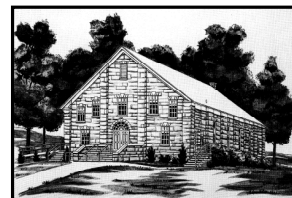


This month's focus for prayer: Jay & Em W. - Workers in Central Asia, serving on the business for transformation team. They are experienced B4T workers in the region and are cultivating current and future transformational businesses. Pray for them in their very busy schedules. Jay is taking classes that he hopes to finish up here before Christmas. And they will then be traveling to be with family in the states over the holidays. Pray for good health to be able to finalize studies, and for safe travel.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24 , 2023 - 10:30AM

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*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.*

Special Music "O Holy Night"

Dennis Kuhns

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Bechler

First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading John 1:1-5; Ezekiel 34:11-16

Worship in Song

c/o Andry and Rachel Stutzman

VT 212 "Comfort, Comfort, O My People"

VT 241 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

VT 263 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Children's Time

Joyce Nussbaum

Message "Love"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: John 3:16-21

Song of Response VT 258 "Love Has Come"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 247 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(staffed today by: Shady Bechler and Alyssa Eby)*

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Youth, Sunday eve 6pm
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- 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

Tonight - Christmas Eve Service, 6pm: Lessons and Carols. Join us around the fire in Shady Oak for the reading of the Christmas story, singing carols, and candle lighting!

Happy Birthday this week to: Jake Wheeler (Christmas Day!), Dave Bechler, Floyd Blosser, Kristin Eby, Jeff Rhodes, and Ellie Driver (turns 2 years.)

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 - \$5,208; Building Fund - \$4,250; Missions - \$250

On Dec. 31, we will receive our last "Special Offering" for Missions, with the following breakdown:

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| Weavers Missions (10%) | Central District (15%) |
| Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%) | Mennonite Missions Network (11%) |
| VA Conference Ministries (6%) | VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%) |
| Eastern Menn. High School (5%) | MCC - Canning (4%) |
| Family Life Resource Center (4%) | Mennonite Education Agency (2%) |
| Highland Retreat (4%) | Mennonite Publishing Network (2%) |
| Pleasant View Home (2%) | Minority Groups (2%) |
| VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%) | Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%) |

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."
We are needing small groups/individuals to prepare meals for the Jan. Sunday evenings. Sign up in the foyer today, or email the church office!

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.

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.

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 virginiacconference.org/donate.

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will break until January 9. The next series, "From Baptist to Anabaptist" will be led by Josh Cox, pastor at Grace Mennonite Fellowship. Join for fellowship, Bible study, and worship Tuesday mornings at Park View Mennonite Church. Breakfast 6:45am, study 7:00am. Livestream of the event is available.

The December edition of On the Level is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King share stories of people "moving toward Jesus;" meet two women who enjoy cooking and painting with MDS; learn why a retired Army General in Kentucky says, "only God could have made that happen;" and we are now accepting registration for our Annual Celebration in Fresno in February.

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