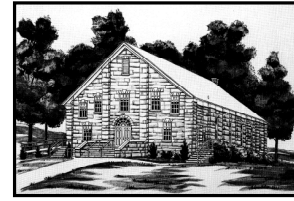


**Focus of the Month: Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanuel, Matteo, and Isabella in Termoli, Italy.** The Greens serve as a church planting team, assisting in worship and discipleship, reaching out through home Bible studies, and developing relationships to expand the work into new areas

**Look at VMissions:** As the school year has started at the Joshua Center in Lezhë, Albania, join director Norma Teles in praying for the center's new families, and for all to be open to change and the good news of Jesus.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, October 8, 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.*

**Welcome & Announcements**  
**Dedication of New Church Addition**  
**First Fruits Giving**  
**Scripture Reading** 2 Timothy 3:12-18

Debbie Rhodes

**Worship in Song**  
VT #290 "Blessed Are You"  
VT #549 "Be Thou My Vision"  
"Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone"

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

**Message: "Who Says?"**  
Scripture: Matthew 5:17-30

Curt Stutzman

**Song of Response** VT #412 "My Soul Cries Out"  
*(live stream will end)*

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending Song** VT #617 "When Peace Like a River"

VT= *Voices Together* purple hymnal  
*Nursery is available during the Worship Service  
(staffed today by: Alesha Lehman or Abby Oyer, Joy Driver)*

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## Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Youth, Sunday eve 6:30pm
- Tuesdays , 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study
- Wed, Oct. 10, Administrative Council, 7pm
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Wed Kids Club, 6:30pm
- Harvest Barn Party, Oct. 13 at Mumbauer's Barn (see announcement)
- Block Party, Oct. 29, 4-6:30pm (see announcement)
- PLEASE put Vacation Bible School on your calendars now, and plan your summer trips around it: Saturday, June 29, 2024

## Announcements

All are invited to the noon fellowship meal today. The church will be open until 1:30pm for guests to tour the addition. We are delighted to be utilizing the new space, and so thankful to all who helped make it possible, and our prayer is that God will continue to give us vision for the future to bring glory to His name.

**Happy Birthday this week to:** Emily Eby, Brent Nussbaum, Leslie Early, and Karen Smucker.

**Thank you for your continued contributions.** We have a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Other ways to give may include your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service, via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. Designations from this past week: Budget - \$4,470 ; Building Fund - \$350

**Shekinah and Clymer & Kurtz invite you to a fall concert, 4pm today, October 8** at Weavers Mennonite Church. Join us for this unique pair of performances by women's vocal ensemble Shekinah, which is celebrating 20 years, and folk-rock duo Clymer & Kurtz! Suggested donation \$10. Bring a friend!

**Harvest Barn Party at the Mumbauer's barn, Singers Glen: Friday, Oct. 13, 6:30-9:30pm.** Brings snacks to share, a lawn chair, and a small bag of apples (for cider making). There will be an outdoor bonfire, and a caller from 7-9pm for indoor line dancing. The address for the barn is 8181 Singers Glen Rd. There will be a sing designating the driveway, and for parking. (weather back-up plan will be at Shady Oak).

**Plan to attend the Fall Block Party October 29, from 4:00 - 6:30pm for a time of fellowship and fun.** There will be a bouncy slide, popcorn, candy and activities and games for all ages. Hotdogs, macaroni and cheese and ice cream bars will be provided and will be available beginning at 5:30pm, with tables both inside and outside for choice of eating location. Children may wear costumes if they wish. A comforter (to be donated for relief) will be set up inside for anyone willing to help with knotting.

**Confident Caregiver Conference** - Help, Hope & Healing for Family Caregivers: Oct. 17 - 9am-3pm, Blue Ridge Community College. register at 540-615-5341 [vpas.info](http://vpas.info)

**2024 Seek Discipleship Program - MCC Cambodia.** MCC is seeking Seek program participants! Seek is a six-month discipleship program that focuses on encouraging young adults (18-20years of age) to explore what it means to be an Anabaptist follower of Jesus Christ. The Seek program runs from January 15 - June 24, 2024 and will be comprised of 6-10 international participants and will take place in Cambodia. The program will include guided Bible study, service opportunities, cultural immersion and meaningful interaction with Cambodian Christians of various faith traditions. Visit [mcc.org/seek](http://mcc.org/seek) for more information and to apply!

