

Missionaries of the Month: Brazilian mission workers serving in Lezhe, Albania, working under VMM partnership with the Brazilian Mennonite Church: Rafael, Solange, Paulo, and Sophia Tartari, Francis, Juliana, Samuel and Julia Marques, and Norma Teles and the Joshua Center.

- The church in Lezhe is growing and is in need of a larger meeting space. A facility has been found. Pray for finances to be able to purchase the building.
- VMMissions is exploring a "tranSend Albania" discipleship program that focus on Albanian believers. Pray that this program would encourage local leadership in the churches.
- Pray for the Marques as they finish language study, and that God would open the right doors for deeper involvement in church planting and discipleship.
- Pray for Norma Teles, director of the Joshua Center (pre-school for Roma children), as she relates to the families of these children, that they might learn more about Jesus.

A Look at VMMissions: Ask that God will open doors for the Horst family in Thailand to make the most of the New Year holiday period to spend quality time with developing friendships. Pray for good planning, flexibility, and energy.

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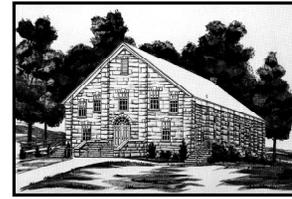
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Weavers Mennonite Church

Worship Celebration
Sunday, January 1, 2017

*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.*

Prelude (& Offertory)	c/o Wright Family
Welcome & Announcements	Kevin Byler
Worship in Song	c/o Rod Driver
Focusing	
Drama (a modern twist on the Magi)	Jake & Laura Wheeler, actors
Worship in Hymns	
First Fruits Giving	
Sermon: "The Future Has Arrived"	Phil Kanagy
Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12	
Hymn of Response	
Sharing & Prayer Time	
Benediction	
Closing Song	

*(Elder Barbara Byer 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

Wednesday, January 4

6:00 pm January Event meal, followed by input

Thursday, January 5

Noon Senior Lunch Out at Shady Oak

Sunday, January 8

Speaker, Dennis Kuhns, "To the Church of God..." Scripture: I Cor. 1:1-3

Nursery Attendants: Donna Blosser, Joelle Blosser

Statistics for Sunday Service December 25, 2016

Worship Attendance - 171

Offering: Budget - \$15,905

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Thelma Maust (today!), Joyce Burkholder, (today!), Mabelle Blosser, Jessica Hiter, Barb Martin, Sherry Showalter, and Ruth Mumaw.

You are invited to continue donating food for the Food Backpack Project.

Please limit food items to the list previously shared (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).

The **Annual Ypm New Year's Harmonia Sacra Singing** will be held tonight at Weavers. 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.

January Event 2017

Each Wednesday, 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.

The title of this January event is: *The Book that Breathes New Life: A Study of the Nature of Scripture and its Interpretation*. At the heart of this study is the conviction that the Bible is a living, breathing, life-giving, in-Spirit-ed document that gives life to its readers. It is not a static, dead, or unmoving text; it therefore warrants our approach with anticipation, openness, and yearning for the God it points to.

A brief synopsis of the sessions for each Wednesday evening in January are as follows:

Session 1—Wed. January 4: In what manner does God speak in the Bible? Or, how does the word of God come to us in the Bible? Be thinking about what has shaped your understanding of the Bible—its nature, purpose, and primary message.

Session 2—Wed. Jan. 11: Making Sense of the Bible; What can we expect of the Bible? It's a book that breathes new life, but it is also hard to understand at times. In this session we will look at some of the challenges and tensions within the Bible itself. In these tensions, however, we discover a richer and fuller texture of meaning that opens readers to creativity, imagination, surprise, and awe.

Session 3—Wed. Jan. 18: The Lens We See Through; these are the assumptions and presuppositions we bring to the Bible, consciously or unconsciously, and which influence the ways we interpret Scripture. This session highlights principles of Biblical interpretation (hermeneutics) that guide us as interpreters.

Session 4—Wed. Jan. 25: Invitation to Hope: Navigating Risk & Opportunity, Peril & Promise Diversity and differences offer both risks and opportunities; navigating them is never a completely rational process—that is, by reason only. They are also emotional processes. Seasons of ferment and tension can result in despair and a loss of hope, but ferment and tension also offer opportunities for learning and growth, for creativity and renewal. At the end of the day is the issue of faith and trust in God: can God be trusted to lead his people through tensions that diversity inevitably brings? Hope in God, or the lack thereof, is a profoundly spiritual matter. This session seeks to increase our capacity to trust God in difficult times, and to live into hope.