Focus of the Month: J & H, and their three children. In mid-August, J will be escorting 16 year-old E to school in South India where he will begin his A-Level studies as a boarding student. This is a big transition for the entire family. Please pray for that transition! Regarding 14 year-old M, H writes, "M is a joy to have around. She shines is most everything she tries. We would like to see her be more open about what is going on in her heart. Please pray about this." ALSO - here in Harrisonburg, we are looking for people who would be interested in committing to pray together with others on a monthly basis. Schedules and commitments for previous members of the group have changed, so we are looking to form a new group. Contact carol.tobin@vmmissions.org if this is something you sense God would have you do!

A Look at VMMissions: Join church planter Juan José Lagos in praying for two young women who recently opened their hearts to Christ. Pray for their discipleship and mentors to walk alongside them at Iglesia Cristiana Renuevo, Winston-Salem, N.C.



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Conference



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 13, 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.

Wayne Miller

Curt Stutzman

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

First Fruits Giving

Worship in Song "Shout to the Lord" - VT 125 "Jesus Messiah" "I speak Jesus"

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:6-7

Message: "His Name"

Scripture: Matthew 1

Communion

Song of Response "Jesus Calls Us" - VT 30

Back to School Blessing

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song "Holy and Anointed One"

Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Joy Kiser and Barb Martin)

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Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wednesday, Youth 6:30pm
- Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30 (contact Julia Alleman)
- September 1-3, Church Camp Out at Highland Retreat
- Kids Club September 13 November 15: 6:30pm 7:45pm
- Big Meadows Park Day Sept. 23

Announcements

Our building project has passed the final inspection from the county, (allowing today, our first Sunday, to return to worship in the sanctuary). This is a significant project milestone. There are a few tasks to be completed yet, but this means we can begin enjoying our new space.

The grass continues to grow, and we will be meeting this week to review design work for the landscape beds that will be planted early this fall. The Building Committee is grateful for all the prayers, counsel, and financial support of the congregation. There are many who have volunteered their time and talents selflessly to help make this happen.

- WMC Building Committee

- Happy Birthdays this week to: Stacey Estes, Anna Eagle, and Kenny Shank.
- **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 \$14,092.22; Building Fund \$3,450; Tartari support/VMM 500
- Pray for our Kids Club program which will resume September 13 -November 15, 6:30 - 7:45pm. Start thinking about families that have children who you could invite! The beginning age is 5years.
- Anyone with interest in starting up a new small group or joining a small group, or learning more about our Sunday School classes -come to a pancake lunch, Sunday, August 20! After the church service, we will have a pancake lunch in charge of Trevor Oyer, and talk about and answer questions about small groups and Sunday School classes for the fall. Questions concerning the event or if you have questions but can't make it, contact Diann Beach or Curt Stutzman.
- We would like to thank everyone for the gift basket of food that you collected for us as a celebration of our wedding. We have been especially enjoying reading the notes and advice attached! It has been special and makes us feel connected to our Weavers family all the way from Memphis, TN! Thank YOU! -Anna & Kyle Eagle
- Ladies Bible Study starting Sept. 19 "Jesus, the One and Only". This is an 11-month study by Beth Moore. Sign up in the foyer.

- The WMC Building Committee is looking for some volunteers that have some painting experience to paint several classrooms in the basement that have been affected by the construction. The paint will be supplied. One of those rooms is the former nursery in the basement that we now walk through to access the basement from the new foyer stairs. Some remodeling will take place in that room before painting. See one of the committee members if you are interested. Debbie Rhodes, Dianna Lehman, Ray Good, Dave Bechler, Rod Burkholder, or Ed Lehman.
- Weavers School Kit project: What does school look like without school supplies? For many of us, August brings back memories of shopping for notebooks, pencils and erasers. But for many children around the world, getting those supplies is difficult or outright impossible, whether due to conflict, disaster or affordability. That's why MCC created school kits, and why Weavers supports this endeavor. We will purchase school supplies in quantity with donations and they will be delivered to the MCC center in Akron. Mark your donation in the memo "school kits".
- The Outreach Committee and Joyce Nussbaum, with the blessing of Administrative Council, are exploring the exciting opportunity to *possibly* host an After School Program starting in August 2024. A new committee will need to be formed to help explore this opportunity in all of the details. If you have an interest in being a part of this committee or helping with this project please find the signup sheet on the back table!
- Join Bike Shenandoah on Saturday, September 16, and pedal one of four routes between 5 kilometers and 100 kilometers. For more than 25 years, everyone from serious bike enthusiasts to casual riders and kids have been pedaling the Shenandoah Valley to raise money for <u>six organizations</u> doing great work in our own backyard. Bike Shenandoah is proud to have raised over \$500,000 since 1997. Learn more at <u>bikeshenandoah.org</u> and look for more details to come.
- **Caring for Neighbors: My Coins Count** is an opportunity to support refugee and immigrant communities at home and around the world. We are collecting coins in jugs or buckets to be counted at the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale on October 7.
- Join MCC for a film screening of "Women Will Renew," a short film on women's empowerment and climate change in Zimbabwe by Christy Kauffman. Following the 15-minute film will be a discussion and Q&A with the film's producer and climate advocates from MCC and the local Harrisonburg community. Screening at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, August 18 at 7pm. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is optional but encouraged. https://mcc.org/women-will-renew-harrisonburg.

Songs of the Valley will be hosting <u>David Leonard</u> and his band in concert on Friday, Sept. 15, at Crosslink Community Church. Also, just added to the show, , <u>Sons the Band</u> will be joining that evening. Tickets are on sale NOW! <u>Click HERE</u> to get yours!