Missionary Focus this week: Jenny Butcher is the Location Leader of Isaiah 117 in Rockingham County. (Isaiah 117's goal is to change the way foster care begins for children.) Pray for a secure location that perfectly fits the ministry's needs. Whether the land is donated, offered at a discount, or purchased at full price, the goal is to find the right place for our children. Pray that larger churches will become involved with Isaiah 117, supporting and raising awareness about the foster care community in our area. Pray that Jenny will be an effective leader for the ministry in our county.

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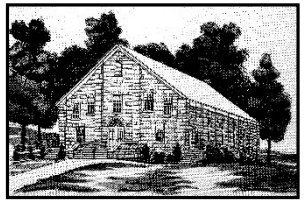

Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 23, 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 Jeremy Beach
First Fruits Giving
Scripture Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:14-24

Worship in Song c/o Sandy Byler
VT 420 "God of the Bible"
VT 125 "Shout to the Lord"
"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

Children's time Rachel Stutzman

A Service of Song and Readings

Song of Response VT 617 "When Peace like a River"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 173 "The Lord Your God Is with You"

VT=*Voices Together* hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by: Shay 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)
- Kids Club Wed Feb 26, 6:30pm
- VBS June 28 – Mark your calendars!
- Easter Drama April 12 & 13 (Saturday & Sunday)

Announcements

The Dementia Friends session is being presented during Sunday School in Shady Oak today. 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.

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 - $4,784; Building Loan - $1,000

Happy Birthday this week: Glen Kiser, and Mary Ann Smith.

"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. F***or more information, click online here.*** Feb. 27, 7pm at Martin Chapel of EMSeminary - Dr. Andrew Suderman

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 event will be Feb 26th at Grace Mennonite Fellowship, 209 Lacey Springs Rd. Harrisonburg.

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

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!

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.***

The next monthly young adult men's breakfast and Bible study in Trevor Oyer's basement (2891 Rawley Pike) will be on Saturday, March 15th from 8:15-9:30am. We will be reading through Galatians 3. 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)

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".

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.

Eastern Mennonite School theater presents the musical *Big Fish* on February 28 and March 1 at 7pm and March 2 at 3pm. The production draws together students in grades 2-12 for a meaningful, wholly satisfying presentation that involves stilts, dancing, and hundreds of paper daffodils! *Ticketed, reserved seating at easternmennonite.org/tickets.*

Stained Glass Art Reveal at Eastern Mennonite Elementary School Gathering Space! Artist Zac Nafziger will share about the creation process for a stained glass art piece that was inspired by the late Christopher R. Mast's passion for EMES. *Adults only*. Light Refreshments provided. Date: **March 8 from 3-5pm.**

Mennonite Disaster Service February edition of *On the Level* is now available. In this edition, an update on the MDS response to the LA Wildfires and recent flooding in Kentucky plus a recap of our 75th Anniversary celebration last week in Wichita, KS.
Click on this link to read more: https://conta.cc/3X9niXI

The 2025 Fall/Winter VMC Pathways is now live. Click online here.