This month's Missionary of the Month focus for prayer: Caleb & Stephanie Schrock-Hurst are planning to move to Hualien, Taiwan in May of 2025 for an initial two-year term of service with Mennonite Mission Network and Virginia Mennonite Missions.
Pray for them as they prepare for this move. They will partner with Mennonite Christian Hospital (MCH) to help develop a cultural and nursing exchange program, to connect with and support the network of 22 Mennonite churches in Taiwan, and to support MCH's work as a Christian witness in a predominantly Buddhist and Daoist country. Stephanie and Caleb are excited about this assignment because it will allow them to work with locally-led churches and organizations, to build positive cultural ties between the Chinese-speaking world and North America, and to bring human faces to global geopolitical realities.

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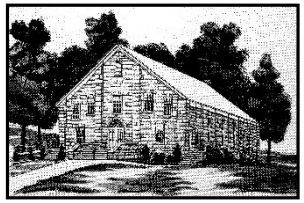

Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 5, 2025 - 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 Karla Hostetter
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading John 10:10-18
Parent/Child Dedication – Lamar & Joy Kiser and Nora
Ryan & Eva Kline and Eli
Nevin & Alesha Lehman and James

Worship in Song c/o Sandy Byler
"Emmanuel God With Us"
"His Mercy Is More"
"Still Waters" (Psalm 23)

Message "Unusual and Unlikely" Curt Stutzman
Scripture - Ezra 1

Communion

Song of Response VT 570 "When We Walk with the Lord"

(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: Alesha Lehman and Joy Kiser)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Wed., Jan. 8 – Sewing Day
  Monday, Jan. 13, 7pm Administrative Council
- Kids Club begins Feb. 19

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 - $10,290; Missions - $1,130; Weavers Child Care program - $500

Happy Birthday this week: to Ruth Mumaw. Missed birthday wishes from Dec. 30th – were Floyd Blosser, Kristin Eby, Jeff Rhodes, Ellie Driver (turned 1 yr), and Marcia Nussbaum.

As announced verbally two weeks ago, Administrative Council has affirmed the recommendation of Pastoral Council that Weavers MC vote to join LMC, with a vote potentially occurring in January 2025. This would be a part of the Blue Ridge District of LMC. Please continue to pray, to ask questions of the elders, and pursue knowledge of LMC in other ways. Jason Rhodes Showalter is also a local contact at VMMissions and willing to answer questions and clarify understanding.

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.***

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

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 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.

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.