

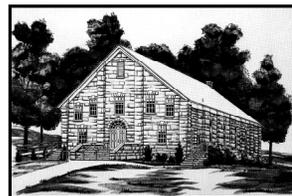
**Focus of the Month:** Workers in Northern Albania

**Norma Teles - Lezhe, ALBANIA.** Pray for Norma and for wisdom in her work with the Roma people.

Pray for the mother's group that she meets with every other week, and are learning about God. Many don't know how to read or write.

Pray for 7-year old Inis who prays "God give me a mind to learn to read." Pray that he can learn how to overcome some of his learning disabilities.

**A Look at VMissions** Pray for the Lord's encouragement and refreshment of Raleigh and Opal\* and their family, serving in North Africa. Ask God to open doors for gospel conversations and for a strong support network. (pseudonyms)



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**1st Sunday of Advent**  
**November 27 2022 - 10:30AM**  
(Meeting in Shady Oak)

*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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### Welcome & Announcements Candle Lighting

Janet Blosser

### Worship in Song

*Now Thank We All Our God* VT 114  
*Great is Thy Faithfulness* VT 419  
*Let There Be Light* VT 714

c/o Dennis Kuhns

### Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5 First Fruits Giving

### Message: "Watch"

Scripture: Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44

Curt Stutzman

### Song of Response *Be Thou My Vision* VT 549 (live stream will end)

### Sharing and Prayer

### Sending Song *Praise God* VT 70

Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Shay Bechler and Alyssa Eby)

VT = *Voices Together* hymnal

## Announcements

### Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- Youth Group, 6:30pm
- Wednesday Prayer meeting by Zoom, 7pm

### Additional upcoming events for your calendar--

- Ladies Christmas Dinner, Dec. 2, 6:30pm
- Senior Lunch Out at Shady Oak, Wed., Dec. 7, Noon
- Walk Through Bethlehem - Outdoor Nativity: Sat. Dec. 10/Sun. Dec. 11
- Christmas Caroling, Wed., Dec. 21, meet at church at 6:15pm

**Happy Birthday this week** to Joni Baughman and Twila Lehman.

**Thank you for your continued contributions.** Ways to give may include 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. Designations from this past week: Budget - \$5,599.52; Building Fund - \$3,600

**Maintenance Project:** As announced two Sundays ago, Administrative Council is recommending the proposal of the Church Trustees that we work in conjunction during the building project to replace the church roof. Funds, are reserved in the Title Trustee Fund, as the Church Trustees have been anticipating the right timing of roof replacement. A vote is being received today, Nov. 27, 2022 seeking approval of funds up to \$111,242.21, to come from Title Trustee funds, to replace the roof on the existing church building while construction is taking place on the addition.

**For the 16th year in a row the Walk-Thru Bethlehem is back by popular demand! Save the dates: Sat. Dec. 10 and Sun. Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** This is an event that hundreds of persons from the community attend. Anyone who would like to help as an actor, in set construction, with costumes, or be in the angel choir should contact Floyd Blosser (fjblosser@comcast.net; 540-236-4591) or Roy Early. Cookies will be needed as well as volunteers in Shady Oak. A few people are also needed to help with the children's craft each evening. Please contact Joyce Nussbaum (joyce@weaversmc.org; 540-820-3856) if can be available to help with crafts.

**Singers of all ages are needed to sing in the "Angel Choir" during the Walk Thru Bethlehem.** Singers are needed both evenings, Saturday, Dec. 10 and Sunday, Dec 11. Please let Julia Alleman know (540-433-4008, call or text) if you can join the group to sing familiar Christmas carols during the outdoor drama.

**Ladies: you are invited to a Christmas Dinner Friday, Dec. 2, 6:30pm at Dianna Lehman's house** (3229 Amberly Rd., Rockingham). Dinner will be provided. Please bring 2 dozen cookies (some to share; some to exchange) and a \$10 (or less) gift for a white elephant exchange. A sign-up sheet for a head count for the meal is located on the table next to the Shady Oak kitchen.

**Senior Lunch Out, Wednesday, December 7: come enjoy a meal with friends and a time of fellowship!** Gathering time is at noon in Shady Oak fellowship hall. You are encouraged to bring anyone as a guest. Please RSVP to Marilyn Schlabach by phone or text 540.820.6631 or email schlabach416@gmail.com.

**Update on the Building Project:** The floor system framing began this week. Waterproofing and backfilling around the foundations has been mostly completed. Some demolition and work planning is beginning in the existing vestibule and basement area. The big push now will be to complete the floor system and begin framing the exterior walls.

**Weavers is looking ahead to Christmas Caroling, Wed. Dec. 21!** There is a sign-up sheet so we can plan vehicles. One group will be youth and plan to sing at Kids Club neighborhoods, and another group will sing at homes of some Weavers members.

**Highland Retreat will be holding a work day on Saturday, December 3 to stock the woodsheds** for the winter. This is a great service opportunity for families, small groups, or individuals. There will be tasks for school-age children and adults, and a tasty (FREE!) lunch provided for all volunteers. More details and a sign-up form online at [highlandretreat.org/wood/](http://highlandretreat.org/wood/).

**Advent-at-home 2022: "Restoration is Near!"** Mennonite Education Agency has released their 2022 home curriculum. Engage as a family. The guide offers weekly and daily scriptures, worship rituals, prayers, activities and background information to help individuals and households of all ages prepare for Advent through Epiphany. Download at <https://mennoniteusa.org/adventathome>.

**Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers to volunteer staff their kettles during the holiday season.** "We begin ringing November 10, 2022 and will ring until December 24, 2022. We have MANY slots that need to be filled! If you are involved in a group or an individual ringer, we would love for you to go online at <https://www.registertoring.com/default.aspx> or call 540-830-8819 for help to get you scheduled. Please consider donating your time to help the Salvation Army help the community."

**Listening Circles December 2-10:** Virginia Mennonite Conference will be hosting opportunities across the conference to listen and learn from VMC constitutions. With the assistance of Gilliam & Associates, the listening circles are designed to hear your perspective on what will help us move through these anxious times and who we (VMC) can be at our best for effective ministry. More information on the schedule, locations, and sign-up are coming shortly. Results will be reported at the Winter Assembly on February 4, 2023.

**Three Christmas Concerts at Eastern Mennonite School All are welcome!** Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m., EMS hosts [The Walking Roots Band](#) to benefit Mennonite Central Committee. Dec. 13, 7 p.m., instrumental concert; Dec. 15, 7 p.m. Lessons and Carols. More information [here](#). All programs are free in the school's auditorium at 801 Parkwood Drive.