

Focus of the Month:

J. & M. W. family - Workers in Central Asia. This family works in locations in Central and Western Asia in business for transformation, engaging with a ministry team and bringing expertise and experience to current and future transformational businesses.

A Look at VMissions Lee and Peg Martin, serving with SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) in West Virginia, are thankful that Lee's chemotherapy treatments are going very well. Pray that they will be completed by the end of December.

VMissions is pleased and excited to announce that with the support of 268 donors, churches and businesses, we have reached our goal of raising \$3M in gifts and pledges for the Church of Many Cultures campaign. Thanks be to God for the generosity of his people! If you would still like to participate in this work, additional funding we receive above the \$3M goal will be distributed to the campaign initiatives as needed.

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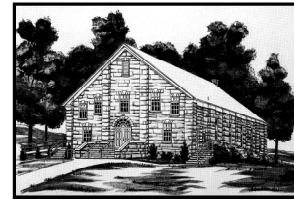
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Weavers Mennonite Church

2nd Sunday of Advent
December 4, 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.*

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Bechler

Worship in Song

Do It Again
Angels We have Heard on High VT 249
O Beautiful Star of Bethlehem 275

c/o Sandy Byler

Children's Time & Candle Lighting

Scripture Reading Isaiah 11:1-10
First Fruits Giving

Message: "Preparing for Peace"

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

Curt Stutzman

Song of Response *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* VT 218
(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song *Seeds* VT 777

Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Annie King or Emily Wenger, and Barb Martin)

VT = *Voices Together* hymnal

Announcements

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Youth Group, 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday Prayer meeting by Zoom, 7pm**
- 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 Silas Driver (today!), Robyn Brunk, Josh King, Melody Driver, and Janet Blosser.

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 - \$6,075; Building Fund - \$6,541.08

Roof Maintenance Project: The vote received last Sunday and through absentee ballots gave approval for funds from Title Trustee Undesignated Funds for replacement of roof shingles for the church. Thank you for your engagement in the church business.

Our Walk Through Bethlehem Outdoor Nativity will be held Sat. Dec. 10 and Sun. Dec. 11, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm. Please invite friends and family. 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 are needed and can be brought to Shady Oak anytime this week during office hours if we can freeze them, or by Friday to have them fresh. 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.

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.

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>.

Update on the Building Project: The floor system framing began this past week. Some demolition and work planning began 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.

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 at virginiaconference.org.

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.

On December 14th, VMissions will be hosting (on Zoom) a Kairos Prayer time from 12-1pm, with the title, **Freedom for the Captives Prayer Concert, featuring Freedom Prayer for our Incarcerated Friends & other Captives.** As a congregation that has been involved, through prayer, support and service, with the various jail, recovery and prison ministries that VMissions has been blessed to partner with, we hope that you can join us. If you are able to participate, please indicate by responding by email: david.gingerich@vmmissions.org As we get nearer to the date, a Zoom link will be sent to those interested in attending. Thank you for your partnership in God's mission.

The Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale will once again be hosting The Walking Roots Band for an evening of wonderful music. Mark your calendars for Dec 11 at 6:30pm at Eastern Mennonite School. The concert will be pay-what-you-will. WE HAVE A MATCHING DONATION up to \$10,000. Donate and make your money double! All proceeds will be donated to the work of Mennonite Central Committee. Come, be generous and enjoy the evening of music. Donate online at <https://vareliefsale.com/donate/>