

Focus of the Month:

Dano & Tano Heatwole family - *servicing in medical ministry in North Africa* - Pray for the Coptic Christians here. Many (but not all) are nominal in their commitment to Christ.

A Look at VMissions Happy New Year! Pray for God's Spirit to transform and multiply those who know and follow Jesus near and far in this next year.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 1, 2023 - 10:30AM



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Welcome & Announcements Scripture Reading Psalm 115 First Fruits Giving

Jesse Byler

Worship in Song

VT 364, *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*
VT 100, *Praise Him, Praise Him*
VT 138, *Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

Message: "Who Will You Please?"

Scripture: Acts 12

Curt Stutzman

Song of Response VT 436, *How Great Thou Art*
(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 455, *Make Us One*

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:

- January Event on Wednesdays - see announcements

Happy Birthday this week to Joyce Burkholder (today!), Barb Martin, and Ruth Mumaw.

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: Missions - \$6,675; Budget - \$2,404.12; Building Fund - \$12,867.84; Memorial Funds/Galen Shank - \$600

Our sympathies are extended to Susie Shank in the passing of Galen on Dec. 23. A memorial service was held at Harrisonburg Mennonite this past Wed, Dec. 28.

Weavers January Event will look slightly different this year. We still want to eat together, be encouraged, and -- as our top priority -- bring glory to God. January 4 and 11 will be held in Shady Oak, and we will be reading through Revelation together. January 18, 25, and Feb. 1 we are invited to Eastside Church for a multi-congregation event "Towards Discipleship". From 6:30-8:30, there will be lectures, discussions, pastoral responses and snacks. (additional information in the following announcement).

The Anabaptist Forum invites you to a three week interactive series designed to move the church toward a more robust discipleship. "*Toward Discipleship: Learning from the Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer*" led by Dr. Mark Theissen Nation will be held Wednesdays, January 18, January 25 and February 1, from 6:30-8:30 pm at Eastside Church in Harrisonburg, VA. Come and journey with us "Toward Discipleship."

Join the **Perspectives on the World Christian Movement course** this spring (held on Tuesday evenings, January 3 to May 2, 2023, at Faith Community Church, Harrisonburg). For more information, visit vmmissions.org/2023-perspectives-class/ or contact kierston.kreider@vmmissions.org

Ladies -- we will be having a baby shower for Abby Oyer on Sunday, January 15, 3pm. at Shady Oak. Abby has gift registries at Target and at Amazon but If you would like to go together with a larger gift, as we have done in the past for some of our "first-baby", please see Sandi Good.

Weavers Sewing: You're invited to join the monthly meetings to work on supplies for those in need. This month we made 140 school kit bags, six baby blankets and gowns, and sent six comforters to MCC. There's room for more people at the quilt frames and to tie knots in comforters. Join us Wednesday, January 11, 9am-2pm for a good start to the new year; no sewing experience required.

VMC Listening Circles - Survey. The listening circles are complete, however, there are two ways you can still provide input. A survey with similar open ended questions is live December 30 and will remain **open until January 10 at 5pm.** The link (posted below) is also on virginiaconference.org. The link will also be sent to church offices for distribution. The second way to participate is to request a one-on-one with the facilitator. Contact june.miller@virginiaconference.org to schedule. <https://forms.gle/MLmTyVpQHNPw2ShD9>

Eastern Mennonite Seminary invites you to hear **Ken Medema in concert,** January 11, 2023 at 7:00 pm. For four decades, Ken Medema has inspired people through storytelling and music. Though blind from birth, Ken sees and hears with heart and mind. His ability to capture spirit in word and song is unparalleled. One of the most creative and authentic artists performing today, Ken custom designs every musical moment of his performance with brilliant improvisation that defies description. For more information and tickets, <https://emu.edu/seminary/slt/registration>