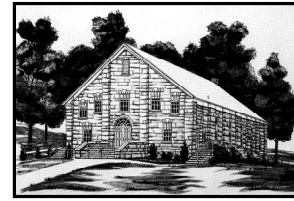


**Missionaries of the Month:** Raleigh and Opal (names changed) and their children are learning languages and building relationships in a sensitive region of northern Africa as part of a long-term vision to invite a people movement toward Jesus. They hope to partner with locals and other workers in agricultural development and to teach English. They ask us to pray for direction and balance in daily life, and for for comfort for our teammates and local friends who have recently lost those they love.

**VMMissions Note:** Pray for wisdom, direction, and vision for a VMMissions couple as they look to start a Bible Study in their South Asian neighborhood. Pray for discernment as they consider the format and leadership.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration  
Second Sunday in Advent, December 4, 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.*

*With pleasure we welcome all who have come to worship the Lord. May  
God's love be very real to all as we humbly present ourselves before our  
Creator.*



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**Prelude** (& Offertory)

c/o Wright Family

**Welcome & Announcements**

Regina Brubaker

**Worship in Song**

c/o Perry Blosser

**Children's Story**

Regina Brubaker

**Advent Candle Lighting**

c/o Jr. Youth

**Worship in Hymns**

Susie Shank

MH 112 "Hark, The Glad Sound"  
HWB 111 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

**First Fruits Giving**

**Sermon: "Bear Fruit Worthy of Repentance, for the Kingdom of  
Heaven Has Come Near"**

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12

Micah Hurst

**Song of Response**

HWB 395 "Here I am, Lord"

**Sharing & Prayer Time**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song** "Here I am, Lord"

*(Elder Jim Mumaw 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 – Rachael Sauder, Ada Zhang

## THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

**Monday, December 5**

7pm Pastoral Council

**Wednesday, December 7**

6:30 Jr. Youth

7pm Prayer Mtg. at Norman & Dorothy Kreiders, Garbers Church Rd.

8pm Sr. Youth

**Saturday, December 10**

6-7:30pm Walk-Thru Bethlehem

**Sunday, December 11**

Combined SS class with the Mansours as speakers. See announcement

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "Are You the One?" Matthew 11:2-11

Nursery Attendants: Donna Blosser, Joelle Blosser

6-7:30pm Walk-Thru Bethlehem

## Statistics for Sunday Service November 27, 2016

Worship Attendance - 147

Offering: Budget - \$5,146.00

## Upcoming

Dec. 10 & 11 - Outdoor Walk-Thru Bethlehem

Dec. 11 - Combined Sunday School with the Mansours

Dec. 15 - Ladies Christmas Fellowship - 6:15pm at Shady Oak

Dec. 21, 6:30pm - Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 25 - no Sunday School; service begins 10am

## Announcements

**Happy Birthday blessings this week to:** Silas Driver, Dorothy Shank, Shandra Deputy, Robyn Brunk, Josh King, Melody Driver, and Janet Blosser.

**Peace lamp prayer reminder: Pray for peace for enemies and refugees,** remembering that Jesus and his family were enemies of the rulers of their land and refugees/immigrants during the period we think about this time of year. —David Alleman, Weavers Peace and Justice Advocate

**Combined Sunday School Dec. 11: Bader and Rula Mansour, who have been worshipping with us for over a year now, will share with us on being a Palestinian Christian in Israel/Palestine,** and their ministry with the Association of Baptist Churches (ABC) in Israel.

**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.

**Invitation for all ladies ---** post high to 100! Come to a Ladies Christmas Fellowship in Shady Oak on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:16pm. Bring with you...a salad of any type, a copy of your favorite Christmas recipe, a friend if you wish, and money if you desire to make a craft (\$2-\$5).

**The Weavers Church Bethlehem Walk-Thru will be Sat. Dec. 10 and Sun. Dec. 11 from 6:00 PM until 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. **Calling ALL Weavers Bakers - Don't forget keep baking cookies! Hundreds are needed! Thank you.**

The **Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir**, under the direction of Janet Hostetter, will present "The Stars Point the Way" on Sunday, December 4, 4:00 p.m. at EMU's Lehman Auditorium. Tickets are available on-line at [emu.edu/box-office](http://emu.edu/box-office).

**All are invited to the Gemeinschaft Home Christmas Open House**, on Sunday, Dec. 4 between 1 and 3 pm to learn more about our work of assisting former prisoners re-entering their communities and how to help. An update on Gemeinschaft's programs, including the new Day Reporting Center, will be provided at 1:30 pm. Residents will conduct house tours, and light refreshments will be provided. The Gemeinschaft Home is a therapeutic community that helps prepare non-violent, non-sexual offenders for re-entry into their communities following incarceration. There is no charge for the open house, but contributions are welcomed from all.

**Celebrate Christmas at CrossRoads** (Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center) on Sat., Dec. 10, 3-7 p.m. with music and refreshments. Enjoy the Trissels Chime Choir, a children's Christmas sing, instrumentalists in our 19th century buildings, carolers along lantern-lit walkways, and a live Nativity candlelight walk through woods ending at a stable with carol singing. Hands-on family crafts will be featured from 3-5 p.m. including old-fashioned paper tree ornaments, popcorn balls and decorative chains. Come see Father Christmas and delight in tasty treats. Adults \$7, Students \$5, Children 5 and under free.

The community is invited to a **Christmas Lessons and Carols service** featuring music from the EMU vocal ensemble Emulate and scriptural readings from the EMU theater and campus ministries programs. Gather on the EMU campus in Lehman Auditorium from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 12.

**Eastern Mennonite School presents Handel's Messiah** on December 13 and December 15, both at 7:30 PM in the EMS Auditorium). Join us as as our Junior and Senior Choir chorus (120 student voices!) sing the Christmas portion and selections from the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah. They'll be accompanied by an orchestra of professional and student musicians, including harpsichord. FREE and open to the public.