

**Focus for the Month:** This month we are **focusing on Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their four young children in N. Africa.** They live in a rural location. After extensive work to register their business (a guest house rental space and cultural center), Raleigh and Opal are hopeful about getting long-term residency. Local officials are signaling that they will accept the necessary paperwork. Pray for this process, which can be long and stressful, asking for favor from the different people who are involved and perseverance for Raleigh.

In December Raleigh and Opal hosted a gathering of a network of folks focused on the unreached people group they live among. It was an encouraging time of fellowship, prayer and mutual encouragement. Pray that the spirit of collaboration in the kingdom would continue to grow among this generation of workers.

**A Look at VMissions:** Pray for tranSend intern Nathan Carr, who works with those recently released from jail in Harrisonburg, Va. He is working with a local church to start a jail outreach that will utilize Celebrate Recovery material to help people find Christ and sobriety.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, February 27, 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 Rachel & Andry Stutzman

**Welcome & Announcements**

Janet Blosser

**First Fruits Giving: Special Offerings (missions/agencies)**

**Scripture Reading**

**Worship in Song**

c/ o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

VT #84 *To God be the Glory*  
VT #86 *You are Exalted*  
VT #297 *You are Salt*

**Message "Hidden in the Open"**

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Mark 4

**Song of Response** VT #551 *Beautiful Things*  
(live stream will end after this)

**Sharing and Prayer**

Janet Blosser

**Sending Song** VT 597 *My Lighthouse*

Rachel & Andry Stutzman

\*VT= *Voices Together* hymnal

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

## Announcements

### Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Wednesday, March 2 -- Kids Clubs 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday Prayer meeting by Zoom, 7pm**
- **Wednesday Youth Group**
- **Wednesday Worship Night in the Coffeehouse, 7pm**

**We will have a Congregational Business Meeting today following the morning service.** On the agenda is the proposed Budget, as well as the proposal for funds remaining from the 2021 Budget year. The proposed Budget for 2022 and a summary for 2021 was emailed to members last week. There are also some copies available in the foyer.

**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 - \$9,909; Building Fund - \$100

Our **special offerings received today will be distributed according to the percentages below.** Offering envelopes are available on the credenza for those who wish to give different amounts to the agencies than the default percentages suggest.

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%)
	Mennonite Publishing Network (1%)
Highland Retreat (3%)	Minority Groups (1%)
Pleasant View Home (2%)	Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)
VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)	Eastern Mennonite University (4%)
VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)	

**Happy Birthday this week:** Philip Martin, and Walter Haddad

**Change of start date:** **The Ladies Bible Study, Esther, It's Tough Being a Woman,** will begin Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 in Shady Oak.

**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 three videos that take about five hours. 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](mailto: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](mailto:res0n572@verizon.net). (That 0 is a zero).

**There will be a men's retreat on May 20-21 at Red Oak Lodge at Highland Retreat.** Overnight accommodations are available if desired. We are planning for an input speaker, great worship, incredible food, and everything from fellowship/Spikeball/cornhole to solitude and coffee on the deck. Mark your calendars.

**Ladies! Mark your calendars so you don't miss this exciting event happening on Saturday, March 5, 2022,** at Waynesboro Mennonite Church. We will start our Annual Missions Day at 9 a.m. with a taste of cultural bread from Central Asia, then hear from a missionary serving there. We will spend time in worship, and share financially with love gifts for current missionaries and ministries through Virginia Mennonite Missions. Our time together will wrap up with lunch and fellowship together. Please plan to attend! RSVP to [MWVSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:MWVSecretary@gmail.com) so we can get a head count for lunch. Childcare will be available for children 5 years old and younger. Please let us know how many children you are bringing. If you have questions, you may call Sharon Arbaugh, MWV President, at 540-292-1085. See you there!

**Writers Wanted: Virginia Mennonite Conference is writing curriculum for Leader magazine.** We need writers and content creators that can provide theological grounding and want to design the 2022 Advent/Epiphany services. *Leader* magazine is published by MennoMedia and used by congregations from Mennonite Church USA and MC Canada. Turnaround time is tight. Contact June at the VMC office for more information. 540-434-9727 or [june.miller@virginiaconference.org](mailto:june.miller@virginiaconference.org)

**Registration is now open for Highland Summer Camps!** Exciting camp experiences are available for children and youth (ages 5-16). Visit [highlandretreat.org/summer-camp](http://highlandretreat.org/summer-camp) for the camp schedule and online registration.

**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](mailto:jimhersh254@gmail.com), and Jim will send you a link. This lecture is sponsored by the Shenandoah Mennonite Historians.