December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30 am - Sunday School

10:30 *am* - Briana M. is worship leading. Our singing will be led by LuAnn B.. Advent readers/Candle lighting: Don and Janet L., S. family. Lavonne L. is our scripture reader for the sermon time. The Chimes Choir is playing. Pastor David is preaching: The Angel's and Shepherd's Song Luke 2:8-20

Nursery This Sunday - Tim C. M. & Jewel Y.

Nursery Next Sunday - Debbie & Robbie R.

Progress is being made at 12135 N Valley Pike as workers continue to arrive from other churches and a local builder's guild. Thanks to all who are helping with and have helped with the "Lydia Project." Recently Trissels has agreed to accept donations towards this effort so that other interested churches/individuals/organizations may contribute. If you would like to personally contribute you may designate your offering "Lydia Project."

The goal has been reached... Thanks to all who contributed towards our new Christmas decorations. May we and our worship space bring glory to God!

December 24 - Christmas Eve Worship at Lindale Mennonite Church, 6 pm. Join us for a time of singing, readings, and candle lighting.

VMMissions Prayer Request:

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

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.

Epiphany Messiah Sing-Along on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 7:00 p.m. at Park View Mennonite Church - It's that time again for our annual community sing-along of Handel's Messiah (Part One +), with a live chamber orchestra and soloists directed by Dr. Benjamin Bergey. The congregation sings the Chorus parts. Bring your score. There will be some on hand if you don't have one. Bring a friend!

An orientation to the purpose and practice of CruCon (Crucial Conversations):

In-person: Sunday **January 11th, 6-7:30 pm** at 9 Court Square, Downtown Harrisonburg, Va 22801

Online: Thursday **January 15th, 6-7:30 pm** on Google Meet (link will be emailed via RSVP)

Whether joining in-person or online, participants will come away with a growing awareness of how CruCon, as a discipling resource and initiative of SLAQ, might serve their family and church community.

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.

Jan 31 (Sat) 7pm - Join the celebration of what the Lord is doing among Iglesia Shalom Comienzo Nuevo and help welcome them as the newest congregation of the Blue Ridge District at their weekly worship service (which is Saturday evening) at 1801 Monroe St, Waynesboro.

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.

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.