

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's children attend a local North African preschool, which is both exciting and challenging. Praise God for teachers who care deeply about these "foreign" students. The elder daughter is picking up French and feeling more confident with her 'schoolwork' and with her classmates and teachers. A good friend from the States who attends school with her will be leaving this month, so pray that she will adapt well through this transition. *names changed due to security

A Look at VMissions Francisco and Juanita Machado are enrolled at a university in Spain. Ask for opportunities to share the gospel with their classmates. Pray that they will be able to share about the joy of life with Jesus during this Christmas season.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Worship Celebration
Sunday, December 17, 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 third 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 Sandy Byler

Welcome & Announcements

Micah Hurst

Advent Candle Lighting

Worship in Scripture and Song

c/o Marvin Slabaugh

Focusing/Children's Story

Isaac Driver

Worship in Hymns

Marvin Slabaugh

MH 135 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"
MH 128 "Angels From the Realms of Glory"

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "God Has Done Great Things"

Phil Kanagy

Scriptures: Luke 1:46b-55

Hymn of Response

HWB 212, "O come, all ye faithful"

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction & Closing Song

(Elder Jackie Yoder 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 – Barb Martin, Shawna Hurst

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Wednesday, December 20

7:45pm Senior High Youth meet at church for Christmas party at Felicity's

7pm Prayer meeting

Sunday, December 24

10AM Worship Service

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "Here I am, the Servant of the Lord"

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Nursery Attendants: Worship – Emily Eby, Lauren Rhodes

Statistics for Sunday Service December 10, 2017

Worship Attendance - 150

Offering: Budget - \$6,969

Upcoming Events

January Event - Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Earl Schrock (today!), Ed Lehman, and Rachael Brenneman.

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.

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. We are on budget as of this past Sunday, Dec. A total of \$13,072.29 is needed to meet budget giving through Dec. 24th. If met by the 24th the last offering of the year will be a Special Offering (missions/agencies).

Outreach Committee is planning a week of service with MCC's SWAP program in Kimball, WV (where Peg and Lee Martin are directors) for July 9 -14, 2018. If you have interest in being a part of this week, please contact Janine Kanagy before January 31. Come, be a part of a meaningful week of building relationships through fellowship and service!

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 to replenish our food closet. All items on the previously distributed list *EXCEPT corn, green beans, hot choc mix.* *Additional lists are located on the foyer bench.*

Mara Christian Church of Charlotte is a vibrant congregation desiring their own church facility. JoinHands, a ministry of Mennonite Men of Mennonite Church USA, would like to bless them with a \$40,000 building grant. Your help is needed. Send your gift to Join Hands, 718 N. Main St, Newton, KS 67114 and designate it for the Mara Project. (see the bulletin board for more information on the Mara Christian Church congregation.)

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

A Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity seminar will be taking place February 23-24, 2018 at Grace Mennonite Fellowship. Begins around 1:00pm on Friday 2/23 and ends by 4:00pm on Saturday 2/24. The two day training typically costs \$400, but will be subsidized by Lilly grants offered through Everence, so that the cost is only \$50 per congregation with 3-4 participants. This includes a training manual, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and snacks. **To register or receive more information** contact Teresa Boshart Yoder at teresa.boshartyoder@everence.com