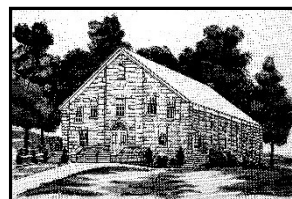


**This month's focus for prayer:** David & Rebekka Stutzman, Immanuel, Liana, Nathanael. The Stutzmans serve as church planters and networkers in Mannheim, Germany. Dave has been invited to teach and provide consulting for several different churches and ministries in the Spring. He will be teaching on peace witness and discipleship to volunteers through the German Mennonite Voluntary service program in March. In April, he will be teaching on evangelism and post-Christianity for a discipleship program hosted at Soli Deo Church in Halle, Germany. In June, he will be leading the retreat for the Backnang Mennonite Church, focusing on fasting and table fellowship, and will be consulting with a discipleship program initiative with the German Mennonite Brethren Church. We are grateful for the opportunities and need prayer for energy and focus.

**A look at VM Missions:** Join Rafael and Solange Tartari, serving in Shkodër, Albania, in praying for openings to share the gospel with those God has put around them. Pray for prepared hearts to receive the good news.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, March 17, 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.*

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### Welcome

Lydia Martin

### First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading Job 42:1-6

### Worship in Song

c/o Sandy Byler

VT 563 "Come, Thou Fount"  
VT 637 "Blessed Be Your Name"  
VT 332 "In Christ Alone"

**Parent/Child Dedication** – Isaac & Kristi Driver and Charlotte;  
Ryan & Eva Kline and Morrison

### Message "Feasts and Faith"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Matthew 14

### Song of Response VT 592 "How Firm a Foundation"

*(live stream will end)*

### Sharing and Prayer

### Sending Song VT 455 "Make Us One"

VT = *Voices Together* purple hymnal

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

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

## Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- **Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm** (contact Julia Alleman)
- **Kids Club, Wednesday, 6:30pm**
- **"Jesus, the Way of the Cross" - March 23 & 24th, 7pm**
- **Save the Date: Weavers Yard Sale Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Weavers Men's Retreat at Highland Retreat, May 16-18.**
- **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29**

## Announcements

**Today – choir practice and drama practice at 6:30pm**

**Practice this week: Monday, Tues, Thurs, Friday – 6:30pm**

**Weavers will be presenting "Jesus the Way of the Cross," a musical drama telling the Easter Story from the Roman soldiers' point of view on Saturday, March 23, 7pm and Sunday, March 24 7pm.** You are encouraged to invite others to celebrate the Easter story with us.

**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 - \$4,239.69; Building Fund - \$500

**Happy Birthday this week:** to Phyllis Early, Arlo Wenger (turns 5 years), Susie Shank, and Holly Mumaw Lineman.

**Hospitality Committee would like to encourage inviting visitors to Sunday lunch! Sign up for a Sunday on the calendar on the foyer table,** plan to host in your home, or check with Sandi to see if Shady Oak is available and invite additional people!

**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.

**Weavers Sunrise Service 6:30 Easter Sunday morning at 991 Summit Ave.** There is limited parking on Summit Ave, or park just down the hill at 1371 Mt Clinton Pike (Curt and Jeanne's house) or in the seminary parking lot. If you need a ride, talk to Curt. If you can, bring a chair. Handwarmers and a fire provided!

We will have our **traditional Easter fellowship breakfast** this year but note the **time change: 9am.**

The following families please bring the indicated items: last names from "A-G" sweet breads; "H-P" please bring fruit; "R-Z: please bring breakfast casseroles. Drink will be provided.

**Ladies -- Bible Study will begin Tuesday, March 26, 6:30pm** - "The Story of Scripture from Eden to Eternity" Sign up deadline – today! Books cost \$10.

**Ladies Retreat at Shady Oak will be on Saturday, April 20.** Deadline for sign-up is April 7. Debbie Figliola will be our speaker at the retreat. Our time will include breakfast, lunch, an afternoon craft and a time of fellowship all around! Cost will be \$20. If you do not want to stay for the afternoon craft, please note that on the sign up so that we know how many materials to purchase.

**There will be a noon fundraiser meal on April 21 for the Albanian Mission trip.** Outreach Committee and the team will prepare lunch which will follow the morning service.

**Spring cleaning is here! Need a place for all those things you want to clean out? We will be putting up tables to participate in the Belmont Yard Sale again on May 4 from 8am to 12 noon.** Bring in your donated items to Shady Oak by Friday, May 3. We will offer free coffee and coffee cake, free hot dogs and drinks, and sell all the items in our parking lot. All proceeds will go toward the missions team, and youth camp in Albania this summer. **NEEDED:** Items to sell, hangers for clothing, **VOLUNTEERS** - to make coffee cake, helpers on Friday to sort and mark, on Saturday to help in the coffee shop, help with hot dogs and drink, help with the yard sale. Please let Janet or Beth know if you can help. (from Outreach Team) Also -- for your calendars: **a noon fundraiser lunch following the worship service on April 21.** This will also be to raise funds to help send a mission team to Albania this summer.

