.
- Terrie Martin's lifelong friend **Silas**, is in a coma following amputation of his legs below the knees and complications due to diabetes and Covid-19. Pray for his healing.
- **Keith Shelton** is transferring to Knox College in Illinois, where he will begin classes on September 8th. Before he leaves, contact him (through Christine Suders) if you want to hire him for any outdoor work.
- **Ken Wermuth's mother** was recently hospitalized with fluid in her lungs but has now been transferred to Henrico Health. Pray for her recovery
- Bridget Rohrer's mother, **Rosemarie Walpole** is recovering from surgery to repair an incisional hernia. Pray for her healing and continued strength against cancer.
- **Lois Mericle**, was recently diagnosed with advanced metastatic cancer. She is receiving chemo treatments every Monday. Please keep her and Carl in your prayers. (Carl is pastor of Providence Mennonite Church, Newport News.)
- Thanks for prayers for Randy Suders's coworker **Margo** and her daughter **Liza** who was severely injured in a car accident. Liza is out of the hospital, receiving nursing care at home and making slow but promising progress. Tragically, **Margo's son** was in a car accident recently and is in the ICU. Please pray for healing and provision.

PRAISE

- Congratulations to **Lauren and Greg Lamb** on the birth of **Lydia Blair Lamb**, born on August 10th weighing 6lbs 13oz. Lauren and the baby are doing well and are healthy. Lydia's sisters are ecstatic to meet her as well.
- A big thank you to all the volunteers, to all the donors, to the Red Cross, and to the congregation for a very successful Red Cross Blood Drive on August 29th. We donated a record 28 units of blood—enough to save 84 lives! We had ten first time donors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING SERMONS

September 13: "Bless the World" Genesis 12

WARWICK RIVER MENNONITE CHURCH --The Warwick River congregation will join our online worship service this Sunday, September 6th. Some members of the Warwick congregation will be leading our children's time. Let us welcome them warmly!

New Adult Sunday School Class—Craig Wilson and John Bowman will be leading the new "Salt & Light" study beginning September 6th. The first four weeks is a study of salvation through Christ. The first lesson—this Sunday—focuses on Saul's conversion in the Acts of the Apostles; the following three weeks the lessons are based on Paul's Letter to the Romans. John Bowman will send an electronic copy of the student booklet to anyone interested. The hard-copy booklets are also available in the church office; contact Pastor Ryan to get a copy. Join this new class at 10am every Sunday morning! The Zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/92504440580>.

Mid-Week Bible Study—Beginning Wednesday 7pm on September 9th, Pastor Ryan will begin a Bible study and discussion of Paul's Letter to the Philippians. This is Paul's most cheerful and positive letter which, ironically, he wrote while in prison facing possible execution. During our own challenging times, Paul's message takes on added significance. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83400137557?pwd=ZCtQS1pndzJPWlhQR3RWUmVTd0ZOZz09>.

ONLINE Popcorn Fundraiser—September 15-18: VMissions Workers Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin are fundraising for their next 22-month term in Thailand. Support them by buying some delicious popcorn through a Double Good Fundraiser! They will receive 50% of profits from this four-day virtual event and the popcorn will be shipped directly to you! Join the Facebook Event to learn more
<https://facebook.com/events/s/popcorn-fundraiser-for-steve-a/633580174221037/?ti=as> and there will be a "live" link September 15-18 for ordering and sharing with others who might be interested!

ANTI-RACISM BOOK GROUP—SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE, by Ijeoma Oluo, is the first selection of the FMC Anti-Racism Book Group. Our Zoom meeting is Thursday, Sept. 17th, 7-8 pm. Anyone is invited to read the book and join the discussion. The link will be in the weekly bulletin the Sunday before.

NEW ADDRESS—Daniel Foxvog's new address is 714 Cheatwood Avenue, Richmond VA 23222.

FREE HYMNALS AND SONGBOOKS—Soon we will be receiving the new hymnal, "Voices Together." Our old hymnals (red and blue), as well as our two song books (green and purple), will be placed in storage. We will keep a certain number for possible future use, but if anyone would like a free copy of the old hymnals or songbooks, email Pastor Ryan.

FMC BOOKPLATES—It is time to prepare the dedication bookplates for the new *Voices Together* hymnals (coming soon!). Don Oswald has emailed draft copies of dedication bookplates to all those who made donations and requested bookplates "In memory of ..." or "In honor of ..." someone. If you requested a dedication bookplate and did not receive a message, please let Don know ASAP.

A GOAT & TWO CHICKENS--Using offerings collected from children and youth Sunday school classes over the past two years, FMC has purchased a goat and two chickens via World Vision for \$110 to provide a steady supply of eggs, milk and protein for families in need. Each family that receives chickens is asked to give back hatched chicks to help another family in need. World Vision is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to tackling poverty and injustice. For more information, see: <https://www.worldvision.org/>.

MCC KIT FUND—This is the final week for donations to our fund for School Kits and for COVID-19 Hygiene Kits. Please consider giving \$5 for a school kit, and \$20 for a hygiene kit—these are urgently needed now in refugee settlements where people do not have cleaning products and disinfectants. We can support MCC's outreach to our neighbors around the world.

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES—Join us every Sunday at 11am for our online worship service. The Zoom link is:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83948392900>, Meeting ID: 839 4839 2900. You can also listen on your phone. Dial 1 (929) 205-6099 (meeting number 83948392900#). This link will remain the same for each online weekly service.

OFFERINGS—Make checks payable to: First Mennonite Church and mail them to the assistant treasurer: **Val Reinford, 9504 Beckham Drive, N. Chesterfield, VA 23235**. We now offer the option of online giving through Tithe.ly at the following link:
https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give. The online giving link for Tithe.ly is available on the church's website.

Communion Schedule

October 4, 2020 (World Communion Sunday)

November 22, 2020 (Sunday before Advent)