# Focus of the Month: Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanual,

**Matteo, and Isabella in Termoli, Italy.** We had a good, eventful and fruitful summer. Pray for new and continuing collaboration with another small evangelical church in Termoli.

Pray for Shawn as he was scheduled for right knee surgery on 10/14. Pray for the outdoor concert in Vasto for youth and young adults and pray for Shawn's recovery that he will be able to administer the tech aspects of the concert 1 week after surgery. Pray for protection as we travel regularly, especially on the weekends for ministry purposes.

Thank you for your prayers. We deeply appreciate your involvement in the work that God is doing here around and through us.

**Look at VMMissions:** Children at Iglesia Esperanza de Vida are involved in leading the church service today. Join Hannah Shultz, serving in discipleship ministry in Harrisonburg, Va., in praying for wisdom and Holy Spirit empowerment.



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# Weavers Mennonite Church

# Sunday, October 15, 2023 - 10:30AM 9:30AM Sunday School classes

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 Dedication of New Church Addition First Fruits Giving Scripture Reading Proverbs 4:18-27

Worship in Sona

"Run to the Father" "Lead Me to the Cross" "Unashamed Love "How He Loves"

Message: "Heart Issues"

Scripture: Matthew 5:31-48

Song of Response "Communion"

(live stream will end)

### **Sharing and Prayer**

### Sending Song "Reckless Love"

c/o Noah Yoder

Lydia Martin

Curt Stutzman

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Nursery is available during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Diann Beach, Camryn Nussbaum, Brenda Bechler) Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Youth, Sunday eve 6pm
- Tuesdays , 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study
- Tuesday, Oct. 17 Pastoral Council, 7pm
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Wed Kids Club, 6:30pm
- Block Party, Oct. 29, 4-6:30pm (see announcement)
- PLEASE put Vacation Bible School on your calendars now, and plan your summer trips around it: Saturday, June 29, 2024

## Announcements

Happy Birthday this week to: Kevin Byler, Susan Deputy, Timothy Martin, Jennifer Wright, Rodney Driver, and Eric Early (turns 3 yrs.).

**Thank you for your continued contributions**. We have a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Other ways to give may include your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service, via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. Designations from this past week: Budget - \$2,598; School kits for MCC - \$25; Building Fund - \$400

Our next Missions Offering will be received Sunday, October 29.

Please plan to attend the Fall Block Party on Sunday October 29 from 4:00 - 6:30pm and invite your friends. This is an event for all ages and a great opportunity for outreach to those who might not feel comfortable attending a church service. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please sign up to help with set up, clean up, and supervision of games & crafts.

**2024 Seek Discipleship Program - MCC Cambodia**. MCC is seeking Seek program participants! Seek is a six-month discipleship program that focuses on encouraging young adults (18-20years of age) to explore what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus Christ. The Seek program runs from January 15 - June 24, 2024 and will be comprised of 6-10 international participants and will take place in Cambodia. The program will include guided Bible study, service opportunities, cultural immersion and meaningful interaction with Cambodian Christians of various faith traditions. Visit <u>mcc.org/seek</u> for more info and to apply!

Weekday Religious Education is having a 10am benefit auction on Sat., Oct. 21 at Shady Oak. Friday night activities begin with a bake sale and silent auction from 5-7pm. Many bake goods are needed! Other items are welcome as donations as well (Ginger Baker, Executive Director; wrerocks1929@gmail.com or 540-438-9998) WRE is a "Release Time" program for all the elementary schools in the Rockingham County Public Schools. Children leave the school building and walk to a WRE classroom close by, for one period each week. It is estimated over 60% of our students do not attend church and we consider ourselves a backyard mission serving local families. The first fruits of the auction are used to purchase Bibles for our new students. **Confident Caregiver Conference** - Help, Hope & Healing for Family Caregivers: Oct. 17 - 9am-3pm, Blue Ridge Community College. register at 540-615-5341 vpas.info

Return of **Men's Breakfast and Bible Study**: Join for fellowship, Bible study, and worship Tuesday mornings at Park View Mennonite Church, beginning October 24. Breakfast 6:45am, study 7:00am. Ervin Stutzman will lead our first study series. Volunteers are needed to get this event running; sign up to help <u>here</u>.

# You are invited to a 5-week series on "Dismantling the Doctrine of

**Discovery.**" What is the Doctrine of Discovery? How does it continue to shape our world and impact Indigenous peoples today? What role will the church play in confronting this history and imagining repair? The Racial Justice Task Force is excited to partner with several area congregations to work through a series created by the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery (dismantlediscovery.org) that includes a documentary film, circle discussions, Bible reflections, and reparation case studies. We will gather a circle of people five Sunday evenings from October 22 to November 19, 4 to 5:30 pm, at Park View Mennonite Church. If you would like to register for this series please add your contact information here, or if you have questions, please contact Caleb at <u>caleb.schrock-hurst@vmconf.org</u>.

Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk webinar. October 24, 2003 7pm by Ken Yoder. At the end of this session, participants should be able to develop practical safety plans with demonstrated effectiveness for a person re-entering the community following hospitalization for serious suicide concerns. Register at virginiaconference.org/events.

**ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE MISSION:** A joint worship service and potluck lunch of the Eastern District Congregations on October 22nd at 11am at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, under the pavilion. All of VMC is invited to attend.

**Northern District will be holding a renewal event** on Sunday, November 5 at Lindale Mennonite Church. At 3:00pm there will be indoor/outdoor activities for children and families. At 4:00pm we will join together for a bilingual worship service with singing and stories of renewal. And at 5:00pm we will share a meal together (provided by the district). The event will make use of Lindale's newly renovated fellowship hall and outdoor amphitheater. Weather will determine where events are held

### Weavers will have a Young Adult Movie Night at Abe & Rachel Hartzler's. November 4th @ 5pm. Bring an appetizer to share for dinner!

Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC) — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and began its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: <u>mennoniteusa.org/news/potc</u>