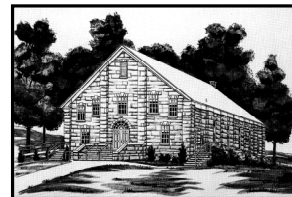


This month's focus for prayer: Dano & Tara and their children, serving in North Africa. The Nursing School- we are looking for a new director to replace Dano. We hired a woman who had wonderful credentials and was enthusiastic, but through a variety of circumstances, she had to leave the position after only one week. Pray that we can find the right local to replace Dano. Also, the school is working towards accreditation, and hopefully will know more about that this week. We are praying for accreditation and a director fervently!

A look at VMissions: Pray for the ministry of Ineo Netzwerk in Germany that David and Rebekka Stutzman work with in Mannheim, Germany. Pray that the spiritual seekers they connect with will find their identities as followers of Jesus.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, January 21, 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

Debbie Rhodes

First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39

Worship in Song

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

VT 545 "Here I Am, Lord"

VT 263 "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

"I Speak Jesus"

Message "Instructions"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Matthew 10:5-42

Song of Response VT 556 "I Bind My Heart This Tide"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 252 "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

VT = *Voices Together* purple hymnal

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(staffed today by: Diann Beach and Brenda Bechler)*

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

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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 Cong. Meeting**
- **Save the Date: Saturday, Feb. 17, 6pm Congregational February Fellowship** - in Shady Oak
- **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29**

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: Budget - \$1,942; Building Fund - \$500

Happy Birthday this week to: Russell Mumaw, Isaac Driver, and Margaret Lehman.

Our last Weavers January Event is meeting on tonight, for a meal together at 5:30pm followed by a time of reflection, conversation, and counsel.

Young Adults, mark your calendars for game and pizza night January 27th at 5pm! Bring your kids, games, and a side to go with the pizza. In order to know how much pizza to order, please RSVP by Jan. 26th to jdriver229@gmail.com

We will have a Noon fellowship meal on January 28, followed by a Congregational Business meeting. On the agenda will be a report of finances from 2023 and a proposal for outcome of the surplus Budget funds; our Spending Plan proposal for 2024; and a vote in regard to disassociating from MC USA. There will be paper ballots for members to submit after presentation and time for discussion. Also to be discussed is the potential Weavers Childcare Program. Financial reports have been emailed. Paper copies are also available in the church foyer.

Next Sunday's Noon Fellowship Meal: It would be appreciated if each family bring a main dish (consider using a crock-pot) and either a salad, dessert or bread. Please bring enough food for your family and guests too. **Be sure to label all of your dishes and lids.** Also, please bring your own plates/trays and cups if possible. This practices better Creation Care, as well as saves money on paper products.

A steering committee has been appointed to work on details of what an After School Care program might look like at Weavers with the goal of beginning next fall. **Additional information will be shared at the Jan. 28 Congregational Meeting.** The Steering Committee consists of Joyce Nussbaum, Beth Miller, Kristin Wenger, Emily Wenger, Kendall Wenger, and Leslie Early. If you have an interest or a calling for either a possible Lead Teacher or Director position, please contact Joyce Nussbaum by January 24, when the steering committee will again meet. Also, if anyone is interested in joining the Steering Committee, contact Joyce ASAP.

Weavers Outreach Committee will meet at Janet Blosser's house at 7pm on Monday, January 22.

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 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 Join for fellowship, bible study, and worship Tuesday mornings at Park View Mennonite Church. The current series, "From Baptist to Anabaptist" is led by Josh Cox, pastor at Grace Mennonite Fellowship. Breakfast 6:45am, study 7:00am. Livestream of the event is available [here](#).

Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus announces the beginning of the 2024 season of men's sacred choral music with Jared Stutzman, director. If you enjoy singing men's a cappella music, you are invited to join this group. Beginning on January 14, 2024, the chorus will hold regular Sunday afternoon practices (2:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.) in the choir room at Eastern Mennonite High School. Four end of season concerts are planned on February 25 and March 3. Concerts are open and free with free-will offerings lifted to benefit a mission/service project. Contact Roman Miller (romanjaymiller@gmail.com; 540-383-0281) for more information.

2024 Winter Delegate Assembly will be held in Waynesboro on Saturday, February 3. Equipped by God: we Worship, we Empower, we Discern. The interim Conference Leadership Team has framed the day to bring hope and vision for the future of Virginia Mennonite Conference. Registration is Open. Guests are welcome. virginiacommunity.org/events.

Night of Worship: In line with the "Year of Worship, Healing, Reflection and Renewal" resolution passed at 2023 Summer Assembly. **Southern and Central Districts invite you to a worship service at Springdale Mennonite on Sunday, February 18th at 6:00 pm.**

VMMissions has office space for lease. A 213 sq. ft. office with outside building access is available beginning February 1, 2024. If you are interested, please contact Melanie Sherer at info@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727. Starting rent is \$300/month.

Continued Prayer and Upcoming Decision

This Sunday evening will be our third in talking about what it means to be Church, in particular as we consider our relationship with MC USA and the congregational vote on the 28th. Please continue to pray fervently for God's direction and wisdom to be clear.

Curt sent a congregational email with links to a number of letters/notes/sources of information. Two that are new are the January 7 and 14 Scriptures and discussion notes from the first two meetings this month. If you have not yet read through them, you might find them helpful. The Jan. 28 email was titled "Sunday evening meeting". There are copies available in the foyer of most of the information in these links, except for the webinar of Denominational Affiliation Working Group (DAWG), that is for watching.

As always, if you have questions or concerns that have not been addressed, please don't hesitate to email, call, or text Curt. You are also welcome to contact any of the elders.

From the Minutes of Administrative Council Jan. 9, 2024:

-The proposal of Pastoral Council from October 2023, that after spending time in our January Event conversation, we will receive a ballot from Weavers Members on Jan. 28, 2024 on where we as a congregation stand in regards to MC USA.

Action I: to vote that either Weavers Mennonite Church disaffiliates from Mennonite Church USA, or that WMC remain with Mennonite Church USA.

* With the understanding that following the Virginia Mennonite Conference summer delegate session of 2024, should VA Mennonite Conference choose not to leave Mennonite Church USA as a whole, a vote would be received on Weavers Mennonite Church leaving Virginia Mennonite Conference.

This vote requires a 75% affirmation if our church constitution is to be amended.

The ballot on Jan. 28, 2024 will read:

MC USA affiliation

I approve Weavers Mennonite Church disaffiliates from Mennonite Church USA

I vote that Weavers Mennonite Church remains with Mennonite Church USA