December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 *am* - Rebekah S. is worship leading. Our singing will be led by Kim M.. Advent readers/Candle lighting: Brent and Kirsten E., F. family. Pastor David is preaching: God Visits Luke 1:67-79

Nursery This Sunday - Jenny M. & Susan R. **Nursery Next Sunday** - Tim C. M. & Jewel Y.

Items available for pick up at the mailboxes:

Updated Directory sheets VMM Prayer Calendars for December November Treasures Report and Council Minutes

Girls Club will meet in the church kitchen tomorrow December 13, from 1-4 pm.

Join us **this Sunday at 6:00pm** for our **Christmas program**, **candlelighting**, **and cookie social** at 6pm. Bring a plate of cookies, sweet treat or Christmas appetizer to share and drop them off in the fellowship hall before the program.

Christmas Decorations have been purchased for our sanctuary windows and front doors. Any contributions towards this cost are appreciated. Or you are welcome to "adopt" a front door or window. A window wreath is \$120 and a door wreath is \$25. Giving can be done through the offering box. Please designate accordingly.

Upcoming Trissels events:

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at Lindale Mennonite Church, 6 pm.

VMMissions Prayer Request:

Join Rafael and Solange Tartari in praying for the Holy Spirit's work and transformation in the lives

of each person they reach out to in Shkodër, Albania, as they make disciples and seek to multiply God's church there.

Read PDF of **most recent issue of VMMission's <u>Transforming magazine</u>**: "A Legacy of Faith: 20 Years of tranSend."

LMC's Assembly 2026 will happen June 18-21, 2026 at Millersville University, Millersville PA! This conference-wide event is for EVERYONE in LMC: plenary sessions and workshops for adults, programming for children, and a special Youth Convention for middle and high school students and youth groups. More info coming soon.

Dec 13 (Sat) 2-5pm - SLAQ's annual Shenandoah Christmas Bazaar at the Hershberger Barn (5749 Wengers Mill Road, Linville). Enjoy fun for the whole family with hay rides, caroling, good food, holiday photo booth. View silent auction items at slaq.betterworld.org/auctions/christmas-bazaar-auction; 100% of auction proceeds will go to supporting SLAQ's programming, including the Newcomer Adventure Day Camp this Spring (provides 3 days of outdoor recreation in the Shenandoah National Park for recent immigrant and refugee middle school youth). SLAQ is a ministry of VMMissions.

Dec 13 (Sat) - Highland Retreat woodcutting day. Help stock the woodsheds at Highland. Come alone or bring family, friends, Sunday School class, neighbors... Work the morning (9am-noon) and/or the afternoon (1-4pm) and enjoy a warm and tasty lunch on them! More details and RSVP at highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days.

Dec 13 & 14 (Sat & Sun) A Walk Through Bethlehem (Outdoor Live Nativity) at Weavers Mennonite Church (2501 Rawley Pike) has been canceled due to weather concerns. We can look forward to next year!

Rise Up and Follow is a new play written specifically for the Brethren & Mennonite Heritage Center. Set on Christmas Eve 1859, just before the outbreak of the Civil War, the play follows Brethren and Mennonite families considering what the conflict will mean for them and their neighbors. The characters struggle with the problems of slavery, building support of broader faith communities, and the challenges of early healthcare. The play will be staged December 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st, with showings every fifteen minutes between 2.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. Tickets are required. To reserve tickets, please email info@brethrenmennoniteheritage.org or call (540) 438-1275. Donations will be taken at the event, with all proceeds supporting BMHC. Complimentary apple cider and cookies will be provided.

Jan 24 (Sat) - Our Young Adults (post college/career age) are inviting other Blue Ridge District Young Adults to an evening of games at the home of Eric & LuAnn Bender (2941 Harpine Hwy, Rockingham). Come at 7pm, bring a favorite game and snack. We warmly welcome you and look forward to good fellowship and fun.

Jamaica Hurricane Melissa Relief Fund - VMMissions encourages us to pray for the island of Jamaica, and specifically for the Jamaican Mennonite Church as they assess their community's needs in the wake of Hurricane Melissa. Pray that Christ's church will be a lighthouse for those who are suffering and in need. VMMissions is collecting relief funds at wmmissions.org/jamaica-relief along with other North American relief agencies to respond to the crisis as guided by our Jamaican brothers and sisters.

Families, couples, individuals: join The Prime Timers of Weavers for a one-day bus (coach) trip on Mar 24 (Tues) to see "Joshua" at Sight & Sound in Lancaster, PA. After the 11am show we will stop for a later lunch at Katie's Kitchen, which will be at your own expense. Your ticket will be reserved when your payment is received. Checks should be payable to Weavers Mennonite Church with Sight & Sound on the memo line; bring to the church office or mail to 2501 Rawley Pike, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Or call the office for electronic option: 540.434.7758.