

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. **There are various needs for growth reasons. We are dealing with limited space for larger fellowship outside of church services at this point. While this may seem like a limited problem, fellowship is a vital part of our ministry here. Pray for opportunities to come available and for wisdom of how to walk into those, as well as the resources.**

We have also begun, as they are saying, the 4th [Covid] wave. There is now talk of renewed restrictions and return to lockdowns. Pray for patience and endurance as we face those possible renewed barriers."

A Look at VMissions: Join tranSend intern Andressa Coutinho, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying that God will help her to be patient, persevering and humble in the process of learning the Albanian language and cultural adaptation.



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Sunday, December 26, 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 Ada Zhang & Andry Stutzman

Welcome & Announcements

Janel Early

First Fruits Giving

What Child Is This - Mennonite Hymnal, 129

Scripture Reading

Worship in Song

c/o Noah Yoder

*Go Tell it On The Mountain - Voices Together, 252
He Shall Reign Forevermore
Joy to the World - Mennonite Hymnal, 122
Angels We Have Heard on High - Mennonite Hymnal, 127*

Message "New Things"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Song of Response c/o Ada Zhang & Andry Stutzman
(live stream will end after this)

Sharing and Prayer

Janel Early

Sending Song *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing - Mennonite Hymnal, 135*

Nursery is available downstairs during the Worship service for ages 3 and younger.

Announcements

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting via Zoom**
- **Youth Group New Year's Eve party Dec. 31**
- **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.

Our "Special Offering," for missions & church agencies, is being received today. Offering envelopes are 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%)

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 -\$15,183; Building Fund - \$850; Mennonite Disaster Service (storm relief) - \$2,500

Begin praying for our January event! The theme will be "One Another" and will have as a focus scripture Ephesians 4:11-16. Each Wednesday our meal will be in Shady Oak at 6; input time starts at 6:50pm.

Happy Birthday wishes this week to: Thelma Maust and Joyce Burkholder.

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>

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Falls Prevention (TCSFP) will be offered at Shady Oak every Tuesday beginning January 11 - April 26 from 1-2 pm. Please invite anyone who might benefit from this program to [register](#) on the vpas website. Talk to Joyce Nussbaum if you have questions.

TCSFP, developed by Dr. Paul Lam at the Tai Chi for Health Institute, is known for improving relaxation and balance as well as its ease of use for older adults. Each session includes warm up and cool down exercises along with learning movements that progressively lead to completing the basic six core movements and six advanced extension movements. All movements can be modified to accommodate mobility issues and can be done seated.

This program is evidence based and has been shown to improve balance and mobility, increase strength and flexibility, decrease pain and reduce falls. TCAFP is appropriate for people with mild, moderate and severe joint involvement and back pain as well as for all adults who have a higher risk of falling.