

Missionaries of the Month: Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their children are learning languages and building relationships in a sensitive region of northern Africa as part of a long-term vision to invite a people movement toward Jesus. "We ask for prayer that we continue to find times to process, encourage and dwell deeper together. Also, this month we will likely begin learning our second local language. Please ask that all the pieces will fall into place to make this happen!

VMissions Note: Praise God that the transition of moving to the Nazareth Village in Israel has gone well for tranSender Elsa Miller. Pray that she will help to share the hope and joy of the Christmas season with all visitors..



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration
Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 18, 2016**

*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.*

*What a glorious day to worship our Lord! We welcome each person with joy,
and we hope that all will be blessed with spiritual renewal and uplifting joy.*



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Prelude (& Offertory)

c/o Stephanie Layman

Welcome & Announcements

Barbara Byer

Worship in Song

c/o Perry Blosser

Children's Story

Regina Brubaker

Advent Candle Lighting

c/o Jr. Youth

Worship in Hymns

MH 117, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"
MH 112, "Hark, The Glad Sound"

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "A Surprise Adoption"

Phil Kanagy

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Song of Response

MH 129, "What Child is This"

Sharing & Prayer Time

Benediction & Closing Song MH 606, "Praise God from Whom"

*(Elder Kevin Byler will be in the Prayer Room following the service for
anyone needing a ministry of prayer.)*

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: Worship – Barb Martin, Michelle Brunk

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Wednesday, December 21

6:30pm Youth & Congregation Christmas Caroling. Meet at Shady Oak

Christmas Sunday, December 25, 10AM (no Sunday School)

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "Noel!" Scripture: Luke 2:1-20

Nursery Attendants: Laura Wheeler, Lauren Rhodes

Statistics for Sunday Service December 11, 2016

Worship Attendance - 182

Offering: Budget - \$8,102; Missions - \$2,000

Upcoming

Jan. 1 New Year's Day Harmonia Sacra Sing - 7pm

January Event - Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25 - 6pm

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Ed Lehman, and Rachael Brenneman (turns 18 yrs). Also, Roger & Linda Nelson's 46th wedding anniversary is Dec. 24 rather than Dec. 25 as noted on the church calendar.

The Youth invite you to come along Christmas Caroling on Wed., Dec. 21. Meet at Shady Oak.

You are invited to participate in the Food Backpack Project as a Christmas project these next two weeks. Please limit food items to the list inserted in last week's bulletin (or find additional lists at the food basket in the foyer). These are specific items yet needed, and are according to what the school has requested for children.

Weavers will pay for half the registration: Consider attending **Perspectives on the World Christian Movement**, a class for believers from all walks of life to get threaded into God's story and experience God's heart for all peoples. *Perspectives* will open the eyes of your heart with fresh knowledge and understanding of God's unchanging purposes and why they are relevant to your life. The Spring 2017 class will meet at the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center, 711 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, Va. The first two sessions are free. For registration details, find the class at perspectives.org or contact Carol Tobin at 540-435-9887. (See Janet Blosser for Weavers payment).

Help the congregation put names to faces! We would like to add another page to our church directory. If you do not have your photo in Weavers Church directory, either as a new attendee or as someone that didn't suit to get a photo at production, please talk to Sandi at the church office.

Our January Event is coming up next month. We will meet each Wednesday, first for a meal in Shady Oak at 6:00pm (this is a bit later than in past years); input time starts at 6:50pm. There are separate activities for Kids & Jr. Youth for the input time. Phil Kanagy will have our input, *"The Book that Breathes New Life: A Study of the Nature of Scripture and its Interpretation."* See the bulletin insert for a synopsis of the four sessions.

The **church office** will be **closed Dec. 23 & 26th for Christmas, and January 2 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.** This is 4-part, unaccompanied singing of Harmonia Sacra hymns and is a community event. Bring your songbook if you have one. There will be a few loaner books available also.

Worship Committee invites you to be a part of our worship service. We have dates on the schedule open for your creative input.

- January 15
- February 5
- February 19
- March 5
- March 19
- April 2

We would like to hear from you if you would like to participate in the service during the "Praise and Worship" time. (Approx 10:35-10:50am) It could be a music group or soloist, drama skit, scripture reading (perhaps in a language other than English), etc.

If you are interested, please reply with the following:

1. Your name
2. Type of worship you're offering
3. Which of the listed dates suit you
4. Estimated time of participation

We will do our best to work in all requests but please be aware that it may not be possible to accommodate all.

Thank you,
Worship Committee
(Andrea Knight, Stephanie Layman,
Jeremy Warner, Phil Kanagy)