**Focus of the Month:** J & H, and their three children. H writes, "I introduced our tailor Roton to another worker, who introduced him to another believer, who gave him a Bible, and Roton is now reading it! He told me he likes what Jesus says! Pray for Roton to come to us with his questions. Pray that the Word of God would be like a sword into his spirit."

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 <u>carol.tobin@vmmissions.org</u> if this is something you sense God would have you do!

**A Look at VMMissions**: Lift up the VMMissions Board meeting this coming weekend in Harrisonburg, Va. Pray for a Spirit-led time of gathering and wisdom as the Board makes decisions and guides the direction of VMMissions.



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Weavers Mennonite Church



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# Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 20, 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.

Dave Bechler

c/o Sandy Byler

Welcome & Announcements Scripture Reading Philippians 3:18-21 First Fruits Giving

Worship in Song "All Who are Thirsty" "Be Unto Your Name" "My Life Flows On" VT 605

Message: "Enemy, Non-Entity, or King?" Scripture: Matthew 2 Curt Stutzman

Song of Response "What a Fellowship" VT 160

(live stream will end)

**Sharing and Prayer** 

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon" VT 669

Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Lisa Hertzler and Brenda Beckhler)

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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

Happy Birthdays this week to: Julia Alleman (today!), Steve Yoder, and Celeb Early.

- **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 \$6,798; Building Fund \$11,026; MCC School kit supplies \$100
- Following the morning meeting next Sunday, August 27th, Craig Maven, in his role as part of the interim Conference Leadership Team, will be sharing information and available for questions regarding the potential for Weavers to disengage from MCUSA. The information and questions will be recorded for any who are unable to attend. We are planning for a broader congregational meeting on Sunday, September 10, for additional congregational discernment. Please take time to read the <u>"Suggested Guidelines"</u> document provided by Virginia Mennonite Conference. Let us know if you prefer a paper

copy.

- 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 age group is 5years to 5th grade.
- 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, today following the service! After the lunch we will talk about and answer questions about small groups and Sunday School classes for the fall. If you have questions but can't make the lunch, contact Diann Beach or Curt Stutzman.
- 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.
- Ladies Bible Study starting Sept. 19 "Jesus, the One and Only". This is an 11-week study by Beth Moore. Sign up in the foyer.

- 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!

#### Christian Education Employment Opportunity - Weekday Religious Educations needs to hire a Bible Teacher for Elkton and River Bend ES. This is a part-time, paid position for classes held during school hours two days a week. If interested, please call 540-908-7169 or email WRErocks1929@gmail.com

- 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.

#### Mennonite Women of VA invites you to register for the Women's Fall Retreat at the Marriott in Short Pump, November 10-12th this year! Enjoy time away from the business of life to spiritually connect and spend time in fellowship with other ladies. This year, Carmen Schrock-Hurst will be presenting on Growing in Grace: Psalms of Lament, Trust, Wisdom, and Gratitude. To register view the brochure via this <u>link</u>, Facebook, or contact us at <u>mwvsecretary@gmail.com</u>. EARLY REGISTRATION extended to 08/31. Invite all your sisters!

#### If you are not already on the Weavers congregational email group and would like to be a part of receiving congregational communication and prayer request emails, please respond to Sandi by email to weaversmc@weaversmc.org with your information.

**On October 6-7, the 2023 Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale** will be held at the Rockingham County fairgrounds in Harrisonburg, VA. Enjoy auctions, marketplace, food, run for relief 5k walk/run, My Coins Count, music, children's activities and more! You can find more details and see the latest updates by visiting <u>vareliefsale.com</u> or the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale <u>Facebook page</u>.

## Weavers' Church Campout - *Sept. 1 – Sept. 3, 2022* Highland Retreat in Bergton, VA.

Camp sites have been reserved at the main campground for Friday and Saturday nights, Sept. 1 – Sept. 2. Rates are *discounted by Weavers* for these 2 nights:

To reserve a tent area, camp-site or A-frame cabin, RSVP to

Kristin Wenger by phone (602) 677-3587, email kristin.wenger.23@gmail.com

Persons camping <u>Sunday</u> evening **MUST** call Highland for their individual reservations for that evening. ~ 540-705-0554

## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

- > Afternoon activities, as spontaneously happen!
- 6 pm Saturday SUPPER
  Please bring a side dish <u>and</u> salad or dessert to share. Meat and beverage will be provided. \$1 donation per person suggested to cover the cost of the meat.
  - Serving spoons will be provided.
  - Label all dishes and lids clearly, please.
- > Saturday evening activities at the Tabernacle
- > 10:00 am Sunday WORSHIP Service at the Tabernacle. Bring your lawn chairs, if desired.
- > 12:00 pm FELLOWSHIP MEAL
  Please bring a main dish/vegetable <u>and</u> a salad/dessert.
  Beverage will be provided.