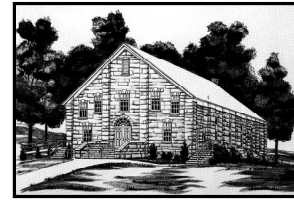


Focus for the Month: This month we are **focusing on Steve & Laura Campbell, Ruth and Esther serving in Montenegro.** "Pray for our family. We are entering the last six months of our service here. We plan to terminate in mid-June of 2022. We are going to homeschool Esther for the last six months; she struggles with reading, she was emerging as a reader when Covid lockdown hit and that changed many things. Ruth does well in both Serbian and English. Both girls are fluent speakers in Serbian but Esther struggles with reading in both languages so our focus will be on English for her for the last six months. We have many transitions coming up, handing over leadership, packing, saying goodbye for now to friends, 10 years is plenty long to develop some deep friendships. We have to look for a place to live in the States, most likely in the Shenandoah Valley, schooling there, jobs, reentry retreat and reverse culture shock and probably so much more for transitions."

A Look at VMissions: Pray that Christ's light will shine in largely unreached locations like Central Asia, North Africa, and the Middle East, where workers are engaged in business opportunities to be a light and represent God's love.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 30, 2022 - 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.*

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Prelude

c/o Andry & Rachel Stutzman

Welcome & Announcements

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading

Worship in Song

c/ o Andry & Rachel Stutzman

Message "Celebration of Grace"

Scripture: Mark 2

Curt Stutzman

Song of Response

(live stream will end after this)

Sharing and Prayer

Stephanie Slabach Brubaker

Sending Song

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

Announcements

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Wednesday Prayer meeting by Zoom**
- **Wednesday Youth Group**

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.

Thank you for your continued contributions. Ways to give may include through your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service. Other 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 - \$3,925; Building Fund - \$100; youth fundraiser (Jan. Event meal) - \$260

Please contact Curt if you and/or your Sunday School or small group would like to talk with Curt further about a membership covenant concept. This is designed to aid him in following the by-laws regarding the annual review of membership, not as a replacement. Copies of the covenant sheet are available in the foyer.

Safe Church (for volunteers with our youth and children): **For adults approved in 2017, we have reached the 5 year renewal date.** Due to COVID protocols, there are simply three videos that take about five hours. If you previously were an approved adult, you will be sent an email with the video links. These videos can be watched separately. In an effort to assist in this process, Curt will host a watch party with refreshments for the two hour video on Sunday, Feb 27 at 6 pm. It would be helpful to RSVP to curt@weaversmc.org.

We will need confirmation that you have completed the three videos by March 13. If you complete them before then, please send Jennifer Wright an email at res0n572@verizon.net. (That 0 is a zero).

If you are interested in taking part in a home fellowship/small group, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

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.

The Fellowship Sunday School class will be starting a study on Mark. They meet in classroom #3 in Shady Oak. Anyone is welcome to join in this class.

Beth Miller will be leading a Ladies Bible Study on the Book of Esther, utilizing Beth Moore's study, *Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman*. The 10-week study will be held on Tuesdays at 6:30pm and will start Mar 1. Cost of the workbooks will be about \$15. We can order them together and save on shipping. Contact Sandi at the church office by Feb. 10 to reserve your book.

MCUSA has planned a special delegate assembly for May 27-30 in Kansas City. There are four potential resolutions that will be considered for this in-person only assembly (no virtual attendance). You are encouraged to go online to the MCUSA website (<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/delegate-resources-special-session-may-2022/>) to familiarize yourself with the information prior to meetings/conversations we will have as a congregation, likely in March. The four resolutions under consideration are 1) Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines on Mennonite Church USA; 2) MC USA For Justice Resolution; 3) MC USA Accessibility Resolution; 4) A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation

Join an upcoming event sponsored by the Shenandoah Mennonite Historians: Jo Anne Kraus will speak about her recent Herald Press book on the Warwick River Mennonite Colony, March 29, 7:00 PM, at the Mt. Clinton Mennonite Church. Kraus will speak live, though if you want to watch via Zoom, contact Jim Hershberger at jimhersh254@gmail.com, and Jim will send you a link. This lecture is sponsored by the Shenandoah Mennonite Historians.

The Hinton Mennonite Relief Center Board announces the cancellation of this year's annual Meat Canning, scheduled for February 2022 at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, due to the ongoing pandemic. **In place of the canning project, the Relief Center will host the packing of MCC Bucket Relief Kits and Relief Kits for Christian Aid Ministries (CAM) to fill two tractor trailer loads.** The MCC bucket relief project will consist of nearly 3,000 five gallon buckets full of essential personal care items. The kits for CAM most likely will be hygiene kits that will also be sent to meet the needs of people around the world. To purchase the supplies for these kits and for the ongoing operation of the Relief Center, \$70,000 is needed. If you would like to contribute to this project you can send a donation to the: Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, PO Box 519, Dayton, VA 22821. If you have any questions about this project, contact Leon Rhodes at (540) 820-5443 or Gerald Knicely at (540) 478-4203. Thanks for your participation in this effort to feed the less fortunate in the world.

Consider becoming a refugee youth mentor. CWS Refugee Resettlement Office in Harrisonburg, Va., has a mentoring program where they partner adult community members with high school aged refugee youth for around a year. There are currently nine refugee youth waiting for mentors. Mentors and mentees are in contact at least once a month or more frequently if it works in everyone's schedules. Mentors and mentees can meet virtually or in person. All mentees are COVID vaccinated. Mentees speak some English and are interested in a person who can introduce them to places, people, and opportunities in their new communities. A good mentor is a caring adult who makes time for a mentee and listens. We also encourage mentees to volunteer so mentors and mentees could do community volunteer activities together. Contact Rebecca Sprague (540-246-6454 | rsprague@cwsglobal.org) for more details or to answer any questions.