Missionary Focus this week: Seth and Theresa Crissman, based in Harrisonburg, create faith formation and discipleship resources for the Soil and the Seed Project (TSATSP). The project's scripture and music has grown to connect with over 3,000 households in 30+ states, 100+ countries and people in 20+ denominations to cultivate faith in Jesus Christ. (*Weavers sometimes use TSATSP resources for our Kids Club.*)

-Pray that those who engage The Soil and The Seed Project's resources would welcome God's word and Gospel and allow it to take root in their hearts, homes and communities.

-Pray for the team of collaborators -- musicians, writers, staff, partners, artists, logistics, and leaders. Pray that they would be focused on the work at hand, and have wisdom as we constantly discern what is most important/pressing amidst so much need in the world/broader church.

-Pray that God would provide new financial partners -- churches and individuals/families who are convinced in the importance of sharing the Good News of God's love for the whole world and want to help be a part of the work in this way. "As the demand outpaces even our most ambitious projections, we need God's imagination to really keep up and a broader community of partners to support the work at hand."

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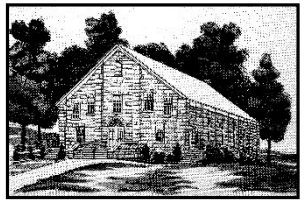

Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 16, 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 Brett Bechler
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading Revelation 12:10-12

Worship in Song c/o Andry and Rachel Stutzman
VT 10 – "Here is This Place"
VT 592 – "How Firm a Foundation"
"Goodness of God"

Message "A Tapestry of Testimonies" Regina Cyzick Harlow
Scripture – 1 Samuel 7:2-12

Song of Response VT 563- "Come, Thou Fount"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 621 – "My Hope is Built"

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)
- Kids Club begins Feb. 19
- VBS June 28 – Mark your calendars!
- Easter Drama April 12 & 13 (Saturday & Sunday)

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 - $8,333; Building Loan - $700; People Helping People - $250

Happy Birthday this week: Wanda Propst (today!), Sandi Good, Alesha Lehman Lydia Martin, and Yvonne Martin. Also, Valentine's Day was the first birthday for Lillie Lawon.

The next monthly young adult men's breakfast and Bible study in Trevor Oyer's basement (2891 Rawley Pike) will be on Saturday, February 15th from 8:15-9:30am. We will be reading through Galatians 2. 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)

"Five Centuries, Five Lectures": Remembering Anabaptist & Mennonite History. All are invited to a remaining Thursday lecture series. It is free of charge with in-person or online options. These lectures feature different speakers and location will vary. F***or more information, click online here.***
Feb. 20, 7pm, Weavers Mennonite Church - Caleb Schrock-Hurst
Feb. 27, 7pm at Martin Chapel of EMSeminary - Dr. Andrew Suderman

Please plan to attend the Dementia Friends session during Sunday School in Shady Oak on Sunday February 23. During this session you will learn the 5 key messages about dementia and a bit about what it is like to live with dementia. This includes information about the warning signs, how to better communicate with and support persons living with dementia and their families, and discussion about ways to turn that understanding into practical action. This information session is interactive and is for anyone of any age who wants to participate in creating a more dementia friendly church and community.
Dementia Friends is a global movement developed by the Alzheimer's Society in the United Kingdom and now underway in the United States and Leading Age in Virginia (https://leadingagevirginia.org/mpage/DFVA_Home) is actively promoting this initiative. Valley Program for Aging Services (VPAS) is working toward a Dementia Friendly Valley and these sessions are part of that initiative.

Senior Lunch Out will be at Shady Oak, February 27 at noon. RSVP by email, text or call (540-820-6631) by Monday 24th to Marilyn Schlabach. Feel free to invite any and all.

The EMU Y-Serve club is excited to announce an opportunity to help pack 100,000 rice-based nutritious meals on March 21 and 22 at EMU! This project is in partnership with the Harrisonburg Tacos4Life restaurant, and Feed My Starving Children. The mobile meal pack takes place in the University Commons all day Friday and Saturday in 2 or 3 hour shifts. Families, small groups, and individuals are encouraged to REGISTER HERE beginning Feb. 5 and 5 p.m.

Weavers Vacation Bible School will be held June 28. Begin now to pray for the children who will attend and how you can help. The theme will be "True North".

The Anabaptist Forum committee of the Blue Ridge District of LMC invites adults who are interested to attend this year's event, "Fear of the Lord." Remaining events will be Wednesdays 19th and 26th at Grace Mennonite Fellowship, 209 Lacey Springs Rd. Harrisonburg. There will be times of input, silence and reflection, and discussion – and great snacks!

The **Annual MCC Meat Canning** is scheduled for **February 24-28, 2025** at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, VA. ***Virginia Mennonite Conference Churches are responsible to help provide help on Tuesday, February 25. Help is needed from 5:45 AM until 8 PM each day.*** Friday, February 28 is scheduled as a community day and help is especially needed in the early morning. Funds are needed to purchase 38,000 lbs. of chicken for processing, bucket kit supplies for (MCC) Mennonite Central Committee, and for the ongoing operation of the Relief Center. Please donate to: Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, PO Box 519, Dayton, VA 22821. Last year total project costs were $140,000. ***If you have any questions about this project you can contact Lloyd Knicely at (540) 820-9003.***

Weekday Religious Education students will present a Choral Presentation "Light of the Lord" on Saturday, March 15 at 4pm at the Spotswood High School Gymnasium. You are invited to attend!

Openings are still available with Mennonite Missions Network for Just Peace Pilgrimage and Youth Venture trips this spring and registration deadlines are approaching. To learn more about these Just Peace Pilgrimages, visit:

- Just Peace Pilgrimages: MennoniteMission.net/JustPeace
- Youth Venture: MennoniteMission.net/YV

For any inquiries or to register, contact Stephanie Weaver at StephanieW@MennoniteMission.net.

Scripture Litany & Prayer

One: Samuel then took a large stone and placed it between the towns of Mizpah and Jeshanah. He named it Ebenezer (which means, “the stone of help”), for he said, “Up to this point the Lord has helped us!” (1 Samuel 7:12)

All: O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, we proclaim your goodness. You are our Ebenezer, our stone of help. Your power has sustained us, Your healing balm comforted us, your grace empowered us. Help us to trust that You will help, sustain, comfort, and empower today and always.

One: But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine; When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze, For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; (Isaiah 43:1-3)

All: Thank You for the firm foundation of Your excellent Word! Consume our dross, refine our hearts. Though all hell endeavors to shake our souls, let us lean on Jesus. May we never, no never, forsake You, our Lord, our King.

One: Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. (Isaiah 26:4) The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! (Psalm 18:46) For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4)

All: Rock of Ages, the Solid Rock on which we stand, we know all other ground is sinking sand. We have tasted Your goodness and know You are the Promise Keeper. May Your truth touch not just our intellects, but also our deeper yearnings of heart and soul. We bring with us our daily concerns, as well as our more eternal questions and offer them to you in this time of worship, trusting You to meet us here. Help us triumph by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

1 Samuel 7:12
New International Version

12 Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen.
He named it Ebenezer,[a] saying, “Thus far the Lord has helped us.”