Missionary of the Month Focus – Seth & Theresa Crissman and their children Elliana, Isaiah, Maria and Malachi, in Harrisonburg. Seth is the Director of The *Soil* and The *Seed Project.* The project nurtures faith through music, art, and Little Liturgies for daily and weekly use in the home. **"Pray for our team of collaborators as we do the very quick turn around for our 2026 projects: Mark, Lectionary Year B, the Old Testament Album, and the Psalms.**
Pray for our family as we come off of a very busy /full fall of travel. Pray for times of rest."
https://www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org/

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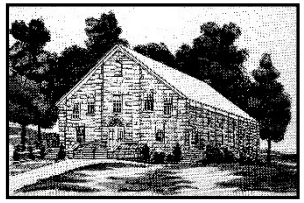

Weavers Mennonite Church

Third Sunday of Advent, December 14, 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.

Prelude c/o Regina Harlow
Welcome & Announcements Dave Bechler
Scripture Reading Isaiah 35:5-10
First Fruits Giving

Children's Time and Candle Lighting Isaac Driver

Worship in Song c/o Tamara Shoemaker
"Light of the World"
"Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
"Angels We Have Heard on High"

Message: "Let Me Tell You: Great Joy!" Curt Stutzman
Scripture – Matthew 11:1-6

Songs of Response "Oh Holy Night" & "Silent Night"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song "Joy to the World"

Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(Staffed today by Casey Blosser, Emma Showalter)

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
- Christmas Caroling Wed., Dec. 17
- Prime Timers Mystery Tour Dec. 22, 6:30pm
- Harmonia Sacra Sing, Jan. 1, 7pm

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 - $7,015; Building Fund - $100; In memory of Ed Parks - $50

Our "Special Missions" offering will be received Dec. 28. Ministries receiving support are noted below:
Weavers Missions (14%) Mennonite Disaster Service (8%)
Virginia Menn. Missions (29%) Menn. Missions Network (15%)
VA Menn Retirement Community/Compassion Fund ((8%)
Highland Retreat (8%) MCC/Canning (8%) LMC (10%)

Birthday wishes this week to: Rod Burkholder (today!), Eva Kline (today!), Michele Baker (today!), Charla Cline, Dylan Grove, Kezia Driver, and Ed Lehman.

Thanks for all who had planned to help with the Walk Through Bethlehem. It was cancelled due to the extreme cold, and we will hope for fairer weather next year.

Christmas Eve (Wed) 6pm - Service of Lessons and Carols in Shady Oak; Scripture reading, traditional hymns, and candle lighting

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!

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.

Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley, a 38-member professional choir under the direction of artistic director Scott Zane Smith, presents second holiday concert, **"The Wonder of Christmas" on Dec. 21, at Linville Creek Church of the Brethren in Broadway**. Our one-hour concert consists of sacred and secular music, with many familiar tunes that celebrate the magic of the holiday season. Concert at 3 p.m. For more info, find us on Facebook, @Chordially Yours of the Shenandoah Valley.

Families, couples, individuals: join The Prime Timers of Weavers for a one-day bus (coach) trip on Mar 24 (Tues) to see "Joshua" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA. After the 11am show we will stop for a later lunch at Katie's Kitchen, which will be at your own expense.
Your ticket & bus fare ($170 total per individual) will be reserved when your payment is received. Checks should be payable to Weavers Mennonite Church with *Sight & Sound* on the memo line; bring to the church office or mail to 2501 Rawley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Or call the office for electronic option: 540.434.7758.

Calling all 17–20 year-olds: Take a gap year that matters! Service Adventure is a 10-month volunteer program (August 2026–June 2027) where you'll live in joyful community with peers and caring unit leaders, serve at a local nonprofit 25–35 hours a week, and grow deeper in faith with a supporting congregation. Applications are open now—don't wait!
Learn more and apply at MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure

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.

Two cemetery plots in the Weavers Church cemetery are for sale by the Meyerhoffer family. Call Shirley at 540.879.9476. Rod Driver will be able to answer questions on plot location.

Jan 24 (Sat) - The Young Adults (post college/career age) from Trissels would like to invite other Blue Ridge District Young Adults to an evening of games at the home of Eric & LuAnn Bender (2941 Harpine Hwy, Rockingham). Come at 7pm, bring a favorite game and snack. We warmly welcome you and look forward to good fellowship and fun.

Shop gifts of comfort and joy through MCC Christmas Giving! Visit mcc.org/christmas to explore ways you can share gifts of comfort and joy for the world.

Epiphany Messiah Sing-Along on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church - It's that time again for our annual community sing-along of Handel's Messiah (Part One +), with a live chamber orchestra and soloists directed by Dr. Benjamin Bergey. The congregation sings the Chorus parts. Bring your score. There will be some on hand if you don't have one. Bring a friend!

Live your faith in action! Mennonite Voluntary Service is accepting applications now for August 2026–July 2027. Adults 20+ are invited to serve for one year (renewable up to three) alongside nonprofits tackling poverty, immigration, education, health, and more. You'll live intentionally with other MVSers in a unit house, be supported by a local Mennonite church, and join a worldwide movement for peace and justice. Visit MennoniteMission.net/MVS to explore placements and apply today!