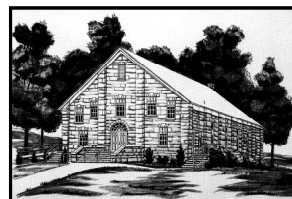


Focus of the Month: J & H, and their three children. H writes, "What does it mean for our house fellowship to have three seekers attending regularly? Are there things that need to change to help them grow? But if we focus on their needs, will we get spiritually fed? With a small house fellowship, it's hard to have both. Pray for spiritual nourishment for our family, and for Hira's family."

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 VMissions: Pray for the ministry of James and Anne (names changed) and their family serving in South Asia among the largest unreached people group in the world. Ask the Lord to send more workers to the harvest.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, August 27, 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.*



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Welcome & Announcements

Lydia Martin

Scripture Reading Isaiah 40:3-8

Worship in Song

c/o Noah Yoder

"God of Wonders"
"You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)"
"The Father's House"
"Gratitude"

Children's Time

Curt Stutzman

Message: "Repentance and Roadways"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Matthew 3

Song of Response "Living Water"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song "I Will Rise"

*Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service
(staffed today by: Shay Bechler and Alyssa Eby)*

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**
- **September 10 - Congregational Discernment meeting**
- **Big Meadows Park Day - Sept. 23 More info coming!**

Announcements

Happy Birthdays this week to: Daniel Martin, Rebecca Shank, Becky Beach, Rachel Hartzler, and Steve Brunk.

Thank you so much for the cards, good wishes, and kind words in celebration of my 80th birthday. I feel so blessed! - Julia Alleman

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 - \$2,091.61; MCC School kit supplies - \$430

Following the morning worship, 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.

Next Sunday, Sept. 2, our service will be held at Highland Retreat Camp, Bergton, 10AM in the tabernacle on the lower campground. There will be NO service at the church.

Weavers' Church Campout - Sept. 1 – Sept. 3, 2022, Highland Retreat in Bergton, VA. Camp sites rates are *discounted by Weavers* for these 2 nights: **Last Call to reserve a tent area, camp-site or A-frame cabin,** RSVP to Kristin Wenger by phone (602) 677-3587, or email kristin.wenger.23@gmail.com

Campout WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

- Afternoon activities, as spontaneously happen!
- 6 pm Saturday **SUPPER**

Please bring a side dish and 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.

- Saturday evening activities at the Tabernacle
- 10:00 am Sunday **WORSHIP**

Service at the Tabernacle. Bring your lawn chairs, if desired. But there are benches too.

- 12:00 pm **FELLOWSHIP MEAL**

Please bring a main dish/vegetable and a salad/dessert. Beverage will be provided.

Attention ladies - On Sunday, September 17th from 2:00-4:00 we will have a baby shower for Rachel Hartzler at Shady Oak. More details to come. The Hartzlers are registered on Baby List <https://www.babylist.com/list/baby-rachel-hartzler>. 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.

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.

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. 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 sign-up 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 WREocks1929@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 [six organizations](#) doing great work in our own backyard. Bike Shenandoah is proud to have raised over \$500,000 since 1997. Learn more at bikeshenandoah.org 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 [link](#), Facebook, or contact us at mwvsecretary@gmail.com. EARLY REGISTRATION extended to 08/31. Invite all your sisters!

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 vareliefsale.com or the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale [Facebook page](#).

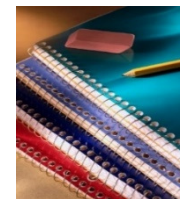
VPAS is looking for a few volunteers who could translate for Spanish speaking individuals who call needing services including Medicare counseling. Appointments would last an hour or less and would be done by phone. We would expect to schedule appointments in advance but there could be occasions where we would check to see if a brief call would be possible. Contact Joyce Nussbaum at joyce@vpas.info or 540-820-8567 if you are interested.

The Heritage Center is preparing for the return of Watchman Tell Us of the Night to our campus this December! Watchman Tell Us of the Night is a dramatized Christmas tour. Visitors will progress through four different buildings on our campus, each with a scene that brings to life what Christmas Eve in 1864 might have been like for Brethren and Mennonites in the Shenandoah Valley. Each scene features different characters who struggle to make sense of the "Burning" that took place only months before, and who grapple with what it means to live as followers of Jesus in a particularly trying time. *Watchman Tell Us of the Night* is written by Liz Beachy Hansen, who also wrote the script for *Jordan's Stormy Banks*, a play commissioned by the Heritage Center in 2002. These special tours will take place on December 9, 10, 16, and 17, from 5-8 pm each evening.

In order to offer this special historical event to the community, we're seeking both actors and volunteers. Please visit <https://brethrenmennoniteheritage.org/heritage-christmas-1> to indicate your interest and availability for helping with this event.

Outreach committee Update – September 2023

- 1) **MCC School kits** – Now through September 3.



Outreach committee purchased the items for the school kits from a warehouse in PA at a discounted price. Total cost for the items for 300 kits was \$1605. You are invited to donate toward this project (checks written to Weavers and designated MCC School kits on the memo line). Kits will be assembled on Wednesday, September 13 at 6:30pm at Weavers. Thanks to the Sewing Circle ladies who have sewn 300 bags for us! All are welcome to participate.

- 2) **Backpack program** with Mountain View Elementary School – Month of September.
 - a. We will collect food items from the designated list during the month of September.
 - b. Several designated persons will pack 5 backpacks/week and deliver them to the school.
 - c. We will do another food collection in the spring.
- 3) **Perspectives Class** will begin in January 2024. Outreach Committee will help each participant with expenses of the class.
- 4) Outreach Committee is exploring an **After-School program** to begin in Fall of 2024 as a way to reach out into our community. If you are interested in being on the exploratory committee, please contact someone on Outreach Committee or sign the sheet on the table in the foyer.

Outreach Committee

Janet Blosser, Jeanne Stutzman, Kristi Driver, Todd and Leslie Early