

**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.
- VM Missions 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 VM Missions:** In Harrisonburg, Va., college students, including Kendra Yoder, start spring semester classes tomorrow. Kendra's husband, Tyler, is in Florida for a conference this week. Pray for a good week for the Yoders and all students.

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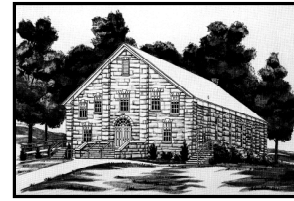
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# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration  
Sunday, January 8, 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.*

*We are delighted to welcome each person to engage in the worship of God.  
As God's children let us joyfully praise our heavenly Father.*

**Prelude (& Offertory)**

c/o Sarah Jackson

**Welcome & Announcements**

Regina Brubaker

**Worship in Song**

c/o Barry Koogler

**Focusing**

**Children's Church** (age 3 through 2nd grade invited downstairs)

**Worship in Hymns**

Julia Alleman

HWB 308 "I love Thy kingdom, Lord"  
HWB 416 "For Christ and the Church"

**First Fruits Giving**

**Reception of New Members:** Dennis & Edith Kuhns

**Sermon: "To the Church of God..."**

Dennis Kuhns

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:1-3

**Hymn of Response**

HWB 363 "Renew your church"

**Sharing & Prayer Time**

**Benediction & Closing Song** "Benediction"

*(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 – Donna Blosser, Joelle Blosser

## THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

**Tuesday, January 10**

6:30pm Administrative Council

**Wednesday, January 11**

6:00 pm January Event meal, followed by input

**Sunday, January 15**

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "Divine Commitment to Relational Realities"

Scripture: Hosea 2:16-20

Nursery Attendants: Barb Martin, Michelle Brunk

### Statistics for Sunday Service January 1, 2017

Worship Attendance -130

Offering: Budget - \$4,341

### Announcements

**Happy Birthday blessings this week to:** Janet Bollinger, and Brad Gunden.

**Please help yourself to any of the poinsettias** in the church today.

**Beginning Jan. 9: 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](http://perspectives.org) or contact Carol Tobin at 540-435-9887. (See Janet Blosser as Weavers offers a grant).

**Weavers Church would like to thank you for your contributions through the year.** Due to the two final offerings of the year being extremely generous, we were able to end the year with a budget surplus.

**January Event:** Each Wednesday, our meal in Shady Oak begins at 6:00pm.

Phil Kanagy will have our input time which starts at 6:50pm. There are separate activities for Kids & Jr. Youth for the input time.

**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.

Our Community Place: Join Us for a Night Out with Clementine Cafe! Monday, January 9 (5-7:30) see <http://ourcommunityplace.org/no/> for a menu and to make reservations.

Everyone is invited to a **Thai meal and update from the Schoenhals family** on what God is doing in Northeast Thailand. Enjoy food, music, dance, pictures and stories from Thailand, Friday, February 3, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Please RSVP to Loretta Hawkins at 540-433-2223 or [lzh7@comcast.net](mailto:lzh7@comcast.net) by January 27.

The **School for Leadership Training**, January 16-18, 2017 at Eastern Mennonite Seminary will explore why it's so hard to get along with those who aren't like us as we learn more about how we can live into Jesus' teaching to love our neighbor. Learn more and register at [www.emu.edu/slt](http://www.emu.edu/slt).

**Virginia Mennonite Conference Winter Delegate Session** will be February 4 at Waynesboro Mennonite Church from 8:00 - 3:00. The church is located at 1801 Monroe St, Waynesboro, VA.

**Virginia Mennonite Conference Ministers Retreat** will be February 24-26, 2017 at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, Williamsburg, Va. Presenters Sheryl Shenk and Ted Swartz will do dramatic interpretation of scriptures, with the theme "Life is a Pilgrimage."

**Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center is very pleased to announce that Greg Yoder has been named Executive Director** and began his tenure on January 1, 2017. Greg is probably best known as a member of the Walking Roots Band--singer, player of many instruments, composer, and even rapper. He will be not quite full time at VBMHC while he finishes this semester teaching music at Redeemer Classical School in Keezletown, VA. Prior to this he taught five years in the Rockingham County Public Schools where in 2014 he was named Teacher of the Year at Peak View Elementary School. He also operated a farm and CSA for the past two years. Greg graduated from Goshen College with a degree in Music and Education. Greg is a creative, visionary high-energy person who brings not only many of the skills we are looking for in a director but in his own words has a passion for "connecting contemporary followers of Jesus with their spiritual forbears to deepen and enrich their faith." In making music, he has had opportunities to connect with people of many different ages and backgrounds, experience he wants to expand upon at VBMHC. These opportunities have included relating to Mennonites and Brethren, as well as other Christian denominations. Greg, his wife Kristina and their young son attend Community Mennonite Church.