Missionaries of the Month Focus (Albanian workers): <u>This week</u>:
Norma Teles who is the director of the Joshua Center, a preschool ministry for Roma children in Lezhe. She also leads after-school programs, a women's group, and is working to start a girl's club.

- Pray for the new teacher, Armira, that she will grow in Jesus as she enjoys teaching the children.
- Continue to pray that mothers will decide to follow Jesus.
- As always, pray for Norma to have grace, strength, and wisdom as she continues the ministry of Joshua Center.

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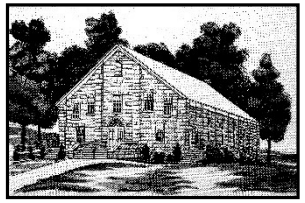

Weavers Mennonite Church

First Sunday of Advent, November 30, 2025
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 Glen Stoltzfus
Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14
First Fruits Giving
Parent/Child Dedication for Austin, Emma, & Meera Showalter
Children's Time and Candle Lighting Joyce Nussbaum
Worship in Song c/o Sandy Byler
"Goodness of God"
"From the Inside Out"
"Ancient of Days"

Message: Advent #1 **"Hope - Watching and Waiting"** Curt Stutzman
Scripture – Matthew 24:36-44

Song of Response "Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song "Ancient of Days" verse 3 and chorus

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by Michele Mumaw, Eva Kline, Bryanna Bechler)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Men's prayer at the Coffeehouse - Saturdays,7am
- Ladies Christmas meal at Shady Oak– *save the date: Thurs. Dec. 4*
- *Save the date: Christmas Caroling Wed., Dec. 17*
- *Save the date: Prime Timers Mystery Tour Dec. 22, 6:30pm*

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: Budget - $6,164.65; Building Fund Loan - $695.53

There is a bus (coach) trip scheduled to see the Bible story Joshua, come alive at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, Pa. The Prime Timers are inviting anyone of any age to join for this trip. It is time to reserve your tickets for Tuesday, March 24th, 2026 the 11:00 showing. The tickets and bus fare will cost $170.00 per person. After the show we will be stopping for a later lunch at Katie's Kitchen which will be at your own expense. **Tickets are being offered to other churches.** Your ticket will be reserved when your payment is received. If writing a check make it out to Weavers Mennonite with Sight and Sound on the memo line. You can pay at the church office or put a check in the offering basket.

Our sympathies to Carol Parks on the passing of husband Ed on Monday, Nov. 24. A memorial service will be held today at 3pm at Weavers.

Birthday wishes this week to: Twila Lehman, Lois Cline, and Silas Driver.

Weavers Administrative Council approved to recommend to the congregation to bring Austin Showalter on board as full-time associate pastor of Faith Development, beginning Jan. 1, 2026. Austin has been half time when he started in July. Affirmation ballots will be received Nov. 30.

Weavers Ladies will have a Christmas Dinner with food provided on Thursday, Dec. 4, 6pm. Sign up in the church foyer so food planning can be completed. If you would like to participate in a white-elephant gift exchange, please bring a $10 gift. If you would like to participate in a cookie exchange, bring a dozen and take an assorted dozen home!

Weavers annual Walk Through Bethlehem will be December 13-14! Please pray that people who don't yet know Jesus will come to hear the story! We can always use more help with actors and friendly faces. If you would like to be involved, check with Roy Early, Austin Showalter, or Curt Stutzman.

Many Cookie bakers will be needed for the Walk Through Bethlehem, if you would like to get a jump start on baking now! A sign up sheet in on the foyer table helps us know how many we can count on.

Next Ladies Bible Study will be December 13th, 9-11 a.m., at Tamara Shoemaker's. 870 Mockingbird Drive, Harrisonburg. Jeanne, Sandy B., and Tamara are contact people. Brunch, coffee, tea included. We will be covering the same passage as last time: Ruth 3:1-13, this time from a prophetic point of view. All women welcome; one does not have to be a Weaver's attendee to participate**.**

A meal celebrating Christmas with the families of Mercy House, will be held at Shady Oak on Thursday, Dec. 18. Jackie Yoder is asking for four volunteers to each bake and carve a turkey for the dinner. Mercy House will provide a defrosted turkey and roasted turkey would be delivered to Shady Oak by 3pm the day of the dinner. Sign up in the foyer, or contact Jackie.

The next monthly young adult men's breakfast and Bible study in Trevor Oyer's basement (2891 Rawley Pike) will be on Saturday, December 20th from 8:15-9:30am. We will be reading through Ephesians 6. Any interested young adult men, including individuals who don't attend Weavers, are welcome to join! Please text Trevor if you have any questions. (Cell Phone: 503-989-5929).

Shekinah and Cantore (women's and men's vocal groups) warmly invite you to their annual Christmas coffeehouse concert with refreshments and festive music on Friday Night, Dec. 5 (7-8:30pm) and Saturday Afternoon, Dec. 6 (4-5:30pm) at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. Admission is by donation (suggested $15-20 per person). Proceeds will benefit Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham.

Highland Retreat is having a December woodcutting day on Saturday, December 13. Please join them to help stock the woodsheds at Highland. Come alone or bring your family, a group of friends, your Sunday School class, your neighbors… Just let them know you're coming so they may plan the correct amount of tasks. Work the morning (9am-noon) and/or the afternoon (1-4pm) and enjoy a warm and tasty lunch on them! More details and RSVP here online.

The Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir will present *Starlight & Firelight* on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. in EMU's Lehman Auditorium. Enjoy the angelic voices of children and youth, ages 7–18, joined by 12 guest instrumentalists in a festive program of seasonal favorites presented within an historical and culturally-rich context.
For details or tickets, visit svcc.org.

Jamaica Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund - Pray that Christ's church will be a lighthouse for those who are suffering and in need. VMMissions is collecting relief funds at vmmissions.org/jamaica-relief to respond to the crisis as guided by our Jamaican brothers and sisters.