This month's Missionary of the Month focus for prayer: Dano & Tara Heatwole and family in North Africa. Pray for a new believer that is struggling in faith and is in hiding from the life-threatening persecution in the old life. Also pray for a final national accreditation decision for the nursing school

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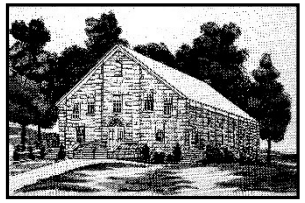

Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, December 1, 2024 - 10:30AM
9:30AM Sunday School classes

Called into God's Family, we join together
to be transformed through worship,
to nurture one another,
to be equipped to serve Jesus Christ, and
to carry out His mission in the world.

Welcome & Announcements Trevor Oyer
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading: Luke 1:26-45

Worship in Song c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman
VT 212 "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"
VT 216 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"
"Living Hope"

Children's Time Joyce Nussbaum

Message "God's Gifts to Us: Life" Curt Stutzman
Scripture - Genesis 1:26-2:3

Song of Response VT 218 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 217 "Hark! the Glad Sound!"

VT=*Voices Together* hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by: Shay Bechler and Alyssa Eby)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Administrative Council, Tuesday, Dec. 3
- Senior Lunch Out, noon at Shady Oak, Dec. 5
- Ladies Christmas Dinner, Dec. 10
- Walk Through Bethlehem, Dec. 14, 15

Announcements

Thank you for your continued contributions. We have a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Other ways to give may include your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service, via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. Designations from this past week: Budget - $7,150

Weavers Seniors Lunch Out – Noon, Thursday, Dec. 5 Many days it feels like winter is coming. That means we can still feel the warmth of hot food surrounded by good friends. Feel free to invite others and kindly rsvp by email, text or call Marilyn BY MONDAY, Dec. 2.

Shekinah and Cantore (women's and men's vocal groups) warmly invite you to their annual Christmas coffeehouse concert with refreshments and festive music at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7, at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. Admission is by donation; proceeds will benefit New Bridges Immigrant Resource Center.

Happy Birthday this week: to Twila Lehman (today!) and Silas Driver.

Weavers annual Walk Through Bethlehem will be December 14-15! Please pray that people who don't yet know Jesus will come to hear the story! Many Cookie bakers are needed ! A sign up sheet in on the foyer table to help Hospitality Committee know how to plan.

Weavers Ladies will have a Christmas Dinner on Tuesday, Dec. 10, 5:30pm. Location to be announced but please go ahead with sign-up to help us know how much space will be needed. We will have a white-elephant gift exchange with a gift under $10. If you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, bring a dozen and take an assorted dozen home!

Please continue to keep the Weavers Child Care in prayer as they discern applicants for an Activity Leader. There are still pieces to the programming that need to come together for a Jan. 6 start-up. One of these will be an open-house for parents at the same time as our Walk Through Bethlehem. Pray that good connections can be made.

VMMissions and friends are *creating fellowship opportunities for young adults*, open to all young adults around the Shenandoah Valley area! On Friday, December 6, a Christmas Party at 7pm will be happening at the VMMissions Barn (601 Parkwood Dr, Harrisonburg) which will include an ugly sweater contest, Minute to Win It games, and more (bring a snack to share). If you or your congregation have questions or would like to be added to the email list for future events, please email melanie.sherer@vmmissions.org.

Harrisonburg Mennonite Church extends a warm invitation to local churches to come join us at HMC on Wednesday December 4, in the Worship Center, for a time of fellowship and Christmas Carol singing (6:15-8:00pm). From 6:15-7:00 we will be providing Hot Cocoa and people are invited to bring their favorite Christmas snack to share. (preferably finger foods). We will begin singing carols together from Voices Together Hymnal at 7:00. Come to both or just come for the singing. Let's encourage each other through song, getting into the Christmas spirit, while worshipping our God together with one voice**.**

Weavers' long-term loan for the Building Addition as of 10/31/24 is at $442,927.26. If anyone would like to consider year-end contributions towards the loan repayment, it would go as extra principle payments, reducing the loan amount.

The **Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center's** annual Christmas event will this year feature a dramatized tour, titled This Solid Ground. In This Solid Ground, visitors will progress through four different buildings on the Heritage Center campus, each with a scene that brings to life what Christmas Eve in 1871 might have been like for Brethren and Mennonites in the Shenandoah Valley. These special tours will take place on **December 14, 15, 21 and 22, from 2:30 to 5:30 pm each day**. Tours will begin every 15 minutes, with a maximum of 10 persons per group. ***Registration is required to attend; for more information and to register, please visit https://brethrenmennoniteheritage.org/heritage-christmas-1.***

Mennonite Disaster Services' November edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, learn about Bridging Together, a new partnership with Lutheran Disaster Response, read how hope is being renewed in Santa Cruz plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. Click online to read more: https://conta.cc/4fWz7HD

On January 21, 2025, upon the 500th anniversary of the beginning of Anabaptism, all are invited to Park View Mennonite Church at 7:00 pm. We will remember our baptisms, our hymns, and our history. Song Leader Andrea Early is choosing hymns from five centuries which will be printed in a booklet to be taken home after the service. *The planning committee includes those from the Old Order Mennonite community, the Southeastern Mennonite Conference, and the Virginia Mennonite Conference.* If you cannot attend in person, join online at pvmchurch.org.

"Five Centuries, Five Lectures": Remembering Anabaptist & Mennonite History. All are invited to a 35-45 minute Thursday lecture series January 30th to February 27th. It is free of charge with in-person or online options. These lectures feature Dr. John Roth, Dr. Mary Sprunger, Elwood Yoder, Caleb Schrock-Hurst, and Dr. Andrew Suderman. Location will be Weavers Mennonite Church.