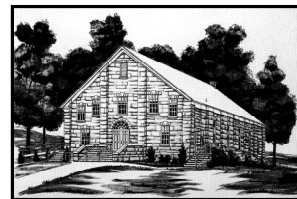


**Missionaries of the Month: Raleigh and Opal,\* with their three young children**, serving with VMM in a sensitive location in northern Africa since 2015. Raleigh and Opal\* are actively involved in learning 1 or 2 new languages and are excited to sense that they are improving in their ability to hold meaningful conversations. They rejoice that they have had amazing, deep discussions about culture and spirituality with their teachers. These conversations have been life-giving and hopeful. Pray that God will aide their fluency to share his truth. \*names changed due to security

**A Look at VM Missions** Ask for safe travels for Elsa Miller as she leaves Israel tomorrow, and for Mitch, Lauren, and Ezra Yoder as they leave Nicaragua on Wednesday. Pray for peace as they leave many friends behind. Ask for smooth transitions back to life in the U.S.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration**  
**Sunday, December 10, 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 warm welcome to our visitors on this second Sunday of Advent. In this holy season we remember that God keeps his promises. Rejoice with us in the covenant of God's love. And so stay awhile after worship so that we may meet you.*



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### Prelude & Offertory

c/o Wright Family

### Welcome & Announcements

Kevin Byler

### Advent Candle Lighting

### Worship in Song

c/o Jeremy Warner & Barry Koogler

### Focusing/Children's Story

Isaac Driver

### Worship in Hymns

Rodney Driver

MH 125 "To Us a Child of Hope is Born"  
MH 121 "Comfort, Comfort Ye My People"

### First Fruits Giving

### Sermon: "The Lord Comes with Might"

Phil Kanagy

Scriptures: Isaiah 40:1-11

### Hymn of Response

MH 128, "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

### Sharing & Prayer

### Benediction & Closing Song "O little town of Bethlehem"

*(Elder Barb 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 – Donna Blosser, Joelle Blosser

**Our Bethlehem Walk-Through will be held again tonight, 6-7:30pm.**

## THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

**Tuesday, December 12**

6:30pm Administrative Council

**Wednesday, December 13**

Sewing Day

Youth - TBA

7pm Prayer meeting

**Friday, December 15**

6:30pm Meet at the church to go Christmas Caroling. All welcome!

**Sunday, December 17**

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "God Has Done Great Things"

Scripture: Luke 1:46b-55

Nursery Attendants: Worship – Barb Martin, Shawna Hurst

### Statistics for Sunday Service December 3, 2017

Worship Attendance - 155

Offering: Budget - \$11,026.61; Building Project - \$250

### Upcoming Events

January Event - Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31 -- see bulletin insert

### Announcements

**Happy Birthday blessings this week to:** Janet Blosser (today!), Laura Wheeler, Barbara Showalter, Rod Burkholder, Glendon Blosser, Shirley Knight, and Danny Knight.

**Needed: a congregational rep to serve on the Relief Sale Board, replacing Rod Driver.** Responsibilities include attending board meetings (usually six per year), keeping the congregation abreast of RS activities, assist the RS committees in recruiting volunteers and sale items from the congregation. serves on RS committees if requested, performs other duties as requested by RS. Rodney's term ends in less than 300 days, so please talk to him or Janet Blosser with questions you may have.

**Friday Dec. 15th Christmas Caroling: All are invited! Meet at the church at 6:30pm.** Hopefully we have enough to split into two or three groups to do caroling at VMRC and a number of homes.

**Dec. 24: Our Worship Service will start at 10am. Sunday School will not be held that morning.**

**Please remember Weavers Church in your year-end giving.** As of Oct. 31, our budget shortfall was \$13,096.02. We will update these numbers next week following the Administrative Council meeting, and the financial report of where expenses are coming in at. We hope to have the last offering of December as a Special Missions Offering.

**Gift & Thrift is now open with their new look and new space! We are in need of many volunteers** to help with different jobs. Please come in and ask for an application to cashier, sort or shelve items, etc. Hope to see you there! - Glenna Hertzler, Volunteer and Congregational Rep to G&T Board

**Our next school backpack food for distribution begins in January.** We welcome donations of food coming in the next weeks to replenish the food closet. All items on the previously distributed list *EXCEPT corn, green beans, hot choc mix.* Additional lists are located on the foyer bench.

**Eastern Mennonite University invites you to Christmas Lessons and Carols, December 11 at 7 p.m. in Lehman Auditorium.** This classic service features Christian scriptures, university choirs, congregational singing and the premier of a choral piece from composer, Gwyneth Walker. A free-will offering for the EMU compassion fund will be received.

**EMU's Centennial History by Donald Kraybill, Eastern Mennonite University: A Century of Countercultural Education, is available** through EMU at a special cost of \$19.99. Makes a great Christmas gift for someone on your list! [emu.edu/book](http://emu.edu/book)

**Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus 2018:** Interested men are invited to join the chorus for Sunday afternoon practices (2:30 - 4:00 p.m.) beginning on January 7 and continuing through February. Jared Stutzman is the chorus director. A public concert is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 25 in the EMS auditorium followed by a VMRC concert in Detwiler Auditorium, beginning at 7 p.m. that day. The concerts are free and offerings will be collected for VM Missions' workers, Jacob and Hosanna who are serving in South Asia. For more information, contact Roman Miller at [romanjaymiller@gmail.com](mailto:romanjaymiller@gmail.com)