

This month's focus for prayer: David & Rebekka Stutzman and their family. The Stutzmans serve as church planters and networkers in Mannheim, Germany. Continue to pray for the process in a new phase of our ministry as we change from meeting in homes to meeting in a community center. Pray also for The Villa that Rebekka runs, that it can continue to be a place of blessing. It has gained increased attention in our city and the region as we won the German National Neighborhood prize for our state this past Fall. (Here is a video of a news report on the Villa's children program, *Die Gartenwerkstatt*, the Garden Workshop https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4h3GbmFmeaA&ab_channel=DavidStutzman)

A look at VM Missions: There are around 20 people responding to evangelism efforts of Life Enrichment Church in two villages in Thailand where there are no Christians or churches. Pray that lives will be transformed and new house churches begun.

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Weavers Mennonite Church

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 10:30AM
9:30AM Sunday School classes

*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.*

Prelude

Karla Hostetter
Dave Bechler

Welcome & announcements

First Fruits Giving: Special Offering for Missions

Scripture Reading Psalm 25:4-10

Worship in Song

c/o Jake Mumbauer

VT 315 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
VT 318 "'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"
VT 323 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
VT 333 "Low in the Grave He Lay"

Message "Truth"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Matthew 27:62 – 28:20

Song of Response VT 364 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 340 "Lift Your Glad Voices"

VT = *Voices Together* purple hymnal

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service
(staffed today by: Michele Mumaw, Bryanna Bechler)*

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- Ladies Bible Study, Tuesday, 6:30pm
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Kids Club, Wednesday, 6:30pm
- Save the Date: Weavers Yard Sale Saturday, May 4th
- Weavers Men's Retreat at Highland Retreat, May 16-18.
- Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29

Announcements

A special thanks to ALL (over 55 persons) who participated in our Easter Drama as actors, musicians, directors, sound and lights techs, set-up and putting away, costume, make-up and stage crew. It was truly a blessing to experience the story of Jesus and His offer of peace, love and forgiveness for us.

Thank you for your continued contributions. We have a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Other ways to give may include your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service, via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. Designations from this past week: Budget - \$5,600; backpack food - \$200; Building Fund - \$20,783.82; Easter Drama offerings for Blue Ridge Area Food Bank - \$415

Our "Special Missions Offering," one of four-five received outside of the Budget/Spending Plan during our calendar year, will be received today for missions & church agencies for which Weavers has a missional affinity.

Weavers Missions (10%)	Central District (15%)
Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%)	Mennonite Missions Network (11%)
VA Conference Ministries (6%)	VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)
Eastern Menn. High School (5%)	MCC - Canning (4%)
Family Life Resource Center (4%)	Mennonite Education Agency (2%)
Highland Retreat (4%)	Mennonite Publishing Network (2%)
Pleasant View Home (2%)	Minority Groups (2%)
VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)	Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)

Happy Birthday this week: to Bill Baker, Dorothy Kreider, Joe Beach, Lee Smith, and Ron Pierantoni.

Hospitality Committee would like to encourage inviting visitors to Sunday lunch! Sign up for a Sunday on the calendar on the foyer table, plan to host in your home, or check with Sandi to see if Shady Oak is available and invite additional people!

Ladies Retreat at Shady Oak will be on Saturday, April 20. Deadline for sign-up is April 7. Debbie Figliola will be our speaker at the retreat. Our time will include breakfast, lunch, an afternoon craft and a time of fellowship all around! Cost will be \$20. If you do not want to stay for the afternoon craft, please note that on the sign up.

Ladies, we will be having a Baby Shower for Joy Kiser, Sunday April 14, 3pm at Shady Oak. Come and join us as we celebrate this first child for Joy & Lamar. Their gift registry is <http://babylist.com/joy-kiser>

Spring cleaning is here! Need a place for all those things you want to clean out? We will be putting up tables to participate in the Belmont Yard Sale again on May 4 from 8am to 12 noon. Bring in your donated items to Shady Oak by Friday, May 3. We will offer free coffee and coffee cake, free hot dogs and drinks, and sell all the items in our parking lot. All proceeds will go toward the missions team, and youth camp in Albania this summer. **NEEDED:** Items to sell, hangers for clothing, **VOLUNTEERS** - to make coffee cake, helpers on Friday to sort and mark, on Saturday to help in the coffee shop, help with hot dogs and drink, help with the yard sale. Please let Janet or Beth know if you can help. (from Outreach Team)

Also -- for your calendars: **a noon fundraiser lunch following the worship service on April 21.** This will also be to raise funds to help send a mission team to Albania this summer.

