**Prayer Focus this week: James and Anne, and their children, Elias, Maia, and Obed serve in a sensitive South Asian city. Together they disciple youth, develop leaders and work for church multiplication, serving with Pioneers and VMMissions.** Pray for the Muslim background believers in South Asia as there has been an increase in persecution. Pray that God would give them boldness in witnessing and joy in their faith despite death threats (Acts 4:29-30).


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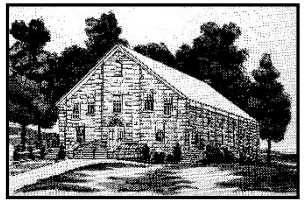

# Weavers Mennonite Church

## Sunday, August 17, 2025 - 10:30AM
**Sunday School classes – 9:30am**

*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** Rachel Stutzman
**Scripture Reading** Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9: 46-48
**Safe Church Presentation** Jennifer Wright
**First Fruits Giving & My Coins Count collecting**

**Worship in Song** c/o Sandy Byler
"O Praise the Name"
"I Surrender"
"Goodness of God"

**Message "Power and Responsibility"** Curt Stutzman
Scripture – Matthew 18: 1-6

**Song of Response** VT 517 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

*(live stream will end)*

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending Song** "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"

VT=*Voices Together* purple hymnal

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

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

**Upcoming Weavers Calendar**

- Pastoral Council, 7 pm Tues Aug. 19
- Prime-timers, 6pm Shady Oak
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Men's prayer at the Coffeehouse - Saturdays,7am
- Aug. 29-31, Annual Church Campout at Highland Retreat Camp
- *Save the Date:* **Oct 19 (Sun) 6:30pm - District hymn sing** at Weavers. Includes fellowship time with Smileys ice cream and toppings provided. More details to come.
- *Save the date*: Parenting seminar Saturday, Nov. 15

**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 or bank transfer (which are often a free service), via mail, or paypal on the church website. Designations from this past week: Operating Budget - $6,405.

**Our condolences to Mark Lehman and family in the passing of Margaret**. A memorial service was held here yesterday, Sat. Aug. 16.

**Happy Birthday this week** to: Else Harlow (today!), Stacey Estes (today!), Anna Eagle (today!), Kenny Shank (today!), Julia Alleman, Steve Yoder, Sarah Bechler, and Caleb Early. Belated birthday wishes to Allen Cline, whose birthday was Aug. 12.

**August's Young Adult event will be a picnic at Riven Rock Park on Saturday 23rd @ 5pm (shelter 3, next to the slab).** Please bring a dish to share for dinner!

**The Safe Church Renewal Document were both in your church mailbox, and extras are on the small table in the foyer. If you forget to turn in your copy today, you may place them later in Jennifer Wenger's mailbox.** We would like everyone to sign, even if they are not planning to volunteer with the children/youth. It is important as an active member to know how to keep our precious children safe. If you have questions, please see Jennifer Wright.

**Weavers and Friends -- Prime Timers interest meeting and ice-cream sundaes! Are you retirement age-ish? We are planning to meet on Tuesday, August 19th at 6 pm in Shady Oak to gauge interest in regular get togethers/**outings such as attending plays, taking train trips, and visiting museums. Please come to the first meeting or talk with Ruth Schrock or Karen Smucker.

**Come check out the new library and a book! We are having an open house on August 24th immediately following the church service.** Stop by and check out the new space and new books. There will be a paper available for you to write down suggestions for books you would like to see in the library. We hope to see you there!

**August 31- Sunday we will be worshiping together at the Tabernacle at Highland Retreat 10AM as part of our Church Camp Out weekend. <u>There will be no service held on the church campus.</u>**

- Contact Kristin Wenger for reservations: (602) 677-3587; kristin.wenger.23@gmail.com
- Persons are welcome to the church camp out activities even if you are not staying overnight.
- Afternoon activities, as spontaneously happen!
- 6 *pm* Saturday *SUPPER*

Please bring a side dish *<u>and</u>* salad or dessert to share. *Meat and beverage will be provided*. $1 donation per person suggested to cover the cost of the meat.

- Serving spoons will be provided.
- Label all dishes and lids clearly, please.

- Saturday evening games and worship around campfire
- Pancakes for Breakfast Sunday 7-9:15AM in the Tabernacle
- 10:00 *am* Sunday *WORSHIP*

Service at the Tabernacle. Bring your lawn chairs, if desired.

- 12:00 *pm FELLOWSHIP MEAL*

Please bring a main dish/vegetable *<u>and</u>* a salad/dessert. Beverage provided.

