

Focus for the Month: This month we are focusing on Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanuel, Matteo, and Isabella -- serving in Termoli, Italy. "We have been in full rhythm these last few months and have been blessed to have seen God working in our church setting, in opportunities for outreach, and in our personal family lives. The online ministry that Shawn assists with is continuing to move forward and we continue to offer encouragement, teaching and online Christian programming throughout Italy. Laura continues to grow relationships with mothers from school and contacts she has throughout the neighborhood."

A Look at VMissions: As college students prepare for Christmas break, pray for them this week as they complete their final exams and projects. Also pray for those serving in college ministry to be refreshed during this break time.



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3rd Sunday of Advent, December 12, 2021 - 10:30am

*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.*

Prelude

c/o Jennifer Wright

Welcome & Announcements

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

First Fruits Giving

Advent - Prophet's Candle - Faith

Kendall Knicely

Worship in Song

c/o Julia Alleman

Voices Together #241 - O Come, All Ye Faithful vv. 1,3,4
Sing the Journey #13 - My Soul is filled with joy vv. 1,3,5
Voices Together #247 - Hark the Herald Angels Sing
Voices Together #254 - Oh, How Joyfully

Scripture Reading - Luke 2:1-7

Special Music - Dennis Kuhns, *O Holy Night*

Message "Good News! Great Joy!"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Luke 2:8-20

Song of Response #240 - Joy to the World! vv. 1,2,3
(live stream will end after this)

Sharing and Prayer

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

Sending Song VT #240 - *Joy to the World!* v. 4

*Nursery is available downstairs during both Sunday School and during the
Worship service for ages 3 and younger.*

Announcements

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting via Zoom**
- **Wednesday evening Youth Group**
- **December 11 & 12, 5:30-7pm - Outdoor Walk Through Bethlehem**
- **December 14 - Ladies Tea in Shady Oak, 7pm**
- **December 20 & 21 - Christmas Caroling**
- **January Event - all Wednesdays evenings in January 2022**

The congregation is being called to prayer, as Administrative Council will be looking now to a recommendation by Pastoral Council to move ahead in our processing of and searching for person(s) who can more formally take on the roles ministering alongside our pastor leadership team.

Begin praying for our January event! The theme will be "One Another" and will have as a focus scripture Ephesians 4:11-16. More details to come.

Happy Birthday wishes this week to: Wayne Miller (today!), Barbara Showalter, Rod Burkholder, Glendon Blosser, and Earl Schrock.

Tonight is our last night of the Walk Through Bethlehem. Thank you to all who have helped put this on again for the church and community!

Ladies...Come join us for a "Christmas Tea" to be held at Shady Oak on Tuesday, December 14 at 7 p.m. You are invited to bring a \$10.00 grab bag gift if you would like to participate in our gift exchange. Desserts and tea will be provided. RSVP's would be helpful: weaversmc@weaversmc.org

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 -\$9,301.58; Building Fund - \$7,0004.02

Sunday School Classes meet at 9:30 am every Sunday. Join a class for time of fellowship, sharing, and Bible Study.

- **Fellowship Class:** studying Bible book study - in the Shady Oak classroom
- **Portraits of Jesus:** studying Gospel accounts around Jesus' birth. After Christmas, studying the Parables of Jesus: led by Dennis Kuhns - meeting in the west side of Library
- **Intergenerational:** using the Salt & Light (thru MennoMedia Quarterly) led by Don Martin – Foyer Classrm.
- **Pathfinders:** studying Salt & Light (thru MennoMedia Quarterly) led by Alan Eby – Sewing Room/classroom of Shady Oak
- **Young Adult:** Kristin Wenger contact person, studying *Walking With God* by John Eldredge – Shady Oak main room
- **Ladies:** book study, by Zoom at 9:00 am - contact Rebecca Shank
- **Coffee House:** conversation and fellowship – in the Coffee House

Our Women's Sewing group has prayer shawls available for those wanting to bless an ailing family member or friend, or to help them celebrate a special life event. During the week, you may call the church office and Sandi can retrieve one for anyone to give as a blessing gift.

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.

Virginia Mennonite Conference invites you partner with us in sustaining our mission as we conclude this calendar year. Join us in celebrating the vibrancy of our faith communities as we support the leadership ministry of pastors and congregations and continue to be a vibrant Anabaptist presence in a conflicted world. Your contribution will impact the leadership of the 63 member congregations of Virginia Mennonite Conference in five states and Washington, DC.

All are welcome to three Christmas concerts at Eastern Mennonite School.
Sunday, December 12: Walking Roots Band benefit concert for Mennonite Central Committee with EMHS Chamber Choir as guest performers. **Tuesday, December 14: EMHS Christmas Concert** featuring the EMHS Symphonic Band, String Orchestra, Symphonic Orchestra, Jazz Band and Chamber Choir performing music of the season (approximately one hour). **Thursday, December 16: EMHS Choral Christmas Worship Service: Lessons and Carols** featuring sing-along Christmas carols, a re-telling of the Christmas story, and performances by the EMHS Concert Choir, Touring Choir, and Chamber Choir (approximately one hour). Each concert begins at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium, located behind the building at 801 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg. Admission is free with a freewill offering on Dec. 12 to benefit the international relief and development work of Mennonite Central Committee. To help prevent the spread of COVID, all guests are required to wear a face mask while inside the building. Call the school's office with questions, 540-236-6000.

The community is welcome to the annual **EMU Christmas Lessons & Carols service** on Mon., Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in Lehman Auditorium featuring the EMU music program. A freewill offering will benefit the Faith and Spiritual Life Compassion Fund. Masks are required or the event is available via [Facebook Live from the EMU Facebook page](#).

Weavers will NOT host the Harmonia Sacra Singing on New Year's Day evening this year again. This event has typically had maxed out attendance which would hinder safe distancing, added to over an hour of full congregational singing being a potential Covid spreader and creating additional strain on the local healthcare system. It was deemed we should err on the side of caution for this multi-church community event.