

Missionaries of the Month: Mark & Sarah Schoenhals, Heidi and Hanna serving through VMM & EMM in Det Udom, Thailand. When you gather for worship this morning, we will have already gathered in the morning and will now be having our evening Christmas celebration at the church. Outdoors...a big stage...lots of music and dancing late into the night... and hopefully a good opportunity to share with Buddhist friends and neighbors.

A Look at VM Missions Lift up Shawn and Laura Green and their 3 young sons as they spend a couple of months in the USA on home leave. Pray that they will connect well with family, friends, and churches as they prepare for another term in Italy.

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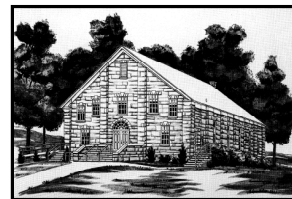
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Weavers Mennonite Church

Worship Celebration
Sunday, December 27, 2015

*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.*

A WARM WELCOME. We appreciate your presence here today. We enjoy the new and familiar faces as we gather together, celebrating the precious gift of God's unending love through His Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. May the Lord help each of us to love, adore and worship Him.

Prelude (and offertory) c/o Sandy Byler

Welcome & Announcements Barb Byer

Worship in Song c/o Jeremy Warner

Focusing

Worship in Hymns Kevin Byler

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "My Father's Business" Phil Kanagy

Scripture: Luke 2:41-52

Hymn of Response

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction & Closing Song

TODAY AT WEAVERS

Sunday School Classes for Children, Youth and Adults begin at 9:30am.

Ushers are glad to assist with directions.

◆ Hearing assistance units are available from the ushers.

Nursery services are available. Attendants this week: Renee Hiter, Lauren Rhodes

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day

7pm Harmonia Sacra Singing

Sunday, January 3

Speaker: Phil Kanagy , "The Glory of the Lord Has Risen Upon You"

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1-6

Nursery Attendants: Rachael Sauder, Ada Zhang

Statistics for Sunday Service, December 27, 2015

Worship Attendance - 170

Offering: Budget - \$14,197; Cemetery - \$200;

"Operating" - \$215

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings to: Fae Deputy, Floyd Blosser, Jeff Rhodes, Kristin Eby, Teresa Jackson, Thelma Maust, Joyce Burkholder, Mabelle Blosser, and Jessica Hiter.

Help is needed to make the suppers for the January Event. Are you part of a Sunday School or small group that is willing to work together in this way? Or willing to pull a group of friends together to serve? Contact Sherry Showalter at 833-8080 or sherryshow@aol.com

Our January Event is coming up next month. We will meet each Wednesday, first for a meal in Shady Oak at 5:30pm (or come as soon thereafter as you are able); input time starts at 6:20pm. There are separate activities for Kids & Jr. Youth for the input time. Phil Kniss will be our resource speaker, "Reclaiming church as family."

Thank you to all for the Christmas cards received. -Myron & Regina B.

MCC SERVICE POSITIONS, AKRON, PA - Do you know someone interested in service? Mennonite Central Committee needs service workers in our Akron, PA, office for these positions: Administrative Assistants, Canner Operators, Instructional Technologist, Receptionist. Assignments are one- or two-year commitments. MCC covers the cost of transportation to and from assignment, housing, daily living expenses, medical insurance and assistance with student loans. For more information see serve.mcc.org or email akronconnection@mcc.org.

The **church office** will be **closed Dec. 25 & 28th for Christmas, and January 1 for New Year's Day.** May each one of you receive blessings of faith, joy and peace as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The **Annual Harmonia Sacra Singing** will be held at Weavers on **New Year's Day at 7 p.m.** Bring your songbook if you have one. There will be a few loaner books available also.

The **Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus** will start practices **January 10, 2016 at 2 p.m. at EMHS.** If anyone has questions or interest in the chorus please contact Harold Huffman. There will be seven weekly practices and then concerts the later part of February.

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Resource Person: Phil Kniss, pastor of Park View Mennonite Church

"Reclaiming church as family"

In this series I will attempt to reinvigorate the strong New Testament concept of the church as "household" (Greek, oikos), and explore the implications of looking at the life of the church with "family" as our primary lens. While there are certainly other helpful metaphors, church as "household" is both a metaphor and reality. Through Christ, we are actually "sisters and brothers."

Church as family is a lively alternative to some more institutional ways we have gotten used to seeing the church function. Envisioning church as extended family could impact how we carry out the ancient practices of the church—worship, care, witness, stewardship, discernment, etc. In this January Event, I will focus on three specific implications this "family lens" has for our witness, our biblical discernment, and our sense of belonging.

January 6

Church as a family on mission
1 Peter 2:4-10; Luke 10:1-9

January 13

Discernment and the family Bible
Nehemiah 8:1-12; Luke 4:14-21

January 20

Storytelling and belonging in the family
John 15:1-5, 12-13; Matthew 18:15-22; Romans 12:3-5, 9-11; Hebrews 10:19-25

January 27

Toward a Weavers' family ecology
(follow-up discussion, facilitated by Phil Kanagy)