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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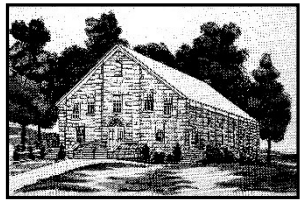

Weavers Mennonite Church

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15, 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 Regina Harlow
Welcome & Announcements Kevin Byler
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading & Children's Time: Matthew 2:1-12
Joyce Nussbaum

Worship in Song c/o Sandy Byler
VT 210 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"
VT 249 "Angels We Have Heard on High"
"Emmanuel God With Us"

Message "God's Gifts to Us: His Presence" Curt Stutzman
Scripture - Matthew 3:13-17

Song of Response VT 259 "To Us a Child of Hope Is Born"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 239 "He Came Down"

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by: Diann Beach and Brenda Bechler)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Wed, Dec. 18 Christmas Caroling, time 6-7:30pm
- 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 - $4,160; Weavers Missions - $1,000; MDS - $1,500; Building Addition Loan - $25,500

Happy Birthday this week: to Dylan Grove and Ed Lehman.

Weavers annual Walk Through Bethlehem second night will be this evening, 5:30-7pm!

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

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 continue to take place on **December 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.***

Come help spread some Christmas cheer with Christmas Caroling, Wed. Dec. 18, 6pm! Meet at Shady Oak and we will carpool, then return for refreshments.

Weavers will receive the "Special Missions" offering on Sun., Dec. 29.

In 2025, there will be a monthly young adult men's breakfast and Bible study in Trevor Oyer's basement (2891 Rawley Pike). This will happen the third Saturday of each month from 8:15-9:30am, with the first gathering being on January 18th. We will be reading through Galatians and Ephesians - one chapter per month. Any interested young adult men, including individuals who don't attend Weavers, are welcome to join! Please let Trevor know if you have any questions. (Cell Phone: 503-989-5929)

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.