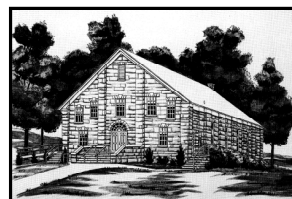


This month's focus for prayer: Jay & Em W. - Workers in Central Asia, serving on the business for transformation team. They are experienced B4T workers in the region and are cultivating current and future transformational businesses. Pray for them in their very busy schedules. A trip stateside is also planned for this month.



Weavers Mennonite Church

2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10, 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

Dennis Kuhns

First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading Isaiah 1:1-10

Worship in Song

c/o Noah Yoder

"Praise is Rising"
"Promises"
"He Shall Reign Forevermore"
"Emmanuel" (Hallowed Manger Ground)

Children's Time

Bethany Shultz

Message "Peace"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:13-22

Song of Response "How Deep the Father's Love"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song "No Longer Slaves"

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(staffed today by :Alesha Lehman or Abby Oyer, Joy Kiser)*

Our Service is live streamed and recorded. Ask an usher for the no-video zone

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Youth, Sunday eve 6pm
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Outdoor Walk-Thru Live Nativity, Dec. 9 & 10
- Sewing Day, Wed Dec. 13
- Christmas Caroling, Thursday, Dec. 21 (more info coming)
- 10:30 AM Worship Christmas Eve Day (no Sunday School)
- 6pm Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols (Shady Oak)
- New Year's Day Harmonia Sacra singing at Weavers, 7pm
- Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29, 2024, so please plan your summer trips around it

Announcements

Happy Birthday this week to: Janet Blosser (today!), Laura Wheeler, Mike Martin, Barbara Showalter, Rod Burkholder, Michele Baker and Dylan Grove.

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 - \$4,607; Building Fund - \$950; \$100 memorial/Galen Shank

Our vote received last week was unanimously positive for the renewal terms for Administrative Council.

Our Walk Through Bethlehem Outdoor Nativity, second presentation is pending tonight, weather allowing, from 5:30 to 7:00 pm.

Ladies Sewing will meet Wednesday, Dec. 13, beginning at 9 until 2.
All ladies are welcome.

Our Weavers traditional January Event will look slightly different this year: we will be meeting on Sunday evenings in January, meeting for a meal together at 5:30pm followed by a time of reflection, conversation, and counsel. Because we have a decision/direction called for at the end of January regarding our affiliation with MCUSA, the focus will be on the Biblical understanding of "church."

Blood pressure checks will be offered in the classroom closest to the new exit on the first Sunday of each month. Someone will be available for 15 minutes after church is out.

A steering committee has been appointed to flesh out what an After School Care program might look like at Weavers with the goal of beginning next fall. Additional information sharing the vision has been distributed by email and you are invited to look over it and ask questions. There will be an expense that would need to be included in the

Budget, probably for the next several years. The program will require some use of the Shady Oak facilities, as well as the new classrooms of the addition.

Benefit Concert: The Walking Roots Band along with the VA Mennonite Relief Sale will be having a benefit concert at Eastern Mennonite School on Sunday, December 10 at 6:30pm. Money raised will be given to Mennonite Central Committee. Come enjoy a great evening of music and give generously to the work of MCC. For more information, please contact Dave Rush (info@vareliefsale.com) or Greg Yoder (gijoder@gmail.com).

Perspectives on the World Christian Movement is a 15-week course looking at God's movement in the world from Genesis to now and how God invites His beloved creation to join the mission. It will be held at First Presbyterian Church, Wednesdays, Jan. 17 - April 24 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM ET. Opening and registration night is Jan. 10th. Weavers Outreach Committee will help cover the cost of registration for any Weavers person to attend. Email or call Lydia Martin @ ljmuss@gmail.com or 570.234.4538.

A list of medical equipment/supplies is being gathered for lending. If you have any medical equipment/supplies that you would not mind loaning out to others, please contact Kristin Eby at 540-435-9022.

The Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center's annual Christmas event will this year feature a dramatized tour, titled Watchman Tell Us of the Night. In Watchman Tell Us of the Night, visitors will progress through four different buildings on the Heritage Center 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. These special tours will take place on December 9, 10, 16 and 17, from 5-8 pm each evening. Tours will begin every 15 minutes, with a maximum of 10 persons per group. Registration is required to attend; for more information and to register please visit <https://brethrenmennoniteheritage.org/heritage-christmas-1>.

Consider Virginia Mennonite Conference (VMC) in your year-end giving. Our goal for this fiscal year is \$70,000 from individual donors. As we re-engage our mission to equip, VMC has a bright future with healthy congregations doing meaningful ministry to communities and to people who are longing for places to belong. Our invitation is to join us as we take up the holy work of being church together. Donate at virginiaconference.org/donate.

Eastern Mennonite High School presents their Instrumental Christmas Concert. Join us December 12 for an evening filled with festive melodies and musical talent. Starting at 7pm, in the EMS auditorium.