This month's Missionary of the Month focus for prayer: Dano & Tara Heatwole and family in North Africa. Pray for successful fundraising for a new Operating Room suite (the old one no longer meets hospital accreditation standards).
Pray for Dano as he travels to Mauritania to connect with a new missional nursing school he has been engaged with (which is using believing teachers from our country).

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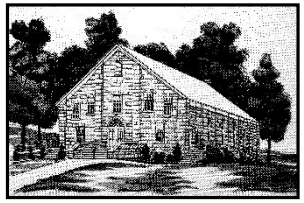

Weavers Mennonite Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 8, 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.

Prelude Jennifer Wright
Welcome & Announcements Lydia Martin
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading: Luke 2:8-18
Children's Time Kathy King

Worship in Song c/o Tamara Shoemaker & Regina Harlow
"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
"Noel"
"Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Message "God's Gifts to Us: Knowledge" Curt Stutzman
Scripture - Job 42:1-6

Song of Response "Oh Holy Night" & "Silent Night"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song "Hail the Blest Morn" (Brightest and Best)

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by: Abby Oyer, Gloria Mumbauer, Marcia Nussbaum)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Ladies Christmas Dinner, Dec. 10
- Sewing Day, Wed. Dec. 11
- Walk Through Bethlehem, Dec. 14, 15
- Wed, Dec. 18 Christmas Caroling, time TBD
- Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols in Shady Oak, 6pm

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 - $12,677; Building Addition Loan - $350

Happy Birthday this week: to Josh King (today!), Melody Driver, Janet Blosser, Laura Wheeler, Mike Martin, Brenda Wenger, Wayne Miller, Barbara Showalter, Rod Burkholder, Eva Kline, and Michele Baker.

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. **Sign-up deadline is today** 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! Come enjoy fellowship together – food is provided. We will meet at Dianna Lehman's house.

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.

Weavers' long-term loan for the Building Addition as of 11/30/24 is at $440,132.87. If anyone would like to consider year-end contributions towards the loan repayment, it would go as extra principal 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.***

Ridgeway Mennonite Church's Jubilee Group (65+) would like to invite others to join our time of fellowship on Friday, December 13. The EMHS chamber choir will perform at 10:30am, with cookies, hot drinks, and socializing afterwards.

Help Highland Retreat stock the woodsheds during a wood-splitting work day on Saturday, December 14. Sign up as an individual or with a group, work for about 3 hours in the morning and/or afternoon, and we will say thank you with a warm and delicious lunch! More information and the online sign-up is available at https://highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days/.

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 vary. F***or more information, click online here.***

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a 15-week course looking at God's movement in the world from Genesis to now and how God invites His beloved creation to join the mission. It will be held at Eastside Church, Mondays, Jan. 13 - April 21 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM ET. Opening and registration night is Jan. 6th. Weavers Outreach Committee will help cover the cost of registration for any Weavers person to attend. Email or call Lydia Martin @ ljmuss@gmail.com or 570.234.4538.