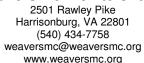
This month's focus for prayer: Nathan Carr, with Resurrected Ministries for inmates and those coming out of incarceration. Continue to pray for the combining of two ministries -- one to males, one to females.

A look at VMMissions: Pray for new people who are joining the launch team in South Asia this month, where they will work alongside workers James and Anne (names changed). Pray for a good orientation time and connections with local famili

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Sunday, February 25, 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.

Welcome Jeremy Beach

First Fruits Giving Scripture Reading

Worship in Song c/o Jake Mumbauer

VT 7 "Come, Let Us All Unite To Sing" VT 103 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

VT 435 "Blessed Assurance"

Children's Story Kathy King

Message "But We Had Hoped" Floyd & Janet Blosser

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Song of Response VT 738 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 397 "The Church's One Foundation"

VT = Voices Together purple hymnal

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

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- tonight 6-8pm, The Great Winter Warm Up -- see announcement
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Kids Club has begun again each Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Senior Noon Lunch Out Thursday, Feb. 29
- "Jesus, the Way of the Cross" March 23 & 24th, 7pm
- Save the Date: Weavers Yard Sale Saturday, May 4th
- Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29

Announcements

Today -- there will be choir practice at 6 pm.

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 - \$2,790; Building Fund - \$7,087.44

Happy Birthday this week: to Mary Ann Smith

Weavers Church Directory - our directory is a living document, reflecting the fabric of our church family. Help keep your information up-to-date, both for communication across our members and to help each of us put names and faces together. If you do not have access to the church directory, please contact Sandi Good at the church office.

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

Join us this evening between 6-8ish in Shady Oaks to knot comforters for The Great Winter Warm Up, helping Mennonite Central Committee collect 7,000 comforters to send to people around the world. No sewing experience necessary; anyone can do this! See mcc.org for more information. "Many hands make light work."

Senior Lunch Out, Noon Feb. 29 at Shady Oak. Come enjoy fellowship and lunch from recipes by Shenandoah Valley cooks. We will have special guests, Karl Rhodes and his wife Kim, with Karl speaking about his book, "Peggy's War."The setting is right where we are located and is about his great grandmother's experience during the civil war. Please reply to Marilyn Schlabach at schlabach416@gmail.com or text/call me at 540-820-6631 by Monday, the 26th.

Ladies -- you are invited to a baby shower for Alesha Lehman on Sunday, March 10 at Shady Oak, 3pm. Their gift registry is: https://www.babylist.com/list/alesha-lehman If you would like to go together with a group gift, Sandi will coordinate this, and you may get in touch with her.

Eva & Ryan Kline are expecting a baby in April (second child) and to bless them, we want to shower their family with a diaper drive! You are invited to bring diapers and/or wipes to either the office or place them under the table at the mailboxes by March 31st.

Thank you for the many birthday cards and wishes for a happy birthday! - Sandi Good

The Library is in the process of moving to the new middle classroom of the addition. Some books have been moved over for ease of accessibility, so help yourself to some reading these last weeks of winter! New books will be included soon.

Children's books are located in the refurbished basement room at the bottom of the new stairway.

There are old cassette tapes of sermons from years past). Anyone is welcome to *take* these cassettes. They will be discarded if no one takes them by March 5. Our Sunday services have been on the website for a number of years, and we no longer record sermons to CD's. CD's have been taken to EMU's Menno Simons Historical Library.

"Jesus, the Way of the Cross" will be presented Saturday, March 23 and Sunday, March 24 at 7pm at Weavers. Invite your friends.

Ladies -- mark your calendars: Ladies Bible Study will begin Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm - "The Story of Scripture from Eden to Eternity" Also, we will have a Ladies Retreat at Shady Oak on Saturday, April 20. More information coming on both of these events.

Weekday Religious Education, which offers Bible classes during "released time" in the elementary county schools, will be having a concert given by the students, on Saturday, March 16th at 4pm. Prior to the concert, we are seeking "concert patrons" to make a \$100 donation. Email Ginger Brubaker, the Executive Director at WRErocks1929@gmail.com or 540-438-9997 for more information.

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 2024 Global Voices Tour, sponsored by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and Anabaptist Climate Collaborative (ACC), features voices from around the world speaking on how climate change is affecting the global south. Join us on February 29th at 7pm in the Harrisonburg Mennonite Church fellowship hall (come in the west entrance) to hear how MCC partners in Cambodia and Zimbabwe are addressing the impacts of climate change in their communities, and how communities in North America can take action.

Potomac District Night of Worship will be held at Daniels Run Peace Church on **March 3 at 7pm** featuring EMU Chamber Choir.

Join us for the EMHS theater department production of Fiddler on the Roof, a timeless musical masterpiece set in the fictional Russian village of Anatevka. The story follows Tevye, a Jewish milkman, as he grapples with tradition, family, and change amidst political and social upheaval. This production promises a captivating blend of humor, heart, and reflections on the human experience. Dress rehearsal Thursday, February 29, 7 p.m. Pay-what-you-will, General admission, first come first serve. Ticket Performances on March 1-2 at 7 p.m. and March 3 at 3 p.m. in the EMS Auditorium. Visit our website to purchase tickets, or Purchase Tickets HERE!

Annual Meeting: this year we will celebrate the Heritage Center's 25th Anniversary! Please join us on Friday, March 15, 6:00 pm, at Lindale Mennonite Church. We look forward to an evening of good food, fellowship, singing, reflection, and visioning for the future. Enjoy a homestyle meal catered by Marjorie Shank, and a presentation from Carl Bowman on the Heritage Center's history and development!. The expenses for the meal will have already been covered—so <u>all</u> of the funds raised at the event go directly to support the ongoing mission of the Heritage Center! In order to help us prepare, please reserve a place at the meal by <u>March 6</u> by visiting our website: https://brethrenmennoniteheritage.org/annual-meeting