

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. Shawn has recently begun meeting with an Afghan gentleman. He along with his family of 3 young boys have been relocated to our area. Pray that God will continue to give us opportunities to provide a listening ear to what they have experienced and are dealing with as well as providing truth and hope of Christ to them."

A Look at VMissions: Lift up refugees moving to many places from Afghanistan. A number of workers in different regions are getting to know and help them in their new settings. Pray that they will find their refuge and hope in Jesus Christ.



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4th Sunday of Advent, December 19, 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 Rachel & Andry Stutzman

Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Rhodes

First Fruits Giving

Advent - Angel's Candle - Peace

Nolan Beach

Worship in Song

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

Voices Together #212 Comfort Comfort, O My People

Sing the Journey # 257 Away in a Manger

Voices Together # 267/268 What Child/Helpless and Hungry

Voices Together #216 Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

Message "Shalom Shalom"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-24; Isaiah 9:6; 26:3

Song of Response VT #242 - Noche anunciada (Night Long Awaited)

(live stream will end after this)

Sharing and Prayer

Debbie Rhodes

Sending Song VT #259 - To Us a Child of Hope is Born

*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**
- **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: Ed Lehman (today!), Rachael Brenneman, and Jake Wheeler (on Christmas Day!).

Our "Special Offering," for missions & church agencies, will be received next Sunday, December 26. Offering envelopes will be available on the credenza if you would like to make adjustments on how your contribution benefits the various agencies.

Default percentages for "Special Missions Offering"

Weavers Missions (10%)	Central District (15%)
Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%)	Mennonite Missions Network (10%)
VA Conference Ministries (6%)	MCUSA Exec. Leadership Board (2%)
Eastern Menn. High School (5%)	MCC - Canning (3%)
Family Life Resource Center (3%)	Mennonite Education Agency (2%)
Highland Retreat (3%)	MennoMedia (1%)
Pleasant View Home (2%)	Minority Groups (1%)
VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)	Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)
VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)	Eastern Mennonite University (4%)

Our Christmas Caroling will be on Monday, Dec. 20 to our church families, and on Tuesday Dec. 21 to Elkton to Sondra Smith's home. Come meet at Shady Oak at 6:15pm each evening, and we will divide into various groups and vehicles.

All are invited to the Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols at 7pm.

Thank you for your continued contributions. Ways to give may include through your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service. Others ways are via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. These have been the designations in the last week: Budget - \$3,270; Building Fund - \$29,600; Care & Share - \$50; Mennonite Disaster Service (donations from the Walk Thru Bethlehem) - \$393.01

Outreach Committee continues to wait for Church World Services in our preparation to sponsor an Afghani family. The process has been slow. Anyone willing to be on the support team should contact Janet Blosser.

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.

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

- **Fellowship Class:** in the Shady Oak classroom
- **Portraits of Jesus:** meeting in the west side of Library
- **Intergenerational:** Foyer Classrm.
- **Pathfinders:** Sewing Room/classroom of Shady Oak
- **Young Adult:** Shady Oak main room
- **A Ladies book study via zoom:** contact Rebecca Shank
- **Coffee House:** conversation and fellowship – in the Coffee House

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.

The December edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In the current issue: MDS responds to the deadly tornadoes in the Midwest and parts of the South, MDS Canada needs volunteers to help survivors recover from extensive flooding in British Columbia, and you can learn more about the Annual Celebration in Sarasota, Florida in January.

Go to this link to read more: <https://conta.cc/3GORUMS>