**On May 18, 2024,** VMissions will be holding an annual **Putt For Mission** fundraising event at **Mulligan's Golf Center.** This fun event is for all ages. Connect with other friends of VMissions and support the work of equipping, sending, and supporting 68 workers in 14 countries. Make a hole-in-one for a good cause! Learn more at <https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/putt-for-missions/> Curt will have a sign-up sheet in the Weavers foyer to put teams together. Cost is \$100 for four people.

**Join us in the celebration and launch of the new Shenandoah Valley Network Hub, the newest addition to the MEDA Network.** Guest Key Speakers include: Alloysius Attah, Co-Founder & CEO with Farmerline Group and Lindsay Wallace Sr. Vice President of Strategy & Impact at MEDA. Date: Tuesday, April 2nd, 2024. Venue: The Loft at Liberty St located at 76 W Gay St, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. Time: 4:30 pm. No cost to register. Secure your spot! Register by March 29th, 2024 at: <https://www.meda.org/events/>

**Highland Retreat is holding a work day on Saturday, March 23.** You are invited to come out and help with a variety of tasks that will prepare Highland for spring (such as spreading mulch in flowerbeds and playground areas). Families, individuals, and small groups are all welcome. Volunteer for the morning and/or afternoon, and enjoy a delicious (free!) lunch in exchange. More details and an RSVP form online at [highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days](http://highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days)

**Our "Special Missions Offering,"** one of four-five for missions & church agencies during our calendar year, will be received Easter Sunday.

**You are invited by Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community's Pastoral Care Team to Stations in the Street – a Stations of the Cross**

exhibit including twelve pieces of art created by artist Scott Erickson. You may pick up an art guide with scripture texts and questions for meditation at the front desk of Oak Lea at VMRC and view the twelve pieces of art in the adjoining outdoor courtyard. Stations in the Street will be up from Monday, March 25- Wednesday, April 3. We hope you'll participate in this meaningful, contemplative experience. On Monday, March 25 at 3:30 p.m., we will have a brief dedication and invite you to join us. If you have any questions, please contact Chaplain Carmen Miller at [carmenmiller@vmrc.org](mailto:carmenmiller@vmrc.org).

**Walk for Gaza.** You are invited to join a great gathering of Lenten Pilgrims from 96 communities in 15 countries to walk for peace in Gaza and help raise funds for relief aid. Here in Harrisonburg on **Holy Saturday, March 30**, we will walk eleven miles - or parts thereof - which is about half the length and twice the width of Gaza. We shall be stopping for meditation and prayer at various spots along the route. The pilgrimage will begin at 8 a.m., at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, in the outdoor pavilion. We will walk together as a group and end at HMC. For more information, or to express interest go to [gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com](http://gazaceasefirepilgrimage.com) follow to USA and Harrisonburg.

**VMissions Save the 2024 Dates!** Great Community Give on April 17; Putt for Missions on May 18; Motorcycle for Missions on May 31-June 1.

**Employment opportunity! Calling all educators!** EMS is currently accepting applications for the following teaching positions: Middle School Science Teacher and 6th-grade teacher. If you're passionate about education and want to make a difference in the lives of students, we'd love to hear from you! Apply online [here](#).

During the Civil War, Mennonite and Brethren men faced a dilemma—how to remain faithful to Christ's call to be nonviolent. To resist the military draft meant imprisonment or death. Many from Rockingham County chose to go West. Author Karl Rhodes' new book "Peggy's War" tells the true story of his Rockingham County ancestor Peggy Rhodes who hid draft resisters until they could join a group going west, across the Shenandoah Mountain. He will talk about this underground railroad for draft resisters on April 20, 11 a.m., at Brocks Gap Heritage Day, at J. Frank Hillyard Middle School, 226 Hawks Hill Dr., Broadway. His concentration will be on the paths they took through the mountains of Rockingham County.

Two other informative programs at Heritage Day will be "Speck Fulk in World War II" by Del. Joe T. May and "Mountain Women Live on: Life and Legacy of Appalachian Women" by Dr. Peggy Ann Shifflett.

For more information, see [peggysswar.com](http://peggysswar.com) and [brocksgapvirginia.blogspot.com](http://brocksgapvirginia.blogspot.com)-- Pat Turner Ritchie, sponsor, Brocks Gap Heritage Day. [patritchie@verizon.net](mailto:patritchie@verizon.net)