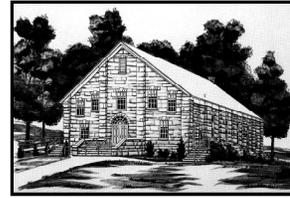


**Missionaries of the Month: Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanuel, Matteo and Isabella in Termoli, Italy.** Homesickness for family far away is very real. (we do stay busy, but Christmas Day itself can be hard, being so far from our families during this season.)

- Pray for visible and tangible fruit from the seeds we've seen sown over the last year. Protection for that seed since the soil here is very hard.
- Pray for upcoming baptism for several recent believers

**A Look at VM MISSIONS** Michael H. serves near Lancaster, Pa., with Immerse International, an intensive English program. Pray for his family as they continuing exploring and discovering their place in what God is doing there after serving 8+ years in South Asia.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Fourth Sunday of Advent - Worship Celebration  
Sunday, December 22, 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.*

*A warm welcome to our visitors this Sunday before Christmas. In this holy season we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love.*

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### Prelude (& Offertory)

Jennifer Wright

### Welcome & Announcements

Myron Brubaker

### Worship in Songs

c/o Sara Byler

### Advent Candle Lighting

### Children's Story Song: "I Adore You"

Isaac Driver  
c/o children

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

### Worship in Hymns

Dennis Kuhns

Solo - O Holy Night  
HWB 212 O Come, all ye faithful  
HWB 201 Hark! the herald angels sing

### First Fruits Giving

### Sermon: "Divine Intervention"

Phil Kanagy

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

### Hymn of Response

HWB 197 Angels we have heard on high

### Sharing and Prayer

### Candlelighting, Benediction & Sending Song

## TODAY AT WEAVERS

- ◆ Hearing assistance units are available from the ushers.

Nursery services are available.

Attendants: Worship – Barb Martin, Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

## THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

**Wednesday, December 25**

Christmas Day!

**Sunday, December 29**

Speaker: Phil Kanagy, "God Prevails"

Scripture: Matthew 2:13-23

### Statistics for Sunday Service - December 15, 2019

Worship Attendance - 109

Offering: Budget - \$6,582.98; Building Fund - \$100;

VMM/Albanian Earthquake relief - \$100

### Upcoming

January 1, 7pm - Harmonia Sacra Singing

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

### Announcements:

**Happy Birthday wishes** to Rachael Brenneman, Jeffrey Smoker, Jake Wheeler, and Kendall Knicely (turns 8 yrs old).

**Thanks so much to each one of you who helped with the various roles and responsibilities for the Outdoor Nativity!** It takes many hands, and it is so appreciated by the persons that come through and experience it!

**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. If you would like to mark your contribution differently than our missions formula, please find envelopes on the credenza and fill in accordingly.

**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/albaniarelief](http://vmmissions.org/albaniarelief), 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](http://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.

**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 Bergery, director; and a small instrumental ensemble. Bring your own score of 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](mailto: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](http://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 Sunday afternoons beginning Jan 5. (Registration begins at 2 pm on Jan. 5). Concert free will offerings will benefit refugee ministries, a project of Virginia Mennonite Missions. Questions or comments? Contact Roman Miller at 540-383-0281.

All ladies, **mark your calendar now for our next event February 6 -- Ladies Night Out**, - "Pondering While We Paint." An evening of creative fun with Deb Horst, no special skills required. Cost will be \$15. RSVP by the ?? to Dianna at [edlehdman@gmail.com](mailto:edlehdman@gmail.com) or 540-810-2706.

**Save the Date for Putt Fore Missions**, a family-friendly mini-golf tournament and meal fundraiser for VMMissions on **Thursday, May 21, 2020, 5:30PM -9:30PM**. More information will come soon.