Mennonite Women of Virginia invites you to a day of supporting missionary women, locally and globally, on Annual Missions Day. Lynside Mennonite Church (649 Mt Torrey Rd Lyndhurst, Va 22952) will be hosting this event **April 13, 2024 beginning at 8:30am** with breakfast and coffee. The day provides an opportunity to hear about God's work through the lives of many women and to give to various projects and mission needs. Lunch will then follow. Childcare is provided. **Please RSVP for yourself and any children** at mwvsecretary@gmail.com by April 5th.

On **May 18, 2024**, VM Missions will be holding an annual **Putt For Mission** fundraising event at **Mulligan's Golf Center**. This fun event is for all ages. Connect with other friends of VM Missions and support the work of equipping, sending, and supporting 68 workers in 14 countries. Make a hole-in-one for a good cause! Learn more at <https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/putt-for-missions/> Curt will have a sign-up sheet in the Weavers foyer to put teams together. Cost is \$100 for four people.

Members planning to attend college in the year 2024-25 are eligible for a **tuition grant from Weavers.** Email sandi@weaversmc.org to receive an application. Some universities will match those funds but have a deadline for application, and they have a deadline for when funds are submitted.

Kristin Eby is available to accompany people to medical visits, etc., to provide another set of ears and to aid in understanding/remembering instructions and information. Contact her at 540-435-9022 or krstn.eby@gmail.com

Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir spring concerts entitled "Roots & Branches" is Sat, April 6, at 7pm or Sunday, April 7, at 4pm in Eastern Mennonite University's Lehman Auditorium. Highlights include early music pieces and cultural folk songs (roots), and a diverse assortment of contemporary selections (branches). To purchase concert tickets go to svcc.org/performances or contact Erin Weldon at 540-432-4650.

RESOUND choir, directed by Jay Hartzler will present a tribute concert to Alice Parker on Sunday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at Community Mennonite Church. The program will include selections from Parker's "Melodious Accord", a set of songs based on Joseph Funk's "Genuine Church Music" and will be accompanied by harp and brass quartet. The concert will also include music by Moses Hogan and other contemporary composers. Donations welcome.

Cantore, a men's acapella group, presents a concert and album release. On the Face of the Deep is ten original sea shanties based on biblical stories, told from the perspectives of the sailors and sea people of the ancient world. Lyrics by biblical scholar and sailor Linford Stutzman, music by Cantore. Linford will tell a short story on the background for each song, and Cantore will sing the complete set in concert for the first time. **April 13 and 14, 7 p.m., at Park View Mennonite Church, 1600 College Avenue, Harrisonburg.** Free will offering. CDs and informational booklets available for purchase.

MCC's Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) home repair program is seeking summer staff in Kimball, West Virginia or Elkhorn City, Kentucky. These three-month positions for Job Site Coordinators and Meals Coordinators will allow you to explore new cultures, develop skills, build friendships and live out your faith. Applicants should be at least 19 years old, but the roles are not limited to young adults. An hourly wage plus room and board are provided. For more information and to apply, visit mcc.org/swap-summer-meals or mcc.org/swap-summer-job-site. Or contact the MCC Appalachia SWAP office at (606) 634-4418 or AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.

Students in grades 1-6 are invited to sign up for Shenandoah Valley Children's Choir's 5-week spring choir program beginning Monday, April 22 and concluding Monday, May 20. No audition is necessary! Cost is \$75 and includes an SVCC t-shirt! For more information, go to svcc.org/springchoirs

The March edition of *On the Level* is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King explores where we would see Jesus in disaster responses, get the latest on the damage left by the Midwest tornadoes, and learn how a remote electrician is adding a spark to an MDS project. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** <https://conta.cc/4adqsxS>