

**Missionaries of the Month:** Mark & Sarah Schoenhals, Heidi and Hanna serving through VMM & EMM in Det Udom, Thailand. Pray for Heidi and Hannah as they balance Thai school and home school. Pray for stamina, wisdom and spiritual protection for them, as well as for Mark and Sarah.

**A Look at VMMissions** Ask God to reveal the hope of Jesus to many of Allen Umble's Albanian friends this Christmas season. Give thanks for Allen's many years of service in Albania and the many relationships he's formed in his time there.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration**  
**2nd Sunday of Advent, December 6, 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 to our visitors on this second Sunday of Advent. In this holy season we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love. And do stay awhile after worship so that we may meet you.*

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**Prelude** (and offertory) c/o Wright Family

**Welcome & Announcements** Jim Mumaw

**Worship in Song** c/o Jeremy Warner

**Children's Story/Advent Candle Lighting** Lee Smith & Regina Brubaker

**Worship in Hymns** Susie Shank

HWB 178, "Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"  
HWB 189, "To Us A Child is Born"

**First Fruits Giving**

**Sermon: "His Name is John"** Gordon Zook

Scripture: Luke 1:57-66

**Hymn of Response**

HWB 191, "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

**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: Rachael Sauder, Ada Zhang

Pastoral Search Committee meeting briefly following the service

## THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

**Tuesday, December 8**

6:30pm Administrative Council

**Wednesday, December 9**

Sewing Day

6:15pm Ladies Christmas Fellowship

8pm Sr. Youth white elephant gift exchange

**Thursday, December 10**

Noon: Senior Lunch Out in Shady Oak

**Saturday, December 12**

6-7:30pm Outdoor Walk-Thru Bethlehem

**3rd Sunday of Advent, December 13**

Speaker: Phil Kanagy, "The Practice of Peacebuilding" Luke 9:51-56

Nursery Attendants: Donna Blosser, Joelle Blosser

6-7:30pm Outdoor Walk-Thru Bethlehem

## Statistics for Sunday Service, November 29, 2015

Worship Attendance - 154

Offering: Budget - \$6,861.02; History Project - \$100;

Missions - \$300; "Operating" - \$332.25

## Announcements

**Happy Birthday blessings to:** Shandra Deputy, Robyn Brunk, Josh King, Melody Driver, Janet Blosser, and Laura Wheeler.

**All ladies, (post high school), are invited to a Ladies Christmas**

**Fellowship on Wednesday, Dec.9 at 6:15 p.m. in Shady Oak.** Each lady should bring a salad of any type to share, and a \$5 value gift, wrapped. (If you prefer to make soup or dessert rather than a salad, contact Regina).

Come and Invite a friend too if you wish! Please RSVP to Regina at [regina@weaversmc.org](mailto:regina@weaversmc.org) or by calling the church office.

**Calling ALL Bakers** -- Many cookies are needed for our Walk through Bethlehem December 12 and 13! You can drop them off at the church office during the week, or Saturday during the day.

**Our Bethlehem Walk-Thru (live nativity) is Sat. Dec. 12 and Sun. Dec. 13**

**from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.** Stroll on the streets of Bethlehem the day Jesus was born: meet the Wisemen, shepherds, animals, townspeople, craftsmen, Mary & Joseph, and baby Jesus in a manger! Finally, end your experience in the Bethlehem Cafe with a hot drink and cookies. Invite your friends and neighbors, and put up posters at your place of work. Contact Floyd Blosser or Roy Early if you can help as an actor.

**Featured College Age Students of the Week: Take a moment to contact and encourage** our young adults via an email, snail mail, or face book message. This week pray for and remember: **Rebekah Hertzler**, EMU

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**As we approach the end of our extended budget year**, we are looking at a sizeable deficit in our budgeted donations. We have received 92% of the Sunday morning budget offerings for the 16 month fiscal year (remember, we are moving to a calendar year so we tacked 4 months on to the current fiscal year). To be on track with 92% of our budgeted giving, we should have received \$472,159 to date. Instead, we've received \$433,012. That puts us at a deficit of \$39,147 through November 22. If we want to fully fund the missions agencies according to the budget we passed, we will need to work at reducing this deficit and making sure it doesn't grow even larger over the next five weeks. On a positive note, we should end the year with a bit of a surplus as far as operating expenses, so that will help some. Please keep Weavers in mind as you begin thinking about your year- end giving.

**In this week following Thanksgiving we are especially thankful for all those who loved us and assisted in so many ways in our move** from Redbud Lane to our new place at 1134 Royal Court, Harrisonburg, 22802. You helped us pack, move furniture, supplied vehicles, brought meals, prayed for and encouraged us. We thank God for our Weaver's family, and especially our small group. -- Clayton and Dorothy Shenk

**The junior high youth are going to do a White Elephant gift exchange on December 13th after church**, so parents & youth - mark your calendars. More details to come by email. Location will be at Steve and Jackie Yoder's place.

**Help with homemade pies for the Mercy House Dec. 17 Christmas dinner would be much appreciated.** If people are willing, we would like six pies delivered to Shady Oak or my house by 3pm that day. Thank you!  
- Jackie Yoder

## Other community events:

**Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir present Christmas Concert, Dec. 6, 4pm, Lehman Auditorium, EMU campus.**

**Gemeinschaft Home's Christmas Open House** is today from 2-4 pm. Come and enjoy Christmas music, refreshments and hospitality. Take a tour of the historic home and meet staff and our Board of Directors. At 2:30 there will be a short presentation on our programs and about the new Day Reporting Center. This event is open to all.

**Join Good Company on Sunday, December 6 at 7pm** at Park View Mennonite Church for *Songs of Good Cheer*, a festive concert of a cappella holiday music. Admission is by donation (\$10 suggested per person). For more information, please visit <http://goodcompanyacappella.com/>.

## **Shekinah and Cantore invite you to their fifth annual**

**Christmas Coffeehouse** at Park View Mennonite Church on Friday, Dec. 11 and Sat. Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. Live music and refreshments are provided and donations gratefully accepted. Proceeds benefit [Gemeinschaft](#), a therapeutic, transitional home for individuals recently released or diverted from incarceration.

**Immanuel Mennonite Church will be hosting a Longest Night service on Thursday December 17 at 7pm.** The service will include music, scripture, silence, and candle lighting. In this service we especially acknowledge the darkness of grief and loss in our lives that longs for the coming Light of Christ. The service is also sponsored by Harrisonburg Mennonite Church and Park View Mennonite Church.

## **MUSIC TO BLESS THE SEASON...**

Handel's beloved masterpiece, **Messiah**

Saturday, December 18, 7:00 pm; at Park View Mennonite Church  
Winchester Musica Viva (a chamber choir), soloists and professional orchestra and conductor Ken Nafziger (EMU faculty member and Shenandoah Valley Bach Festival conductor)  
tickets available only at the door – \$15; any students free with student ID

## **Laurelville Mennonite Church Center is looking for a full-time**

**Maintenance Director.** The Maintenance Director will extend Christ-like hospitality through providing oversight of the maintenance department personnel to accomplish the maintenance and development of all Laurelville buildings, grounds, vehicles, and . This position is open for applications until the position is filled. To apply, please contact [michael@laurelville.org](mailto:michael@laurelville.org)