This month's Missionary of the Month focus for prayer: Dano & Tara Heatwole and family in North Africa. Pray that our new training center for life support would grow in such a way that we can use it for outreach in the countryside. One of the believing nationals is doing her PhD in using life support training in the community.

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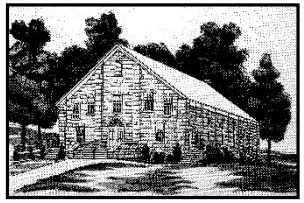

Weavers Mennonite Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22, 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 Jeremy Beach
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7

Worship in Song c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman
VT 263 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
VT 247 "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
VT 267 & 268 "What Child is This" / "Helpless and Hungry"

Children's Time Joyce Nussbaum

Message "God's Gifts to Us: Anticipation" Curt Stutzman
Scripture - Revelation 12:10-12; 22:1-5

Song of Response VT 250 "The First Noel, the Angel Did Say"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 240 "Joy to the World"

VT – *Voices Together* hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by: Shady 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)
- Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols in Shady Oak, 6pm
- New Year's Day Harmonia Sacra Sing, 7pm

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 - $5,045; Building Addition Loan - $1,200

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Walk-Through-Bethlehem so successful. Each of your parts helped bless many people. May God bless you for your help.

Evana Network's Executive Director, Matt Hamsher, will be at Weavers during our Sunday School time next Sunday, Dec. 29, to share about Evana and what they have to offer in joining as a Conference. Visit https://evananetwork.org/join/ to learn more about the organization.

Congratulations to Kristi & Isaac Driver on the birth of Kezia Lynn Driver, born Dec. 16, 7lbs 5oz. Kezia joins two big sisters, Ellie and Charlotte.

All are welcome to the Christmas Eve service of Lessons & Carols, 6pm Dec. 24 in Shady Oak.

Happy Birthday this week: to Jake Wheeler and Dave Bechler.

Weavers will receive the "Special Missions" offering on Sun., Dec. 29, as congregational approved by our Spending Plan for 2024.

Weavers Missions (10%)	Central District (15%)
Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%)	Mennonite Missions Network (11%)
VA Conference Ministries (6%)	VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)
Eastern Menn. High School (5%)	MCC - Canning (4%)
Family Life Resource Center (4%)	Mennonite Education Agency (2%)
Highland Retreat (4%)	MennoMedia (2%)
Pleasant View Home (2%)	Minority Groups (2%)
VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)	Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)

The Annual Harmonia Sacra Singing will be held at Weavers Mennonite Church on New Year's Day at 7:00 p.m. This is 4-part, unaccompanied singing of Harmonia Sacra hymns and is a community event.

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: 503-989-5929)

Epiphany Messiah Sing-Along: Monday, January 6, 7:00 pm at Park View Mennonite Church. A community sing-along of Handel's Messiah (mostly Part One), with a live Chamber orchestra and soloists. The congregation sings the choral numbers. Bring your score. There will be extras if you don't have one.

"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.***

Pray for VMC Tuesdays: Join us as we are praying for the congregations, pastors, leaders, and the endorsed ministries of Virginia Mennonite Conference. The prayer meeting will held every Tuesday at Ridgeway Mennonite Church from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. For more information, contact Carlos Malvaez at carlos@vmconf.org.

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.

On the Level announcement: The December edition of On the Level is now available. In this edition, Executive Director Kevin King shares thoughts and inspiration from a deer stand, and celebrate with family in West Virginia who will be home for Christmas, thanks to MDS volunteers, plus get all the details for the upcoming 75th Anniversary Celebration. **Click on this online link to read more: https://conta.cc/49FzaWp**

Virginia Mennonite Conference Winter Delegate Assembly has been moved to **Saturday, March 1, 2025** (originally set for Feb. 1). It will be held at **First Mennonite Church** in **Richmond, VA**. The reason for this one-month postponement is to give Conference Council adequate time to solidify the agenda, and provide the required 30-day notice to delegates of any actions to be taken.