

Missionaries of the Month: Shawn & Laura Green, Lucas, Emmanuel and Matteo in Termoli, Italy. Pray for our community group. Specifically, continued growth for Francesco, for Giuseppe to make a decision on baptism, and for clarity in understanding the gospel for Antonio and for Simona - seekers attending our weekly Bible study. Also for Shawn as he prepares and leads us through the book of John. Pray for our neighbors, Antonio & Rosalba, Carmello & Simona and their children, Judy and her family, that we can continue to connect with them and also be able to use our garden as an outreach this coming spring and summer.

A Look at VMissions: Lift up Dave and Rebekka Stutzman and their ministry in Mannheim, Germany. Pray that they will find other people who feel the call to participate in their church planting team.



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration
Sunday, February 12, 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.*

A hearty greeting and welcome to all. It is a privilege to worship God. We are glad for this time of togetherness before the Lord. Praise the Lord!



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Prelude (& Offertory)

c/o Sandy Byler

Welcome & Announcements

Jim Mumaw

Praise & Worship

c/o Barry Koogler

Focusing

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

Worship in Hymns

Julia Alleman

Hymnal Worship Book 651, "*I owe the Lord a morning song*"
Hymnal Worship Book 36, "*God of our strength*"

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "A Test of Spectacularism"

Phil Kanagy

Scripture: Matthew 4:5-7

Hymn of Response

Hymnal Worship Book 514., "*Lord, I am fondly, earnestly*"

Moment in Mission

Janet Blosser

Sharing & Prayer Time

Benediction & Closing Song "*Benediction*"

(Pastor Micah Hurst 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

Wednesday, February 15

6:30pm Kids Club

6:30pm Jr. Youth at the Lighthouse

7pm Prayer Mtg. at Eugene & Aldeen Wengers, 1310 Shank Drive, Park View

Sr. Youth to hear speaker Todd Wynwood. Meet at the church at 6:45pm

Sunday, February 19

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "A Test of Allegiance" Scripture: Matt. 4:8-11

Nursery Attendants: Barb Martin, Michelle Brunk

Statistics for Sunday Service February 5, 2017

Worship Attendance - 159

Offering: Budget - \$7,714.21

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Jair Hurst (turns 8 today!), Marjorie Witmer, Barbara Zimmerman, and Sandi Good.

You are invited! Friday, February 17, Mark and Sarah Schoenhals will be sharing stories of God's work in Northeast Thailand, on the upper level of Eastern Mennonite Seminary (1181 Smith Ave, Harrisonburg, 22802).

6:30-7:00 - Thai coconut ice cream, looking at photos and videos, and informal visiting. 7:00-8:15 - Sharing from Mark and Sarah, followed by time for responding to questions. If you can attend, please RSVP by Wednesday, February 15 to mark.sarah.schoenhals@gmail.com, or by phone: Mark: [540-246-9427](tel:540-246-9427); Sarah: [540-246-3469](tel:540-246-3469)

Come to Eastern Mennonite School to hear British vocal ensemble

VOCES8 while supporting the EMS choral program on Monday, February 13, at 7:30 p.m. Their concert will follow a full day of workshops with the EMS choirs and an all-school assembly. VOCES8 is one of the world's most versatile and best-loved singing groups, touring extensively through Europe, Asia, and North America. Their repertoire ranges from Renaissance polyphony to contemporary commissions and arrangements. Advance tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for students and seniors, or \$20 for all tickets at the door. Call [540-236-6000](tel:540-236-6000) or email stutzmanj@emhs to reserve tickets or for more details.

Thank you so much to the congregation and many individuals who have been supporting us financially, through prayer and encouragement during our service in Thailand. Many individuals, as well as the congregation as a whole, have recently recommitted support, for which we are grateful! Currently about 47% of the funds for our next term have been raised/pledged. We appreciate your prayers for the ongoing fund raising process, and for our sabbatical, which begins February 20. - Mark and Sarah Schoenhals

Annual Meat Canning (Mennonite Central Committee) is scheduled for February 27-March 3, 2017 at the Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, Hinton, Va. **Virginia Mennonite Conference is responsible to help provide help on Tuesday, February 28.** Help is needed from 5 AM until 11 PM each day. Friday, March 3 is scheduled as a community day and help is especially needed in the early morning. Anyone is welcome to come and help on any day! Funds are needed to purchase turkey for processing and for the ongoing operation of the Relief Center. If you would like to contribute to this project you can send a donation to the: Hinton Mennonite Relief Center, PO Box 519, Dayton, VA 22821. If you have any questions about this project you can contact Leon Rhodes at (540) 820-5443 or Gerald Knicely at (540) 478-4203. Thanks for your participation in this effort to feed the less fortunate in the world. See flyer on the foyer bulletin board.