**Return of Men's Breakfast and Bible Study:** Join for fellowship, bible study, and worship Tuesday mornings at Park View Mennonite Church, beginning October 24. Breakfast 6:45am, study 7:00am. Ervin Stutzman will lead our first study series. Volunteers are needed to get this event running; sign up to help [here](#).

You are invited to a **5-week series on "Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery."** What is the Doctrine of Discovery? How does it continue to shape our world and impact Indigenous peoples today? What role will the church play in confronting this history and imagining repair? The Racial Justice Task Force is excited to partner with several area congregations to work through a series created by the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery ([dismantleddiscovery.org](http://dismantleddiscovery.org)) that includes a documentary film, circle discussions, Bible reflections, and reparation case studies. We will gather a circle of people five Sunday evenings from October 22 to November 19, 4 to 5:30 pm, at Park View Mennonite Church. If you would like to register for this series please add your contact information [here](#), or if you have questions, please contact Caleb at [caleb.schrock-hurst@vmconf.org](mailto:caleb.schrock-hurst@vmconf.org).

**"Being Mennonite in Public Ed,"** a series of 4 zoom conversations begins Thursday, October 12 at 7pm EST. Mennonite Public Educators is a group that brings together Mennonite teachers and other education professionals who work in a public school setting in the US or Canada for mutual encouragement, support, and learning. There is no cost to join the conversation, but registration is required to share the Zoom link. RSVP [here](#). For more information, email [info@MennoniteEducation.org](mailto:info@MennoniteEducation.org).

**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](mailto:mwvsecretary@gmail.com). Invite all your sisters!

**Assessment and Management of Suicide Risk webinar.** October 24, 2003 7pm by Ken Yoder. At the end of this session, participants should be able to develop practical safety plans with demonstrated effectiveness for a person re-entering the community following hospitalization for serious suicide concerns. Register at [virginiaconference.org/events](http://virginiaconference.org/events).

**ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE MISSION:** A joint worship service and potluck lunch of the Eastern District Congregations on October 22nd at 11am at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, under the pavilion. All of VMC is invited to attend.

**Northern District will be holding a renewal event** on Sunday, November 5 at Lindale Mennonite Church. At 3:00pm there will be indoor/outdoor activities for children and families. At 4:00pm we will join together for a bilingual worship service with singing and stories of renewal. And at 5:00pm we will share a meal together (provided by the district). The event will make use of Lindale's newly renovated fellowship hall and outdoor amphitheater. Weather will determine where events are held

**Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham will be holding their annual fundraiser, the Locavore Love Your Neighbor Event on the evening of Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Bluestone Vineyard.** Please consider joining for an evening of generosity, testimonials, delicious food, auction fun and holiday music by Shekinah. For tickets, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/cjdtcver>

**Eastern Mennonite School is hiring for the position of Information Technology & Business Systems Administrator (IT & BSA)** who serves as a member of the Operations Leadership Team and oversees the management of the school's information and business systems (hardware, software, & SAAS) resources. Primarily, the IT & BSA is responsible for managing and maintaining all campus technology, including network infrastructure, hardware, software, and services to operate the school and its academic and operational systems.

Last Minute Opportunity: **Join the Nazareth/Bethlehem Work Group, May 10-27, 2024.** Spots are still available on this VMissions E3 Collective team co-led by Dorothy Jean Weaver (Community Mennonite Church) and Josh Cox (Pastor, Grace Mennonite Fellowship). If you have interest in a fascinating opportunity to encounter the world of Israel/Palestine through work projects at Nazareth Village (Nazareth, Israel) and at Dar al Kalima University (Bethlehem, Palestine), please contact Dorothy Jean Weaver at (540) 405-9242 or at [weaverdj@emu.edu](mailto:weaverdj@emu.edu) as soon as possible for more information and a brochure.

**Peaceful Options for Training and Careers (POTC)** — formerly known as Alternatives to Military Enlistment Network (AMEN) — has formed a steering committee, recruited volunteers and began its work to counter the recruitment of youth by the U.S. military. POTC is an independent initiative that began as an outgrowth of a collaboration between Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA. Read more here: [mennoniteusa.org/news/potc](http://mennoniteusa.org/news/potc)