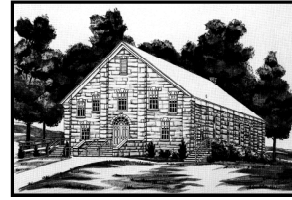


Missionaries of the Month: Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanuel, Matteo and Isabella in Termoli, Italy. Pray for our neighbors and their children, who come play in our garden. We were recently able to add another set of swings and slide due to the generosity of those involved in VMM's alternative Christmas gift program. Pray for connections with parents of our children's classmates, and for a deeper level of friendship and ability to live and speak the gospel into their lives in relevant ways. We ask you also pray for our children, protection both physically and spiritually and that they would also be transformed by the power of the gospel as they see and participate in the ministry.

A Look at VMSSIONS: December often brings increased opportunities for evangelism in Thailand. Pray that Life Enrichment Church, together with the Horst and Schoenhals families, will steward these opportunities well and see new spiritual growth.



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Second Sunday of Advent - Worship Celebration
Sunday, December 8, 2019**

*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 to all! In this time of worship, let us still our minds and claim the divine promise: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth" (Psalm 46:10).

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Prelude (& Offertory)

Sandy Byler

Welcome & Announcements

Don Martin

Worship in Songs

c/o Sara Byler

Children's Story

Joyce Nussbalm

Children's Church (age 3 and older are invited downstairs)

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Hymns

Julia Alleman

STJ 13 My soul is filled with joy
HWB 211 Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "The Peaceful Kingdom"

Phil Kanagy

Scripture: Isaiah 11:1-10

Hymn of Response

HWB 174 Bless'd be the God of Israel

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction & Sending Song

TODAY AT WEAVERS

- ◆ Hearing assistance units are available from the ushers.

Nursery services are available.

Attendants: Worship – Annie King, Joelle Blosser

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Monday, December 9

5:30pm Ladies Christmas Supper at Shady Oak

Tuesday, December 10

6:30pm Administrative Council

Wednesday, December 11

Sewing Day - Comforter knotting blitz for all ages

7:45pm Sr. Youth

Saturday, December 14

6-7:30pm Walk Through Bethlehem

Third Sunday of Advent, December 15

Speaker: Phil Kanagy, "Restoration!"

Scripture: Isaiah 35:1-10; Matthew 11:1-6

6:00-7:30pm Walk Through Bethlehem

Statistics for Sunday Service - December 1, 2019

Worship Attendance - 111

Offering: Budget - \$5,782; Building Fund - \$100

Upcoming

December 18 - 6pm Christmas Caroling

January Event - Wednesdays (Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29)

Announcements:

Happy Birthday wishes to Robyn Brunk (today!), Josh King (today!), Melody Driver, Janet Blosser, Laura Wheeler, Barbara Showalter, and Rod Burkholder.

Ladies, come enjoy fellowship at our Christmas Salad Supper with fun and games on Monday, December 9 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. We are asking for each to bring their favorite salad for supper. Dessert and drink will be provided. Also, please bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift for our grab bag gift exchange after the meal.

The annual Weavers Church Walk-Thru Bethlehem is Sat and Sun, Dec 14 & 15 from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. Come stroll on the streets of Bethlehem the day Jesus was born: meet the Wisemen, shepherds, animals, townspeople, craftsmen, Mary & Joseph, and live baby Jesus in a manger! Finally, end your experience in the Bethlehem Cafe with a hot drink and cookies.

In addition to cookie bakers for the Bethlehem Walk-Through, help is needed to help children with craft activities. Please see Regina if you can participate in this way.

MCC is celebrating our 100th anniversary by attempting to collect 6,500 comforters! Weavers Sewing will have comforter blitz on Wednesday, Dec. 11! Come, all ages/male and female to knot comforters for MCC. **Come during the day or in the evening. Help out for a short time, or as long as you can!** See <https://mcc.org/centennial/great-winter-warm>

All are welcome to remaining Christmas concerts at Eastern Mennonite School auditorium: Dec. 10 and 12 at 7:30 p.m., the high school Lessons & Carols program featuring Junior and Senior Choirs, Wind and Jazz Ensembles, Orchestra, and congregational singing.

