

Focus for the Month: J. & H. and their children, serving in South Asia where J. works as a graphic designer. Together they are discipling youth, developing leaders, and working for church multiplication in the Muslim-background believer church. Lockdown makes building relationships and mission difficult. Pray for wisdom, creativity, and opportunities to connect with locals right in the building.

A Look at VMissions: Pray for the ministry of Rafael and Solange Tartari as they work in partnership with Albanian leaders to model and multiply disciples, leaders, and faith communities in Shkoder, Albania.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 22, 2021 - 10:30am
OUTDOORS and 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 and Andry Stutzman

Welcome & Scripture/Prayer

Don Martin

Announcements

Don Martin

Worship in Song

c/o Rachel and Andry Stutzman

Take My Life VT #759 verses (1,2,5)
Glory to God VT #429
Amazing Love

First Fruits Giving

Children age 5 and under invited downstairs for StoryTime

Message: "Resolute in Relationship"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Philippians 3:1-14

Song of Response *Jesus, Be the Center* VT#584

(the livestream will end after this)

Sharing and Prayer

Don Martin

Benediction

Curt Stutzman

Sending Song *Come Walk With Us* VT#23

Announcements

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- Prayer Group meets via zoom Wednesdays at 7pm
- Youth Group meets Wednesday evenings
- Church Campout at Highland Retreat, Sept. 3-5

Lighthouse Coffee will be open for coffee each Sunday at 9:15am. Bring lawn chairs if you would like to sit outside, or there will also be seating inside.

Men's prayer time -- all men are invited to a time for prayer each Saturday at 7 AM in the Lighthouse Coffee building. Coffee will be provided. You are welcome to also invite men from outside of the Weavers congregation.

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, including the Sunday morning offering: Budget - \$3,198.55; building fund - \$100; MCC school kits - \$25

Elder affirmation for Julia Alleman was 100% positive. We thank Julia for being willing to serve the congregation as Elder for another year.

Peace Lamp Prayer (even when we are outside, and can't see the Peace Lamp): **Father, guide us into becoming peacemakers and sowers of peace so that we may reap a harvest of righteousness. (James 4:18)**

Happy Birthday wishes this week to: Steve Yoder (today!), Caleb Early (turns 18 yrs), and Daniel Martin.

Did you know...lots of work to help others happens continuously behind the scenes? Weavers Mennonite Women took a break from monthly meetings, but that doesn't mean they weren't busy! Here's a report of donations between April 2020 and April 2021.

- 49 full size comforters made and sent to MCC
- 25 baby/toddler comforters made and sent to CAM
- 30 toddler blankets
- 84 baby gowns
- 24 prayer shawls
- 116 baby blankets
- 290 school kit bags
- 1 lap robe

One small quilt and one king-size comforter were donated and sold at the 2020 MCC Relief Sale. Many hands make light work! Feel free to join us on the second Wednesday of each month.

We encourage all members and regular attendees to participate in a congregational business meeting, Sunday, August 29, in the sanctuary following the worship service. Opportunity will be given for questions on the information received via email concerning the proposal by the Administrative Council in our Budgeting process for 2021.

Our "Special Offering," one of four-six for missions & church agencies during our calendar year, will be received next Sunday. Offering envelopes will be available on the foyer credenza for those who wish to give different amounts to the agencies than the default percentages suggest.

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) is hosting a series of virtual Faith Formation Roundtable discussions to connect, encourage and support faith formation leaders amid the uncertainties of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The Faith Formation Roundtables will be held via Zoom twice a month continuing in Sept. and Oct. "These provide an opportunity for pastors, leaders, teachers and volunteers to gather and discuss topics they're passionate about," said Shana Peachey Boshart, MC USA denominational minister for Faith Formation and the host of the online events. The Faith Formation Roundtable gatherings will be held on Tuesdays at 2:30 p.m. ET. Learn more at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/faith-formation-roundtable/>

Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale - My Coins Count This year's VMissions projects are the US-based family discipleship ministries of workers Hannah Shultz and Seth & Theresa Crissman. The MCC project is for classroom supplies at six Brethren in Christ schools in rural Zambia. Learn more at: <https://vmmissions.org/how-to-help/giving-projects/my-coins-count>

