

Missionaries of the Month: Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanuel, Matteo and Isabella in Termoli, Italy. Bethel, a type of food pantry that delivers, was recently initiated in the Vasto and Termoli congregations this fall. The goal is to open doors to share the gospel by meeting physical needs and then the spiritual. This is a ministry that Shawn has prayed for over several years. **Pray with us that the church will be able to step out of their comfort zone and put their faith in action.**

- **Please pray for a new building for the Vasto congregation.** Due to the size of the Termoli congregation, we are currently still participating in corporate worship in Vasto on Sundays. We generally have 8-10 people standing in the back of the church due to lack of available seating.
 - **Pray with us that our Christmas events at school and church will be opportunities to share with those around us.**

A Look at VM MISSIONS: Norma Teles meets with a group of mothers in Albania. Pray that God's word will grow and bear fruit in these women's lives, and pray that they will have courage to break religious traditions in order to embrace what God wants for them.



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Third Sunday of Advent - Worship Celebration
Sunday, December 15, 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

Jim Mumaw

Worship in Songs

c/o Noah Yoder

Children's Story

Isaac Driver

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Hymns

Marvin Slabaugh

HWB 110 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
HWB 184 Hark! The glad sound!

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "Restoration!"

Phil Kanagy

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

Hymn of Response

HWB 178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction & Sending Song

TODAY AT WEAVERS

- ◆ Hearing assistance units are available from the ushers.

Nursery services are available.

Attendants: Worship – Kristi Driver, Joyce Nussbaum

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Wednesday, December 18

6pm Christmas Caroling - Come join in celebrating this season with singing and fellowship! Refreshments will be in Shady Oak upon our return.

7:45pm (or following return of caroling) Sr. Youth Christmas Party

Fourth Sunday of Advent, December 22

Speaker: Phil Kanagy, "Divine Interruption"

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Statistics for Sunday Service - December 8, 2019

Worship Attendance - 111

Offering: Budget - \$6241.56; Building Fund - \$100;

VMM/Albanian Earthquake relief - \$100

Upcoming

January 1, 7pm - Harmonia Sacra Singing

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

Announcements:

Happy Birthday wishes to Earl Schrock and Ed Lehman.

Thanks to each one of you who took a child's name with the Angel Tree program and provided a wonderful gift. We invite you to pray for the children who will be receiving these gifts.

Join in Christmas Caroling with the Congregation, Wed., Dec. 18 at 6pm.

Meet at Shady Oak where we will divide into groups. Following caroling, we will meet back at Shady Oak for some refreshments.

Thank you so much to Dianna Lehman and Joyce Nussbaum who planned a wonderful evening for the Ladies Christmas Supper! All ladies, **mark your calendar now for our next Ladies Night Out, February 6,** - "Pondering While We Paint" -- an evening of creative fun.

Our "Special Offering" for missions will be received Dec. 29. Thanks to our Budget Offerings being generously funded of late, we are able to receive our missions offering one final time this calendar year.

Mt. Clinton Mennonite invites you to a Christmas Eve and Readers' Theatre, as well as Candle Light service, Wed. Dec. 24, 5pm

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 VMMissions 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. VMMissions 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/albaniarelieffund, or by check, made out to VMMissions, 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.

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.

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

Learn more from our partner Everence: Donating to charities before Dec. 31? Some donations remain tax deductible under current law, including charitable distributions from individual retirement accounts, gifts of commodities and large gifts to donor advised funds. Contact everence.com/types-of-gifts.

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>

Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus announces the beginning of the 2020 season of men's sacred choral music directed by Jared Stutzman, EMHS music faculty. Join us if you enjoy singing men's a cappella music. Our diverse sacred music repertoire includes hymns, gospel songs, anthems, spirituals, and contemporary songs. We ask that you participate consistently in the practice sessions, and be available to sing in the March 1 and 8 concerts. Invite your singing friends. Regular SVMC Sun afternoon practices in Jan and Feb are at Eastern Mennonite High School. Practice begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 4:15 p.m. on Sun afternoons beginning Jan 5. (Registration begins at 2 pm on Jan. 5). Questions or comments? Contact Roman Miller at 540-383-0281.