

Missionaries of the Month - David & Rebekkah, Immanuel, Liana, and Nathaniel in Mannheim, Germany. Praise for God's working in relationships. We had a fruitful Christmas season with many opportunities to connect with neighbors and build community around holiday traditions. We are grateful in how we have been able to develop trust and meaningful relationships with so many from our neighborhood. Please pray for continued growth in these relationships and that we may experience God's working.

A Look at VMSSIONS: Lezha Academic Center in Albania has received national recognition by the government for its block scheduling, meaning that it is in a strategic place to impact Albania. Pray for wisdom as new opportunities open in the months ahead.



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Worship Celebration
Sunday, March 4, 2018**

*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.*

Welcome to all who join us for worship today. We pray that God will bless you with a stronger faith through our worship service. Greet one another before and after the service - especially our visitors.



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Prelude & Offertory

c/o Stephanie Layman

Welcome & Announcements

Jackie Yoder

Praise and Worship

c/o Sara Byler

Focusing

Worship in Hymns

HWB 540, "Strong righteous man of Galilee"
HWB 548, "Teach me thy truth"

Julia Alleman

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "Raising a (Holy) Ruckus "

Scriptures: John 2:13-22

Phil Kanagy

Hymn of Response

MH 229, "Jesus calls us"

Sharing & Prayer

Benediction & Closing Song "Benediction"

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 – Stephanie Slabach Brubaker, Ada Zhang

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Wednesday, March 7

6:30pm Kids Clubs

6:30pm Jr. Youth

7:00 Prayer meeting

8pm Sr. Youth

Sunday, March 11

Speaker Phil Kanagy, "The Pole of Life"

Scripture: Numbers 21:4-9

Nursery Attendants: Worship – Donna Blosser, Joelle Blosser

Statistics for Sunday Service February 25, 2018

Worship Attendance - 123

Offering: Special Offerings & other designations - \$5,793; Budget - \$600

Upcoming

March 18 - Bel Canto choir from Hesston, KS; noon fellowship meal

Thursday, March 29 - Maundy Thursday supper and service

April 1 - Easter - Breakfast 8:30am, Worship 10am

April 8 - choir from Shalom Christian Academy; noon fellowship meal

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Walter Haddad (today!), Bryce Baughman, Jane Burkhholder, Allison Rhodes (turns 12 yrs.), and Farrah Koogler.

Bel Canto choir from Hesston, including our own Luke Hertzler, Dylan Slabach Brubaker, & Noah Yoder, will give a program during the service on Sunday, March 18. We will help to provide a couple additional host homes for overnight lodging Sat & Sunday. Please contact Lisa Hertzler (421-1429) or Jackie Yoder (421-5448) if you can help in this way.

We will also have a noon fellowship meal following the service. 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 our guests too. **Be sure to label all of your dishes and lids.**

Needed for the food school backpack program: juice boxes (100% juice), individual cereal servings, beanie weanies, saltine crackers in sleeves, applesauce cups, jello cups, raisins, yogurt raisins, spaghettios, chicken noodle soup cans, and vienna sausages.

This past fall, under the direction of the Sam's Club small group, Weavers congregation prepared an amazing 600 school kits for MCC distribution! We plan to continue that tradition again in September 2018. During Lent the Outreach Committee would like to use the same project model to prepare MCC relief kits, with a goal of making 20 this first year. The family-size kits include towels, soap, toothbrushes, laundry soap and nail clipper. They are very valuable in refugee and disaster situations and there has been such need recently that MCC kit supplies are urgently low. Cost per kit is estimated around \$35. For convenience and to stretch our dollars you are invited to make monetary donations by cash or check through Weavers during the month of March (earmark "relief kits") and the committee will purchase the materials in bulk. We'd love to have some volunteers to help with picking up purchases and bagging kits; talk to Therese Leigh or Anita Warner for more information.

Join us at the CrossRoads Heritage Center campus for a Lenten Hymn Sing featuring songs of discipleship. In the Lenten season, we will reflect on what it means to follow Jesus, what it meant to our spiritual ancestors, and what it will mean to future generations. Sunday, March 4, 7 PM at the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center (1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg, VA 22801).

Beldor Mennonite Church will host a bluegrass gospel concert on Sun, Mar. 4 at 6 PM, with the New Grass Associates featuring Clifford Shifflett. A light snack will follow.

The 2018 Choral Presentation of Weekday Religious Education will be on Saturday, March 10, 4pm at EMU Commons. All are welcome! A free-will offering will be received.

Eastern Mennonite High School Senior Class presents the play "Excellent Trouble" by Ted Swartz and Ingrid DeSanctis March 9 & 10 at 7:30PM in the EMS Auditorium, 801 Parkwood Drive. "Excellent Trouble" explores the relationships of your favorite biblical characters who find themselves in trouble of an excellent nature.....A mix of drama and comedy. Excellent Trouble hopes you find yourself in these characters of Biblical proportions....Tickets available at the door: \$7 adults; \$5 students/senior citizens.

Come help make urgently needed comforters for Mennonite Central Committee. MCC needs 1,760 by the end of March to fill their partner requests. A community knotting bee will be held March 12 & 13, 9-2 p.m. at Shady Oak, Weavers Mennonite Church. Snacks and drinks provided; bring a sack lunch. Everyone is welcome

Ted and Company will take the stage in a fundraiser on Saturday, March 17, at 7:00 pm for the Gemeinschaft Home, a non-profit serving non-violent offenders who have been released from prison or diverted from incarceration (see <http://www.gemeinschafthome.org/>). The program will be hosted by Divine Unity Community Church, at 1680 Country Club Rd, Harrisonburg, VA. In their performance, "The Jesus Stories," Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught offer a fresh look at the Gospel stories, tapping humor, storytelling and song to talk about issues of faith and social justice. "These issues are deeply connected to the mission and vision of Gemeinschaft Home," note Gemeinschaft Executive Director Sharon Ringgold and Fundraising and Public Relations Chair Elisabeth C. Gumnior. Ted and Company is the successor to Ted and Lee, a popular former duo comprised of Ted Swartz and the late Lee Eshleman. (See www.tedandcompany.com). The Gemeinschaft Home, located near northwest Harrisonburg, has been in operation since 1985. The public is invited, with a \$15 donation suggested.

.Come enjoy performances by three local "mostly Mennonite, mostly a cappella" singing groups: Cantore, Shekinah and Good Company on Friday, March 9 at 7:30 pm in the Park View Mennonite Church Sanctuary. There is no charge for admission but an offering will be collected to support the development of a new Mennonite hymnal. For more information contact Steve Carpenter at SteveC@MennoMedia.org

NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center Invites you to attend the 12th Annual Taste of the World 2018, Saturday, March 17th, held at EMHS. It will be an evening of food and music from around the world, with special emphasis on the Caribbean. Saturday. Please be aware that prices are higher online due to processing fee. If you would like to pay by check, please make it out to "NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center," and mail it to our office location: 64 W. Water Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Doors open at 5:30 pm for silent auction bidding. Dinner begins at 6:00 pm
**Note: there will be no door sales -- payment ahead of time required.
RSVP by March 7th by purchasing digital tickets at <http://squareup.com/store/newbridgesIRC>

Join **Crossroads Heritage Center** at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, Thurs, March 22, at 7 PM for **"This Evil Thing": a World War I Conscientious Objector play** and one-man tour de force. A compelling, inspiring and rarely-told story of the men who said no to war; and the men and women who supported them. The event is free and open to the public.