

East Holbrook Mennonite Church
Cheraw, Colorado

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We're blessed to affirm that the Spirit of God is indeed present and active here in Cheraw and the Arkansas Valley. If doing rises from being, then the ministries of EHMC rise naturally from who we are: Anabaptist followers of Jesus Christ. The Spirit-empowered people of EHMC continually and actively promote the release of God's *shalom* in our world by extending the love of Jesus to one another and to the greater community in innumerable ways. Some examples are consolation and support; sharing of goods, resources, and time; volunteerism in schools, nonprofits, and other public arenas; and ministries of compassion. The EHMC daily way of life is rooted in fulfilling the Greatest Commandment and being Christ to others, both within and without our congregation.

Perhaps the most visible ministry we exercise is extending the hospitality of our cemetery. EHMC's churchyard cemetery is the only cemetery in the immediate Cheraw area – and all are welcome. There are no restrictions or covenants regarding who may be laid to rest. EHMC's sanctuary and fellowship hall are available for bereaved families' memorial services and the congregation provides a meal on these occasions, all at no charge to the families. We are grateful for these opportunities to serve grieving families.

The freedom of the Gospel allows us to deny ourselves, take up our respective crosses, and follow Christ—thanks be to God!

—Brian Hanneken
Pastor