Missionary of the Month Focus – Seth & Theresa Crissman and their children Elliana, Isaiah, Maria and Malachi, in Harrisonburg.

The *Soil* and The *Seed Project* nurtures faith through music, art, and Little Liturgies for daily and weekly use in the home. "We just shipped out thousands of copies of the project all over the US/world. Pray that it would be good seed sown in God's Kingdome. Pray for families as they use the Soil and Seed Project for the first time. Pray that they would start new rhythms that would help them follow Jesus as families."
https://www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org/

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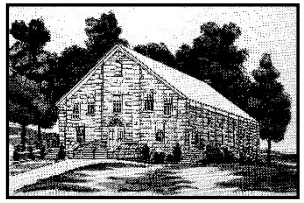

Weavers Mennonite Church

Second Sunday of Advent, December 7, 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 Kevin Byler
Scripture Reading Romans 15:8-13
First Fruits Giving
Parent/Child Dedication for: Trevor & Abby/Chloe Oyer
Daniel & Lydia/Maryam Martin
Silas & Hannah/Hallie Driver
Isaac & Kristi/Kezia Driver

Children's Time and Candle Lighting Joyce Nussbaum

Worship in Song c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman
VT 218 "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"
VT 212 "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"
VT 216 "Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

Message: Peace – "Participating in Shalom" Austin Showalter
Scripture – Isaiah 11:1-10
Communion

Song of Response VT 256 "Noel"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 394 "God Calls Us"

VT=*Voices Together* hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by Annie King, Emily Wenger, Barb Martin)

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
- *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 - $9,737.28; Building Fund - $100

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.

Birthday wishes this week to: Josh King, Melody Driver, Mike Martin, Brenda Wenger, Wayne Miller, and Barbara Showalter.

Austin Showalter was affirmed through our balloting process for moving into full-time Jan. 1, 2026 as Associate Pastor of Faith Development at Weavers.

Walk Through Bethlehem, Sat. Dec. 13 & Sun. Dec. 14, 5:30-7pm: Come stroll through the streets of Bethlehem the day Jesus was born. Meet the wise men, shepherds, animals, townspeople, craftsmen, angels, Mary and Joseph, and live Baby Jesus in the manger! For all ages – bring family and friends. Finish up with cookies and a cup of hot chocolate or coffee.

Many Cookie bakers are needed for the Walk Through Bethlehem! A sign up sheet in on the foyer table helps us know how many we can count on.

In light of the busy Christmas season and a few scheduling conflicts, the women's Bible study that meets the second Saturday morning of each month will be postponed until January 10, 2026, where we'll pick up right where we left off. See you then!

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).

December Prime Timers Activity (Ages 55 and up): This month's activity is a Mystery Tour on December 22nd. We will meet at Weavers Church at 6:30 PM. There will be two vans available, and when they fill up, some may need to follow in their own vehicles. Part of this activity will be outside, so you will need to dress accordingly. For the second part of the activity, bring at least $10.

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. 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 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.

***Rise Up and Follow* is a new play written specifically for the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center.** Set on Christmas Eve 1859, just before the outbreak of the Civil War, the play follows Brethren and Mennonite families considering what the conflict will mean for them and their neighbors. The characters struggle with the problems of slavery, building support of broader faith communities, and the challenges of early healthcare.
The play will be staged December 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st, with showings beginning every fifteen minutes between 2:30pm and 4:30pm. Tickets are required; please email info@brethrenmennoniteheritage.org or call 540-438-1275 to reserve tickets. If you call, please leave a message with your range of requested times for staff to get back to you as soon as we are able. Donations will be taken at the event, with all proceeds supporting BMHC. Complimentary apple cider and cookies will be provided. See our website below for more information.