Hundreds for Hundreds! Please join others for the Share Our Surplus (SOS) Walk on August 29 at 6:00 p.m. to support MCC's work assisting refugees around the world. The walk route through downtown Harrisonburg begins and ends at the parking lot of Community Mennonite Church. This second annual walk is organized by SOS, an initiative of the [Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale \(VMRS\)](#). 100% of all gifts raised by SOS will go via the VMRS directly to MCC to assist refugees around the world. For more information, contact Mark Keller at mkeller123@gmail.com or (540) 434-4535.

We are planning on a "normal" Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale on October 1-2 at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds. We look forward to another great weekend together. We are planning on a live auction with the option to watch a live video stream with online bidding. Please have auction items in by Sept 6. Here are some ways you can get involved. If you are a baker, pie tins are available at PVFCU locations. Collect coins for My Coins Count. Help with apple butter boiling on Sept 25. Help with cooking or selling chicken BBQ. Sell the strawberry pies. Be a co-coordinator for the fish fry. Because of generous donations last year, we were able to donate \$336,621.23. Please give generously again this year! Visit vareliefsale.com for more information. Let's help MCC share God's love and compassion to all in the name of Christ. - David Rush, Chair

As a sponsor church for Harrisonburg Gift & Thrift, we want to thank you for your continued support of our shop! Sales are up, as is our donation to MCC! Are you involved in a small group of some kind? Do you gather with others to sew, read, Bible study, or even just to have a cup of coffee in the morning? We would love to have your group come and volunteer with us! Come once, or schedule something regular. It's up to you, and every little bit helps! **We are also seeking someone who would be willing to take notes at our board meetings.** The board meets only 5 times a year, and currently, it's on Zoom, so you don't even have to venture out! If either of these opportunities to volunteer interests you, please contact Sue Nelson, Executive Director, at SueN@giftandthrift.org

**Ridgeway Mennonite Church is hosting a free training for Children
Worship and Wonder with trainer Elaine Austin on August 27 and 28.**

Sessions will be Friday 5:30 - 9 pm and Saturday 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.
Children Worship and Wonder is an exciting way of approaching faith formation with young children and can be used with a range of ages. This method and curriculum can be used with Sunday School, Kid's Club, VBS or Children's Church. Contact Sharri Kurtz at 540-434-1096 for more information and registration.

The **sixth annual Sing Me High Music Festival** will take place August 27 and 28, 4-9 pm each evening, at the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center in Harrisonburg. The event is a family-friendly celebration of music and faith, and will feature performances from the Walking Roots Band, John Schmid, Ebony Nicole, Good Company, and Hometown. There will also be great food, a guitar raffle, a pie auction, a *Harmonia Sacra* singing, children's activities, and more! For more information, visit singmehigh.com.

Weavers Church Campout , Sept. 3 - Sept. 5, Highland Retreat

Camp sites have been reserved at the main campground for Fri & Sat..
Rates are discounted by Weavers for 2 nights:

- > Tenting/no hook-up \$20 per night
- > Camping with hookup \$25 per night.
- > A-frame cabins are \$30 per A-frame/night plus \$5 per person after the 4th person. (Cabins sleep 12 persons).

To reserve a tent area, camp-site or A-frame cabin, RSVP to Kristin Wenger, (602) 677-3587 or kristin.wenger.23@gmail.com

Weavers School Kit Project (MCC) - From now until Labor Day, Outreach Committee invites you to donate supplies and money toward the School kits project for MCC. We are hoping to purchase supplies and assemble 300 school kits to be sent by MCC around the world.

Supplies needed –

Notebooks – 1200 (70-page, wide-ruled)

Colored Pencils – 300 packs (12 pencils)

Pens – 600 (blue or black)

The other supplies needed for the kits will be purchased by the committee in bulk and cost about \$350. Donations and money can be brought to the church any time before September 6.

We will assemble the kits on Wednesday, September 15, at 6:00pm in Shady Oak. Everyone is invited to participate.

HELP US BLESS THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD!