**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.* **Pray that families will begin to use the Soil & Seed Project materials and be encouraged to start new rhythms to help them follow Jesus as families.**
https://www.thesoilandtheseedproject.org/

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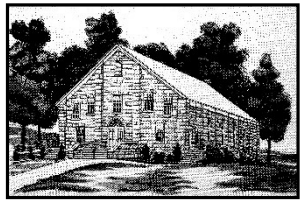

# Weavers Mennonite Church

## Sunday, December 28, 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** Brett Bechler
**Scripture Reading John 3:16-21**
**First Fruits Giving "Special Missions"**

**Children's Time** Curt Stutzman

**Worship in Song** c/o Jake Mumbauer
Blue Hymnal 318 "Joy to the World
Blue Hymnal 178 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"
Blue Hymnal 184 "Hark! The Glad Sound!"

**Message: "Symbols and Stumbling Blocks"** Curt Stutzman
Scripture – Romans 14

**Songs of Response** Blue Hymnal 193 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

*(live stream will end)*

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending Song** Blue Hymnal 189 "To Us a Child of Hope is Born"

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service*
*(Staffed today by Bethany Shultz, Shay 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
- 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 - $9,995; Building Fund - $845; Special Missions – 661

**Birthday wishes this week** to: Kristin Eby, Jeff Rhodes, Ellie Driver, Marcia Nussbaum, Joyce Burkholder, Sophia Hartzler, and Barb Martin.

**Our "Special Missions" offering will be today. 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%)

**As winter approaches, our unhoused neighbors in the area face harsh conditions.** Your generosity can make a difference in someone's comfort, safety, and dignity this season. **Please consider donating the following items: (1) pair of warm socks for men or women; (1) winter hat; (1) pair of gloves for men or women, and hand-feet warmers.** Every item you contribute brings warmth and hope to someone in need. There is a collection box in Weavers Church foyer in which items can be placed. The Interfaith Association of Harrisonburg-Rockingham are coordinating this service project, and will implement its distribution.

**The Annual Harmonia Sacra Singing is held at Weavers on New Year's Day at 7:00 p.m.** This is 4-part, unaccompanied singing of Harmonia Sacra hymns and is a community event. Bring a book if you have one, or there are also some to be borrowed that evening.

**Highland Summer Camps offer excellent programming and quality staff!** Discover how a Christian summer camp experience can make a positive difference in your child's life. Most Highland camp experiences begin Sunday afternoon and dismiss on Thursday evening. Weavers' families interested in sending their children to camp at Highland Retreat may apply for a matching grant from Weavers. See Sandi Good for more info. Registration for camps open Jan. 6, and often fills up by spring.

**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!

**The women's Bible study will meet Sat, January 10, 2026,** where we'll pick up right where we left off. See you then!

**The Mennonite Disaster Service December edition of *On the Level* is now available**. In this edition, U.S. Board Chair Wayne Yoder shares his observations from the past year, learn how determination brings disaster survivors home in Ohio, and see what volunteers have accomplished this year. Click online at this link to read more: https://conta.cc/3YovH9P

**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.

**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

**2026 Mary Reitz Nursing Scholarship** - Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community is pleased to announce that applications open Monday, December 1 and will be awarded in the spring of 2026 for the following academic year. This scholarship enables students to pursue a career in nursing as either an LPN or RN with up to $30,000 to be directed to the school a student plans to attend. Eligible applicants must reside in Augusta, Rockingham, Shenandoah, or Page County, or within the cities of Waynesboro, Staunton, or Harrisonburg. For more information, go to vmrc.org/scholarship

**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.

**Linking Arms to get a job done - We all want homes that are warm/safe/dry. This is not the reality for too many in our Valley.** In the Tenth Legion area along N Valley Pike one neighbor became aware of another's plight. What began as three work days given by Trissels Mennonite and friends over Thanksgiving break has now expanded to several workdays involving folks from several valley congregations and a local builder's guild. God is up to something special. Relationships are forming and one more house is on the way to becoming warmer/safer/drier. The timeframe for most of the work to be completed is the end of January 2026. Work days are typically Fridays and Saturdays. If you can help please contact Ben Newcomer (540-578-6822) or David Lehman (540-810-2749). A good estimate of costs to be incurred for materials is approximately $14,000. Contributions are needed and may be sent payable to Trissels Mennonite Church, PO Box 549, Broadway, VA 22815 with "Lydia Project" on the memo line. Questions can be directed towards Ben or David and also Max Troyer or Joe Yoder.