

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

- Rafael and Dini Shahini are attending the annual conference for pastors in Albania. Pray that they would develop good relationships and be encouraged in this country that once proclaimed itself atheistic.
- Rafael's son Paulo (5 years old) had surgery last week to remove his adenoids and fluid in his ears. Pray for complete healing that he would be able to hear and speak clearly as he relates with his classmates and teachers in school.
- Pray for Norma as she leads a girls Bible Study each week for 30+ girls along with her day-care responsibilities as director. Some cannot read, and others have difficulty understanding the language. Pray for spiritual eyes for them as they open their hearts to know Jesus.

**A Look at VM Missions:** Pray that God will lead potential students to Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. Ask that the administration will be guided to these potential students who will benefit from being there.

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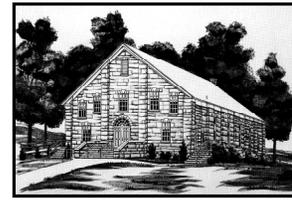
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# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration**  
**Sunday, January 22, 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.*

*The author of Psalm 77 wrote: "You are the God who works wonders" (v. 14, nrsv). As benefactors of the wonder-working God, let us eagerly worship the Lord. Welcome friends!*

**Prelude** (& Offertory)

c/o Wright Family

**Welcome & Announcements**

Barbara Byer

**Worship in Song**

c/o Larry Sauder

**Focusing**

**Children's Church** (age 3 through Kindergarden invited downstairs)

**Worship in Hymns**

Kevin Byler

HWB 1, "What is this place"

HWB 311, "The church's one foundation"

**First Fruits Giving**

**Sermon: "Trusting Jesus When He Says, "I Will Build My Church"**

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-19

Micah Hurst

**Hymn of Response**

HWB 416, "For Christ and the church"

**Sharing & Prayer Time**

**Benediction**

**Closing Song** HWB 421, vs. 1 "Bless'd be the tie that binds"

*(Pastor Regina Brubaker 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 – Laura Wheeler, Lauren Rhodes

## THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

**Wednesday, January 25**

6:00 pm January Event meal, followed by input

**Sunday, January 29**

Speaker, Mark Schoenhals, "Walking on Water "

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

Nursery Attendants: Phyllis Early, Anna Layton

### Statistics for Sunday Service January 15, 2017

Worship Attendance - 152

Offering: Budget - \$4,738; Missions - \$200

### Announcements

**Janet Bollinger would like to thank all** who sent her cards for her 95th birthday!

**Happy Birthday blessings this week to:** Lauren Estes (turns 15 today!), Russell Mumaw, Isaac Driver, Dylan Slabach Brubaker (turns 18 yrs), Margaret Lehman, and Dennis Kuhns.

**Mark & Sarah Schoenhals will be sharing with us next Sunday about their ministry in Thailand.** We will have a combined Sunday School class in Shady Oak.

**Weavers Church has received additional letters expressing thanks for our contributions,** these from Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Disaster Service, and Highland Retreat..

**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 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.

**A reminder for our 5th Sunday Noon Fellowship Meal, Jan. 29 -- It would be appreciated if each family bring a main dish (consider using a crock-pot) and either a salad, dessert or bread.** Please bring enough food for your family and guests too. Be sure to label all of your dishes/lids.

**We encourage all members and regular attendees to participate in the annual congregational meeting** following the fellowship meal on Jan. 29. A draft of the proposed 2017 budget and a report from 2016 were placed in your church mailboxes last week. Let's chart Weavers' course for the coming year, with anticipated growth and positive involvement to spread God's Word!  
- Administrative Council

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 [lh7@comcast.net](mailto:lh7@comcast.net) by January 27.

**Save the date: Join Highland Retreat for our annual Benefit Auction on Saturday, February 18,** at Eastern Mennonite High School. The Auction is designed to subsidize camp tuition for all camper families and provide scholarships for families with greater need. See [www.highlandretreat.org](http://www.highlandretreat.org) for more information. Contact [info@highlandretreat.org](mailto:info@highlandretreat.org) if you have a new item, service, collectible, or baked good you would like to contribute.

The **Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center (VBMHC)** invites you to the Annual Meeting at 6 PM on February 3, 2017 at Park View Mennonite Church. The Annual Meeting is a celebration of the work done at VBMHC in 2016 and an invitation to support and join in the work of carrying out the mission and vision of the center in 2017 and beyond. The guest speaker for the evening, Dr. Dale Stoffer, Professor of Historical Theology at Ashland Theological Seminary (Ohio), is described as a walking encyclopedia of church history. Guests at the annual meeting are invited to enjoy the complimentary (and compliment-worthy!) meal prepared by Marjorie Rohrer Shank free of charge. Please RSVP by January 27 to reserve your seat. To RSVP, call 540-438-1275, email [info@vbmhc.org](mailto:info@vbmhc.org), and please be sure to indicate how many will be in your party.

Are you interested in learning more about conflict transformation, facilitation and gaining peace-building tools for working and organizing in the community? The Center for Justice and Peacebuilding invites you to attend **SPI Community Day** on February 17, 2017. Cost is \$50 and includes a full day of presentations, workshops and lunch. For more details and registration visit <http://www.emu.edu/cjp/spi/spicommunityday/>.

MCC's canning team will visit the Hinton, VA site Feb. 27-Mar. 3 working with volunteers to prepare cans of meat that will be sent around the world. Visit [mcc.org/canning](http://mcc.org/canning) to read inspiring stories.