Are you looking for an adventure and a chance to serve others this summer? The Outreach Committee would like to sponsor a Weavers work team through the MCC SWAP program to Kentucky for 1 week in July or August. Our team will join with others to complete renovations and home maintenance for low-income families in Appalachia. Group meetings will encourage you to reflect on your experiences and the interplay of power/poverty and faith/action. Dates are somewhat flexible depending on the availability of those interested. Persons of college age or older are invited. Weaver's can fund half of the \$325 per person cost for the week. Learn more at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/swap>. If you would be interested in joining the team contact Anita Warner by March 1 at thymenough@gmail.com or 810.6759.

Join **Highland Retreat** for their 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 for more information. Contact info@highlandretreat.org if you have a new item, service, collectible, or baked good you would like to contribute.

Virginia Mennonite Missions is looking for volunteers to sit at the receptionist desk in the lobby to greet visitors, answer phones, and assist with other projects such as preparing mailings. If interested, please contact Melanie Sherer at 540-434-9727 or melanie.sherer@vmmissions.org.

Weavers Special Offering Feb. 26, 2017: Our current budget excludes the agencies that in the past have been part of our Non-Operating budget. Instead, **we have 5- 6 special offerings for contributions to the agencies we have supported in the past.**

Offering envelopes will be available for those who wish to give different amounts to the agencies than the default percentages suggest. (The default percentages are shown on the envelopes.) The envelopes are available in the basket on the foyer credenza. **Our special offerings will be received on the last Sunday of each even month** (Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and lastly, Dec. (as long as Operating Budget has been met.)

Weavers Missions (10%)
Virginia Mennonite Missions (30%)
VA Conference Ministries (5.6%)
Eastern Menn. High School (5.4%)
Family Life Resource Center (1%)
Highland Retreat (1%)
Pleasant View Home (2.2%)
VA Menn. Disaster Service (1%)
VA Menn. Retirement Comm (3.8%)

Central District (15%)
Mennonite Missions Network (10%)
MCUSA Exec. Leadership Board (2.85%)
MCC - Canning (2.7%)
Mennonite Education Agency (2.55%)
Mennonite Publishing Network (0.6%)
Minority Groups (0.45%)
Eastern Mennonite Seminary (1.8%)
Eastern Mennonite University (4.05%)

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center is hosting fundraising banquets at Huntington Mennonite Church in Newport News on Saturday, March 18, and at Eastern Mennonite School in Harrisonburg on Saturday, April 1, from 5:30 to 8pm. Enjoy music, an update on the ministry of WCRC, and the chance to win a handmade quilt stitched by "Peace by Piece" sewing group of Williamsburg Mennonite Church using donated fabric. Dinner is by donation and there will be opportunities to give to WCRC. RSVP to director@wrcr.info or by calling 757-566-2256

Join the exciting, new *a cappella* competition "The Shenandoah Valley Sing Off!" on Saturday, April 8, 2017, 7 pm, Harrisonburg High School. This will be a fun, family friendly event attracting *a cappella* groups from all across the state. 1st place-\$750 cash prize, 2nd place-\$500 cash prize, Audience Favorite-\$250 cash prize. Application deadline: February 19. For more information, visit singoff.org

Gift and Thrift, Inc. is looking for volunteers. Many volunteer opportunities are available including donation receiving, electronic and furniture cleaning and repair, pricing and tagging of household items, sorting, hanging and tagging clothing, sorting and scanning books for retail and online sales, customer services and more. Individuals or groups with any level of time commitment (3-4 hours daily, once a week, monthly, etc.) are welcome. To volunteer, or for more information contact Gift and Thrift at 540 433-8844 or email volunteer.here.first@gmail.com



Food Backpack Project

Weavers continues in 2017 with Mt. View Elementary to send a backpack of single-serving, easy to prepare foods home on Fridays with children from food-insecure families. It's a way of helping students who rely on the school breakfast and lunch programs to have enough to eat over the weekend. The Weaver's Outreach committee organizes our contributions to provide food for the backpacks every other month during the school year.

Please limit your contributions to these remaining items needed:

We will be packing 9 Back Packs per week during the Months of March and May. We need the following items:

- Applesauce
- Beanie Weanees
- Canned Corn
- Canned Green Beans
- Cereal Cup
- Chef Boyardee Can
- Chicken noodle soup
- Easy Mac
- Fruit Cup
- Instant Oatmeal
- Jello Cup
- Juice Box
- Microwave popcorn
- Peanut butter
- Snack pack of pretzels or crackers
- Pudding cup - vanilla
- Ramen noodles
- Saltine crackers
- Spaghettios
- Vienna sausages
- Yogurt raisins - small boxes

Thanks for your support of this effort to meet a need in our church community.