**Aug. 24 - Come for a beautiful evening at Weavers Mennonite under the trees on the lawn, weather permitting, as Tenielle Neda and Paul Zach share their wonderful and encouraging music**! Bring your chairs and/or blankets. If needed, we will move the concert inside the church. **Pick up your Tickets ($18) ahead of time** and be sure to invite your friends and family. Tenielle recently released her debut album *The Way of Love:* produced by Jon Guerra. It was recently recognized by UTR Media as an album not to miss. Another reviewer says, "it's a velvet hammer of sonic sweetness that packs an understated wallop. There's a quiet beauty in The Way of Love that feels like a hushed sanctuary - gentle but grounded, soft yet spiritually substantial". Read the rest here. (Organized by Songs for the Valley)

**School Kits for Mennonite Central Committee: you are invited to donate funds to help purchase school kits.** We will be purchasing supplies in a quantity for better pricing. **Come help pack the kits on Sept.10.** The plan is to pack 400 kits!

**The next ladies' Bible study is <u>postponed until October 10th, 9-11</u> at Tamara Shoemaker's home (870 Mockingbird Drive).** We've been deep-diving into the book of Ruth, and we will pick up with the second half of Ruth 2 and the start of Ruth 3. We welcome all ladies of all ages, whether you attend Weavers or not. Brunch is provided. If you have questions, please contact Tamara (540-908-6590), Jeanne Stutzman or Sandy Byler.

**The next concert in the Soil and The Seed Project's free ORDINARY TIME CONCERT SERIES will be on Friday, August 29 at 6:30pm, featuring Ryan Scarberry,** held in the amphitheater at the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center. View more details!

**Our Special Missions offering will be received next Sunday, August 24.**

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| Weavers Missions (14%) | VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%) |
| Virginia Mennonite Missions (29%) | Mennonite Missions Network (15%) |
| Lancaster Mennonite Conf. (10%) | VA Menn. Retirement Comm (8%) |
| Highland Retreat (8%) | MCC - Canning (8%) |

**Weavers Missions** - Internal Outreach funds (above yearly budget; either through fundraisers or special designation, and a portion of our typical Missions offering. For missions which our congregation will participate in locally or internationally.

**Virginia Mennonite Missions** - supports local and global missions. Trains & supports Long-term service, TransSend (one-year internship that emphasizes personal & missional growth, $E^3$ Collective (short assignments 6 days to 9 months).

**Lancaster Mennonite Conference** (LMC)
(Blue Ridge District Bishops are funded through our Budget)

**Highland Retreat Camp** - Christian camp and retreat center located in Bergton offers summer youth resident and day camps and trip programs as well as year round rental facilities for groups to meet Jesus Christ, explore nature, and build relationships in an outdoor setting.

**Mennonite Disaster Service** - a volunteer network of Anabaptist churches that responds in Christian love to those affected by disasters in Canada and the U.S.

**Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community** - Retirement and continuing care community providing a plethora of services to approximately 700 residents. **Compassion Fund** - this Fund provides for the daily shortfall for VMRC members with low income and Medicaid in either of our Complete Living Care 24-hour skilled nursing residences—Woodland Park and Oak Lea. About 50 residents each year benefit from this fund.

**Mennonite Mission Network** - mission agency which exists to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. Mission Network currently supports workers and ministries in over 50 countries.

**Mennonite Central Committee** - MCC is a global, nonprofit organization that strives to share God's love and compassion for all through relief, development and peacebuilding. Meat Canning - Since 1946, volunteers have gathered to can meat through MCC's mobile cannery, meat that MCC sends to hungry people across the globe. In any year, producing more than 600,000 cans, or nearly 1 million pounds, of meat with primarily volunteer labor is an act of devotion.

## Weavers Library

New Adult Books (Some books are on display shelves)

*Botswana Buddies* by Gary Smucker, brother to our own Karen Smucker Shelly. A family memoir based on letters written by their mother, Frances Smucker, during the two-year adventure in Southern Africa with her husband Dan as Mennonite Central Committee volunteers. 000

*Help, Lord! I Am Having a Senior Moment* by Karen O'Connor. Senior moments happen. We might as well laugh about them. Encouragement and scripture. 242.65

*My Senior Moments Have Gone High-Tech* by Karen O'Connor. Humorous senior moments from the digital world. Encouragement. Short stories. 242.65

*Beyond Our Walls: Finding Jesus in the Slums of Jakarta* by Anita Rahma. A unique window into what ministry in an urban slum setting can look like. Muslim/ Christian relations. 000

*Martyrs and Chickens: Confessions of a Granola Mennonite* by Kirsten Beachy. Faith, family and the push-pull of heritage. Marriage, motherhood, caregiving. What it means to inherit a legacy of sacrifice and simplicity. 000

*Stuck Together: The Hope of Christian Witness in a Polarized World* by Nelson Kraybill. Small steps of reconciliation can have a big effect and give Christian witness in a polarized church and society. 170.44

*These Songs We Sing* by Carla Klassen. Reflections on old hymns that can fill us with joy, purpose, and hope. A glimpse into who we were, who we are and who we can be. 264.23

*So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis* by Sarah Augustine and Sheri Hostetler. Extreme weather patterns, pollutants, fires and floods ravage our communities. Offers concrete actions to protect life and negotiate with decision-makers. 261.8