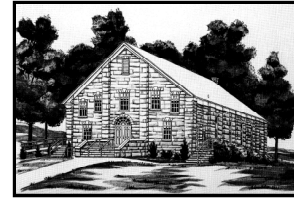


Missionaries of the Month: Raleigh and Opal,* with their three young children, serving with VMM in a sensitive location in northern Africa since 2015. As we each enjoy time with family and engaging in treasured community traditions over the Christmas season, pray that God's grace will sustain families like Raleigh and Opal who are far from loved ones in a place where open celebration of Jesus' birth could be detrimental or dangerous. Immanuel came to earth that all might know him. Thank God for those who have answered God's call to humble themselves that others might see Christ's love lived out. *names changed due to security



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration
Sunday, December 24, 2017**

A Look at VM Missions Pray for inmates at the Rockingham/Harrisonburg Regional Jail who will be missing their families during the Christmas season. Pray for Jason Wagner as he goes into the jail and ministers to them.

*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.*

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We joyfully greet our members and their loved ones and all our visitors on this Christmas Eve day. We remember together, with awe and gratitude how God shone his light into our darkness on that first Christmas. May we share with others the light that shines from the face of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Prelude & Offertory

c/o Stephanie Layman

Welcome & Announcements

Myron Brubaker

Congregational Song HWB 212 "O Come All Ye Faithful"

Dennis Kuhns

Skit & Advent Candle Lighting

c/o Children & Jr. Youth

"A Surprise In the Stable" by David Morrow

Solo: O Holy Night

Dennis Kuhns

Praise and Worship

c/o Larry Sauder

Focusing/Children's Story

Isaac Driver

Worship in Hymns

Dennis Kuhns

HWB 210 "Good Christian Friends, rejoice"
HWB 215 "What Child is this"

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "Here I am, the Servant of the Lord"

Phil Kanagy

Scriptures: Luke 1:26-38

Hymn of Response HWB 318 "Joy to the world"

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction & Closing Song vs 1 "Joy to the world"

(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 – Emily Eby, Lauren Rhodes

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Wednesday, December 27

7pm Prayer meeting

Sunday, December 31

Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "My Eyes Have Seen Your Salvation"

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Nursery Attendants: Worship – Dianna Lehman, Anna Layton

Statistics for Sunday Service December 17, 2017

Worship Attendance - 132

Offering: Budget - \$9,878; Building Fund - \$250

Upcoming Events

January Event - Jan. 10, 17, 24, & 31 (6pm supper; 6:50pm input)

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Jeffrey Smoker (today!), Jake Wheeler (Christmas Day!), Kendall Knicely (turns 7 yrs), Floyd Blosser, Jeff Rhodes, and Kristin Eby.

Thank you for your generosity of tithes. We are on target with our church budget offerings. Our last offering of the year (Dec. 31st) will be a Special Offering (missions/agencies).

The **church office** will be **closed Dec. 25-26 for Christmas, and January 1 for New Year's Day.** May each one of you receive blessings of faith, joy and peace as we continue to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Congratulations to Alyssa Eby who finished up her studies at Bluffton University with a Writing major and Marketing minor.

The **Annual Harmonia Sacra Singing** will be held at Weavers on **New Year's Day at 7 p.m.** This is 4-part, unaccompanied singing of Harmonia Sacra hymns and is a community event. Bring your songbook if you have one. There will be a few loaner books available also.

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.

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.)

January Event 2018

Each Wednesday, we will have our meal in Shady Oak at 6; input time starts at 6:50pm. There are separate activities for Kids and Jr. High for the input.

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 VMMissions' workers, Jacob and Hosanna who are serving in South Asia. For more information, contact Roman Miller at romanjaymiller@gmail.com