

**Missionaries of the Month focus: Shawn & Laura Green, and children Lucas, Emmanuel, Matteo and Isabella -- in Termoli, Italy.** Pray for continued guidance in a rapidly evolving ministry. Pray also for a van for the Bethel ministry and for funding to be raised for their next term since their furlough was moved to 2021. And please pray for spiritual and physical protection for their family as they continue to minister.

**A Look at VMissions:** Pray for wisdom and boldness for Dan and Mary Hess and Rafael and Solange Tartari as they work together to help lay a foundation for a new fellowship in the town of Milot, Albania.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, December 27, 2020 - 10:30am  
Via Facebook stream**

*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.*



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### Prelude

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

### Welcome & Scripture/Prayer

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

### Announcements

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

### Worship in Song HWB

HWB:

# 178 Come, thou long-expected Jesus  
# 199 The first Noel, the angel did say  
# 215 What child is this

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

### Children's Story

### First Fruits Giving "Special Offering - Missions"

Offertory #197- Angels we have heard on high

### Sermon: "Heralds of Joy "

Scripture: Luke 2:8-12

Dennis Kuhns

### HWB #318 "Joy to the world"

### Sharing and Prayer

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

### Benediction

Dennis Kuhns

*We can continue to "be" the church, especially so in these times. We will continue to trust God, for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.*

## Announcements

**Happy Birthday wishes this week** to Floyd Blosser, Kristin Eby, Jeff Rhodes, Thelma Maust, and Joyce Burkholder.

**Thank you for your continued contributions via mail, paypal, bank transfer or dropping by the office.** These have been the designations in the last week: Budget - \$3,429.93; Building Fund - \$600

**A note was received in the mail this week from someone in the community:** "Our family wanted to say **Thank You to your church for providing the drive-by nativity.** In this difficult time, it is comforting to have something positive to share. Thank you to everyone that gave of themselves to make this happen."

### Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Prayer Group meets via zoom Wednesdays at 7pm**
- **Jan. 12, 2021 Administrative Council**
- **Jan. 19, 2021 Pastoral Council**

### Our first fruits offering Sunday, Dec 27 would typically be for Missions.

Please memo your contributions the rest of this month when they arrive other than in the Sunday offering (if you would like to designate for Missions). Thank you to each who have given so faithfully!

### VMMissions Alternative Christmas Gifts

**Each year, VMMissions workers propose projects to meet some special or immediate need** in their ministries for the VMMissions Alternative Christmas Gifts program. These projects range in scope and are ideal for individuals, families, Sunday School classes, small groups or entire congregations to consider. This year, several projects are responding to community needs caused by the COVID pandemic. Another is relief in response to two major hurricanes in Honduras. See the full list of projects at <https://vmmissions.org/how-to-help/giving-projects/alternative-christmas-gifts/>.

**Do you need wood for your stove (or know someone else who does?) We have firewood for sale to benefit the Heritage Center.** Felled, cut, split, and dried on the Heritage Center campus. \$95 per pickup load (buyer loads). Dry, ash and oak. To order and arrange pick-up, call Ervie Glick at 540-564-3658.

Organizers for **MennoCon21** (Cincinnati, Ohio, July 6-10, 2021), the biennial gathering of Mennonite Church USA, are planning a hybrid event with in-person and online programming. Read the first convention newsletter: [https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OCT\\_2020\\_Newsletter-Revised.pdf](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/OCT_2020_Newsletter-Revised.pdf) Receive future issues by subscribing here: <http://eepurl.com/gbyUCj>

**Highland Retreat has year-round job openings** for a Facilities Manager (in charge of maintaining and developing Highland's buildings and grounds) and for a Hospitality Manager (overseeing food service and housekeeping at

Highland). See [highlandretreat.org/job-openings](http://highlandretreat.org/job-openings) for more details. If you know someone who would be an asset to Highland in one of these roles, please share this opportunity with them! Anyone interested in applying is invited to email a resume to Kent Kauffman ([kent@highlandretreat.org](mailto:kent@highlandretreat.org)).

**Harrisonburg Gift and Thrift Board of Directors is seeking several new members from our sponsor churches.** Our goal is a board that reflects the growing diversity of the local community. In addition to generalists, individuals with HR experience would be valuable. The three-year term begins in April, 2021. To learn more or submit your name for consideration, please contact Tim Godshall at [timgodshall@gmail.com](mailto:timgodshall@gmail.com) or 540-908-8194.

The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue, we offer a timely prayer for 2020, A Prayer Amidst Disaster, written by an MDS staff member; read how volunteers are improving the space for homeless in Idaho; and be sure to save the date for our virtual MDS Annual Celebration. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/3oS0PL6>

### Seeking the Beloved Community: From Racism to Reconciliation

As part of God's reconciling work, we are called to dismantle racism and build relationships across racial divides. On Saturday, January 23, 2021 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. EST, Mennonite Men will be hosting a meeting, open to all genders, with members of Seeking the Beloved Community, a group of Black and White men in Elkhart, Indiana, who have been engaged in this work for seven years. A number of these are pastors and members of Mennonite congregations.

To learn more about the event, [click here](#). To register for the event, [click here](#).