This month's focus for prayer: Dano & Tara and their children, serving in North Africa. Pray for local believers: even among the Coptic Christians, there are many who are not true believers. Among the majority religion, there are even fewer believers. Pray for the dedicated Christians to share their faith boldly.

A look at VMMissions: Lift up the two interns serving with Yosiah and Anita Rahma (names changed) in a slum community in Southeast Asia as their internship time is soon ending. Pray for the Lord's guidance on their next steps.

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# Weavers Mennonite Church

# Sunday, January 7, 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 First Fruits Giving Scripture Reading Psalm 46

Lydia Martin

**Worship in Song** 

VT 111 "Bless the Lord"

456 "Oceans"

570 "When We Walk with the Lord"

Message "Called: Fear or Faith?"

Curt Stutzman

c/o Sandy Byler

Scripture: Matthew 8:23-9:13

Communion

Song of Response VT 398 "Thy Word is a Lamp"

(live stream will end)

**Sharing and Prayer** 

Sending Song VT 173 "The Lord Your God is with You"

VT = Voices Together purple hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Annie King, Emily Wenger, Barb Martin

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

# **Upcoming Weavers Calendar**

- Youth Joining the January Event Sunday evenings
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Noon Fellowship Meal on Jan. 28, following by Congregational Meeting
- Save the Date: Saturday, Feb. 17, 6pm Congregational February Fellowship - in Shady Oak
- Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29, so please plan your summer trips around it

### **Announcements**

- **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: Missions \$5,893; Budget \$100; Building Fund \$5,200
- Our condolences to Charlene Duncan and family in the passing of **Jim** on Dec. 29. A memorial service was held here at Weavers on Friday, Jan. 5.
- 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."
- Congratulations to Abe & Rachel Hartzler on the birth of Sophia Noelle. Sophia was born Tuesday, January 2 at 3:52 PM, weighing 6lbs and 10oz.
- **Thanks for your prayers.** At my Tuesday appointment at UVA, my mouth was wired shut so the jaw bone can heal. So, no talking but I can read texts and emails and write notes on a whiteboard to communicate.

  David and I are quite the couple! Return date to UVA is 1/17.

   Julia Alleman
- Blood pressure checks will be offered today in the classroom closest to the new exit (first Sunday of each month). Someone will be available for 15 minutes after church is dismissed.
- Kristin Eby is available to accompany people to medical visits, etc., to provide another set of ears and to aid in understanding/remembering instructions and information. Contact her at 540-435-9022 or krstn.eby@gmail.com

- Want to know God's will? Desire for God to reveal Himself more clearly? Have fifteen to thirty minutes to hear God's love for you each day? Join others at Weavers in reading through the Bible together! This year we will be using a chronological plan, and if you'd like to join a Facebook group to encourage each other or ask questions, you can do that too! Paper copies of the plan are available in the foyer. Plan available online -- https://static.esvmedia.org/assets/pdfs/rp.chronological.pdf
- 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. Come and see Wednesday Jan 10 for a night of food, worship, and an introduction to the class. Bring a friend! Weavers Outreach Committee will help cover the cost of registration for any Weavers person to attend. Email or call Lydia Martin @ limuss@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.
- Men's Breakfast and Bible Study will resume 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.
- "Religion Otherwise: A Lyric at the End of Time" Join us for the 2024 Augsburger Lecture at Eastern Mennonite Seminary with Dr. J. Kameron Carter, Prof. of Comparative Literature, Religion, and African American Studies. How does a culture grieve, and what happens when a culture refuses to grieve the violence it hosts? Feb. 27, 2024, 7:00pm, Martin Chapel. This event is free to the public.
- The annual Messiah sing-along at Park View Mennonite Church that is held on Jan. 6 (Epiphany) each year has been rescheduled to Sunday, Jan. 7 at 7pm due to the Saturday weather forecast. Here also, is the Facebook event: https://fb.me/e/1w2vZM4MT