This month's focus for prayer: Nathan Carr, with Resurrected Ministries, is now officially a non- profit organization. "We recently opened up a bank account and are now accepting donations to purchase the Christ Centered men's recovery home. My fiancé who runs New Life Recovery group at Grace Covenant and I have joined our Ministries together. Once we get a men's house open we will be working on opening a Christ Centered women's Recovery home. As always we could use prayer and hope that the Lord will provide the financial assistance we are needing"

A look at VMMissions: The Schoenhals and Horst families are working with local partners in Thailand to create a training process for welcoming new long-term mission workers in Isaan. Pray for wisdom and creativity in this endeavor.

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Sunday, February 4, 2024 - 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.

Abe Hartzler

Welcome First Fruits Giving Scripture Reading Proverbs 21:27-31

Worship in Song VT 23 "Come, Walk With Us" VT 609 "Lord, You've Searched Me" VT 415 "Revelation Song"

Message "Confrontation and Call" Scripture: Matthew 12:1-32 Curt Stutzman

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

Communion

Song of Response VT 791" Let Justice Flow Down"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 778 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

VT = Voices Together hymnal

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

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Sewing Day Feb. 14
- Save the Date: Saturday, Feb. 17, 6pm Congregational February Fellowship in Shady Oak
- Senior Noon Lunch Out Thursday, Feb. 29
- 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 - \$3,676; Building Fund - \$250

- First Sunday of the Month -- Blood pressure checks will be offered today in the classroom closest to the new exit. Someone will be available for 15 minutes after church is dismissed.
- Dennis Kuhns has begun a new series for the Sunday School Class (Rm 2 in the addition hallway) studying the Gospel of John. Anyone is welcome to join the class.
- February Fellowship Night Feb. 17, 6pm at Shady Oak: Come for a semi-potluck and entertainment. Sign up to include how many if you have a group, so that the planning can be done for both the meat provided and the number of tables/chairs to have set up. You will be assigned a dessert or side to bring. See Beth Miller is you have questions.
- We are planning to present the Easter Story in drama this year, in two evening program Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24.

Anyone interested in helping as an actor, backstage or stage manager, lighting, singers or other supportive roles -- meet after the service today for a brief discussion to determine interest and gather information. See Roy Early for additional questions.

We are planning to have a children's story on the second and fourth Sunday each month. If you would enjoy sharing a children's story occasionally on Sunday morning please let Joyce Nussbaum know. Joyce@weaversmc.org

Also, helpers are needed for Children's Sunday School. This could be once a month, a one-time, or more often.

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

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.

Christian Mission and Indigenous Communities Today: A Panel

Discussion, with Nancy Heisey, Andrew Suderman, and Jason Rhodes Showalter. **February 8, 7pm, EMS Martin Chapel, and <u>live streamed.</u>** Historically, Christianity has often been a partner of colonization projects both in North America and beyond. How have Anabaptist mission leaders -- of Mennonite Mission Network, VMMissions, and Mennonite World Conference -shifted their practices to address these failures and to respect indigenous communities as we continue to share the good news? Join us for a panel discussion in search of faithfulness, justice, and a better future. VMC thanks EMS for the generous sharing of their meeting space.

Set my spirit free: Jazz music's soul connection. A special Black History Month presentation of Stories, Jazz Music and Poetry on Sunday, Feb. 18 starting at 4 p.m. in the auditorium of Eastern Mennonite School. FREE ADMISSION: This 90-minute performance is perfect for jazz lovers of all ages and those who enjoy stories about the Black musicians and composers who created the jazz and blues music that's been intricately woven into the fabric of American history.

Beyond the IDI: Receiving, Accepting, and Adapting, with Karl McKinney, Intercultural Leadership Minister for LMC. February 25, 7pm, Park View Mennonite Church fellowship hall and live streamed. Over the past year and a half VMC has led its credentialed leaders through the Inclusion and Diversity Inventory (IDI), a training designed to give leaders better language and goals for their own and their congregation's intercultural work. Pastor McKinney's presentation will help pastors and leaders keep moving towards racial justice, using language from the IDI in pursuit of just and healthy congregations, reminding us that we as Christians need "to intentionally learn how to relate to the cultural differences between ourselves and other people." All are welcome to attend even if they are not familiar with the IDI.

"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? Tuesday, Feb. 27, 2024, 7:00pm, Martin Chapel. This event is free to the public.

The Annual MCC Meat Canning is scheduled for February 19-23, 2024 at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, VA. Virginia Mennonite Conference is responsible to help provide help on Tuesday, February 20. Help is needed from 5:45 AM until 8 PM each day. Friday, February 23 is scheduled as a community day and help is especially needed in the early morning. Anyone is welcome to come and help on any day!