

The Truth Unmasked

August 16, 2026



Huntington Mennonite Church All Are Welcome

In response to God's call, we worship God, giving ourselves to God's work of liberating, reconciling, and equipping each person into full ministry as followers of Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God.



WELCOME TO HUNTINGTON MENNONITE CHURCH

785 Harpersville Rd. Newport News, VA 23601

www.huntingtonmennonite.org

Tel 757-595-6889

Gather for coffee & fellowship 9:15 – 9:25 a.m.; 10:30-10:45 a.m.

Grow through Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Celebrate through Worship 10:45 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude	Samantha Luck
Welcome and Announcements	Milton Janzen
Sung Call to Worship:	Samantha Luck
God Welcomes All	VT 32
Call to Worship	Milton Janzen

Engaging

Songs of Praise:	Samantha Luck
My Hope is Built	VT 621
Thy Word	
We Fall Down	

Offering	Milton Janzen
Offertory	Samantha Luck

(Passing of Friendship Registries)

Congregational Prayer	Pastor Dave Whitten
Focus Song	Samantha Luck
O God in Restless Living	HWB 557
Scripture: Psalm 37:10-13	Alice Hedgepeth
Sermon:	Pastor Dave Whitten

“Esther: The Truth Unmasked”

Song of Response:	Samantha Luck
When the Storms of Life are Raging	VT 595

Sending

Benediction	Pastor Dave Whitten
Sung Benediction	Samantha Luck
Between Darkness and Light	VT 808
Postlude	Samantha Luck

EVENTS

Aug 16	9:30 am	Sunday School: Acts 22:30 – 23:11 – Tension in the Jewish Council
	10:45 am	Worship (Sanctuary and Zoom)
Aug 18	9:30 am	Tuesday Social Chats at HMC
	5:30 pm	Tuesday Supper at HMC
	6:00 - 8:30 pm	Darkness to Light training
Aug 22	7:00 am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
Aug 23	9:30 am	Sunday School: Acts 28:1-10 – Paul ashore on Malta
	10:45 pm	Worship (Sanctuary and Zoom)
Sept 20	11:00 am	Joint Service & Fellowship Lunch @ WCRC

Mennonite Women of Virginia – Annual Fall Retreat Oct. 30 – Nov. 1.

See brochures on the mailbox counter. **Discounted early registration ends Sept 1st.**

See Mennonite Disaster Service in action in this video about a bridge being built so that people have better access to their homes and emergency services when needed. **Access the video at**
<https://mds.org/videos/page/2/#gallery-3>

The **Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** is an annual, all volunteer event that raises money for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). The sale begins on **Friday, October 2 from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. and continues Saturday, October 3** at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds (4808 S Valley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801).

Urgent prayer request for South Sudan - The nation of South Sudan is experiencing a humanitarian crisis caused by escalating conflicts, natural disaster, and reduced harvests. 2.6 million people have been displaced, and more than half the population is experiencing acute food insecurity. Mennonite Mission Network is collaborating with Mennonite churches in the area, Mennonite Central Committee, and Mennonite World Conference to coordinate relief efforts. Please pray for an end to the unprecedented floods and an end to the conflict. Pray for the South Sudan Mennonite Church as they attempt to provide for vulnerable people. Pray for humanitarian assistance and safe gathering places.

8-9-2026 Attendance: 35

June Offering: \$11,887.00

July Offering: \$9500.02

Ytd Offering: \$103,369.52

Bytd Offering: \$152,885.58

Huntington Church Staff:

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Secretary's Office Hours:

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Heidi Bane, Church Treasurer

Huntington Mennonite Church Leadership Council:

Chair – Dianna Schiedel

Administration Elder – Milton Janzen

Spiritual Life Elder – Lewi Blosser

Outreach Elder—Russell DeYoung

Community Life Elder—Bruce Salsburg

Interim Pastor— Dave Whitten

Recording Secretary—Milton Janzen

For Pastoral needs, please contact Samantha Luck or Dave Whitten.

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