## Focus of the Month:

Jason Wagner serves as men's chaplain at the Augusta Correctional center, a medium security prison in Craigsville, VA. Jenny leads a strong hospitality minstry in their home and serves as an elder at Early Church, Harrisonburg. The Wangners have four children: Zachary, Joshua, Bethany, and Timothy.

**A Look at VMMissions** Pray for Mark Schoenhals and Isaan believer Yutapong as they team up weekly for local evangelism in Det Udom, Thailand. Ask the Lord to prepare many receptive hearts to the good news.

# **Weavers Mennonite Church**



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# Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, February 5, 2023 - 10:30AM Sunday School classes start at 9:30 am

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 Scripture Reading Psalm 23 First Fruits Giving

Jeremy Beach

# Worship in Song

c/o Andry & Rachel Stutzman

VT 401 "Open the Eyes of My Heart" (English lyrics only)

VT 563 "Come, Thou Fount" VT 551 "Beautiful Thinas"

Message: "Prison or Praise"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Acts 16

**Song of Response** VT 640 "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" (live stream will end)

**Sharing and Prayer** 

**Sending Song** VT 815 "We Will Walk with God" (Sizohamba naye)

VT: Voices Together Hymnbook

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

### **Announcements**

- Your presence is requested after the service today as we discuss how funding is developing for the Building Addition project. A brief discussion will entail how we want to work together as a congregation to complete the funding requirements that remain for the longer terms following pledge receipts, non-pledged donations and return of no-interest loans.
- **Happy Birthday this week** to Kendall Wenger, Lance Wenger, Laurence Sauder, and Sarah Ellen Slabaugh.
- **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 \$3,375; Building Fund \$450
- Senior Lunch Out: Come to Shady Oak at noon Thursday, Feb. 9 and invite any of your friends and neighbors. Please reply to Marilyn Schlabach (schlabach416@gmail.com) by Monday Feb. 6th to allow best planning.
- GriefShare is an organization providing tools to work through grief, including local groups meeting to share with each other and daily emails with helpful information and support. For more information, visit https://www.griefshare.org/
- We are looking forward to celebrating EVERYONE'S birthday together on Feb. 11 at 6pm at Shady Oak with dinner, birthday cake and entertainment! \*\*This is an UPDATE on bringing a dish to the meal: If your last name begins with A-I please bring a side dish; last name begins with J-R please bring a main dish; and if last name begins with S-Z please bring a salad. Sign up today to help with planning.
- Feb. 19, 3pm we are hosting a baby shower for Jake & Laura Wheeler!

  Everyone -- come and celebrate with them in anticipation! If you would like to contribute toward a group gift, please give your gift amount to Sand Good. Please RSVP by Feb. 12 to weaversmc@weaversmc.org to help with planning. The Wheelers are registered at <a href="mailto:babylist.com/baby-laura-a-wheeler">babylist.com/baby-laura-a-wheeler</a>
- Ladies! Sat March 4 will be a one day Weaver's Women's Retreat here at Shady Oak. There will be breakfast, a speaker, lunch & fellowship & a craft! Breakfast will be served at 9 am. Please sign up in the back. Cost is suggested donation of \$50, or extra for someone else. Please come without a donation if the cost feels inhibitive. RSVP by Feb. 18.
- Join the Shenandoah Valley Men's Choir, directed by Jared Stutzman. Group practices are Sunday's at 2:30-4:15 in January and February held at Eastern Mennonite High School. Concerts scheduled for February 26 and March 5. Contact Roman Miller 540-383-0281.

- Visit EMS Feb. 24 or April 3: Prospective students for Eastern Mennonite School in grades 6-12 are invited to visit Monday, Feb. 24 or Monday, April 3. Parents/guardians will tour and learn about financial aid, academic philosophy, and school culture. Prospective students will shadow a student with similar interests till 12 noon. Contact Marsha Thomas with questions or register here.
- Tickets to the Eastern Mennonite High School performance of the musical *Godspell* are now on sale. Show times: Fri. and Sat., Feb. 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. in the school's auditorium. All reserved seating: \$15 for center, \$12 for sides and balcony. Discounts for seniors and students. Purchase tickets at the door, by calling 540-236-6025, or online at <a href="mailto:easternmennonite.org/tickets">easternmennonite.org/tickets</a>.
- Meat canning at Hinton Mennonite Relief Center Feb 20-24. We plan to start each day at 6am with a need for 20 volunteers, with work for an additional 20 by 8AM. Approximately 40 volunteers will be needed at any given time for the remainder of the day, which will end at around 8pm. The offerings and contributions you make will go towards purchasing and processing chicken, as well as supplies for both MCC relief bucket kits and CAM Hygiene kits. Offerings and individual contributions can be sent to the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, PO Box 519, Dayton, VA 22821. For more information call Lloyd Knicely (540) 820-9003 Gerald Knicely (540) 478-4203 or Fred Knicely (540) 810-5075. Virginia Conference Day to contribute help to can Chicken is Tuesday, February 21, 2023.
- Pickleball Tournament to Benefit Tyler Eshleman Join the fun and a good cause on Sat., Feb. 11, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Eastern Mennonite School gym. Men's and women's doubles, mixed doubles, and non-competitive play available. An indoor pickleball tournament to benefit Tyler Eshleman EMHS '12 and EMU '16, who was severely burned in an explosion in New Mexico on Nov. 26. <a href="https://gofund.me/76c3fcec">https://gofund.me/76c3fcec</a> Register by Sunday, Feb. 6. Text Linda Yoder at 540-435-0788, tournament coordinator. Include your name, which tournament or free play (how many hours) and if you want lessons.
- What happens the first weekend in June? Motorcycle for Missions! It's time to roll that motorcycle out of hibernation and get it tuned up! Save the date and enjoy the fun and fellowship on June 2-3, and raise awareness and support for VMMissions. Have to work? Ride just one of the two days! Learn more at <a href="https://www.wmmissions.org/motorcycle-for-missions/">wmmissions.org/motorcycle-for-missions/</a>. Registration will open soon!
- tranSend is a one-year to two-year VMMissions placement designed to help you discern your spiritual giftings and give you the opportunity to put them into practice. The program functions more like an internship or apprenticeship, and gives you a chance to explore your calling and learn from established ministry mentors while you consider your own future steps in joining God's mission to the world. The next cohort application deadline is April 30. Learn more about the program, see open service opportunities, and apply at <a href="https://www.wmmissions.org/tranSend/">wmmissions.org/tranSend/</a>