VOICE ensemble, a local volunteer community musical organization, will perform a benefit Christmas concert Sun, Dec. 8th at 3 p.m. A "pay what you can" donation will be taken at the door (suggested donation of \$10/person). 100% of the proceeds raised will go to Skyline Literacy, a local non-profit striving to enhance literacy skills for adult residents in the Harrisonburg area. The concerts will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 17 Court Square, Harrisonburg. All are welcome!

Please join *Good Company* for their Christmas Concert on December 16 at 7:30 pm at Park View Mennonite Church. They will be joined by members of the *Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir* - Concert Choir - SATB (soprano, alto, tenor, base) ensemble. Each group will perform their own selections as well as a combined piece together. There is a \$10 suggested donation for admission and a reception will follow the concert. For more information please visit www.goodcompanyacappella.com.

Shekinah shekinahmusic.net/ and cantoremusic.com/ Cantore (women's and men's vocal groups) warmly invite you to their annual Christmas coffeehouse concert with refreshments and festive music at 7 pm on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14, at Park View Mennonite Church Harrisonburg. Admission is by donation (\$8-10 suggested), and proceeds will benefit First Step firststepva.com/ and Bridge of Hope bridgeofhopeinc.org/, a local program that matches young mothers at risk of homelessness with groups of individuals and/or families who want to walk alongside in a supportive way.

Check out the Mennonite Women of Virginia blog for some special Advent meditations and a recipe for Cranberry Apple Pie! Find it at: <https://mwva.home.blog>

Albania Earthquake Relief Fund: On November 26, a 6.4-magnitude earthquake hit Albania, causing loss of life and damage to buildings, including in the town of Lezhë, where VMissions has a number of workers and ministries. Thankfully, our workers were physically unharmed, but they are dealing with the trauma of the event. Lezha Academic Center (LAC), the local Christian school we support, suffered structural damage and will remain closed until the new year. VMissions is establishing an Albania Earthquake Relief Fund to help provide food, lodging, clothing, medicine, counseling, and other necessities in the town of Lezhë. We invite you to join us in this effort to share God's love with our global neighbors in need. Gifts can be made online at vmmissions.org/albaniarelief, or by check, made out to VMissions, with Albania Earthquake Relief in the memo, and mailed to 601 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Funds exceeding the need in Lezhë may be used in other relief efforts. Gifts for LAC can be made online at vmmissions.org/lezha-academic-center or by check, made out to Albanian Christian Education Foundation (ACEF), and sent to 601 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802.

Help support Family Life Resource Center this Christmas. 15% of purchases at Ten Thousand Villages in downtown Harrisonburg from now through Saturday, December 14th, will help cover the cost of a counseling session for someone who seeks assistance from FLRC. Since 1987, FLRC is a faith-based counseling center helping families, children and individuals, with a range of needs including relationships, addictions, behavioral and mental health. FLRC is only able to offer lower fees based on income because of their Scholarship Fund thanks to donors like you. Please mention FLRC at check-out so your purchases count. To learn more about FLRC or to make a donation online visit <https://www.flrc.org/index.html>. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Annual Messiah Sing will be held on Epiphany, Monday, January 6, 7 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church. Come be the choir, along with soloists Leah Wenger, Sarah Hamilton, Les Helmuth, and Matthew Hunsberger; John Fast, organist; Ben Bergey, director; and a small instrumental ensemble. Bring your own score if you have it—there will also be scores available. This is a wonderful way to conclude the season of Christmas as we join our voices together in this amazing music. If you have questions, contact Karen Moshier-Shenk, moshkr@emu.edu

Christmas Caroling with the Congregation

Come join us in celebrating this season with
singing and fellowship!

When: December 18 at 6pm

Where: Weavers Mennonite Church

Following caroling, we will have refreshments
at Shady Oak.

