Missionaries of the Month: Michael & Ruthy Hershey, and children Eden, Gabriel, Lia, Isaiah serving in South Asia. The Hersheys are engaging in strategic prayer and ministry of the Word: "We are traveling to participate this week in a prayer event that is for the entire Cousin world. There will be 700 of us present who are engaged in ministry to Cousins all over the world and have a heart to pray for them. Michael and I will be leading a prayer time for our nation. Michael will be leading a session about nurturing missional prayer communities and Ruthy will be serving on the worship team in the area of prophetic movement/dance. The children will also be involved in prayer tracks, led by a special team coming from the States."

A Look at VMMissions: Pray for wisdom for Jason Wagner in knowing how to be a voice of renewal in his local Harrisonburg, Va., churches in finding ways to reach out to prisoners coming out of jail.

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Worship Celebration
Sunday, April 9, 2017

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.

With exultation we gather to offer our love for God. We are delighted in the presence of all who have come. You are indeed welcome.

Prelude (& Offertory) c/o Stephanie Layman

Welcome & Announcements Myron Brubaker

Hosanna Processional

Praise & Worship c/o Barry Koogler

Focusing

Children's Story Jennifer Wright

Children's Church (age 3 through 2nd grade invited downstairs)

Worship in Hymns c/o Julia Alleman

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "Hosanna! Save Us We Pray" Phil Kanagy

Scripture: John 12:9-19

Hymn of Response

Sharing & Prayer Time

Benediction & Sending Song

(Elder Barbara Byer 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 - Donna & Joelle Blosser

THIS WEEK AT WEAVERS

Wednesday, April 12

6:30pm Kids Club 6:30pm Jr. Youth 7pm Prayer meeting 8pm Sr. Youth

Thursday, April 13

6pm Maundy Thursday supper and service

Sunday, April 16

6:30am Sunrise Service at Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage hill
8:30am Easter Breakfast in Shady Oak
10am Worship - Speaker, Phil Kanagy, "Leaving Death Behind""
Scripture: John 20:1-18
Nursery Attendants: Barb Martin, Michelle Brunk

Statistics for Sunday Service March 26, 2017

Worship Attendance - 170 Offering: Budget - \$8,160.11

Announcements

Happy Birthday blessings this week to: Daryl Heatwole, Jon Rittenhouse, Sarah Schoenhals, Mark Lehman, Linda Sauder, Darren Good, Marvin Slabaugh, Bob Brenneman, and Halle Koogler (turns 13 yrs.).

Six crock pots of soup are needed for our Maundy Thursday 6pm meal (Apr. 13). Please contact Lisa Hertzler or Sherry Showalter.

Easter morning we will have a fellowship breakfast in Shady Oak.

Breakfast will be served at 8:30am. The following families please bring the indicated items: last names from "A-J" please bring fruits, "K-P" bring breakfast casseroles, and "Q-Z" bring sweet breads. Drink will be provided. Of course, anyone may bring more that what is suggested in any category.

Celebrating Congregational Life, a one-day seminar sponsored by VMC and VMM, is for lay leaders and pastors to be equipped for the missional impulses that nurture congregational life and the mission of the church. Join us on April 22, 8 am — 2:30 pm at Eastern Mennonite School. The keynote Speaker is Dr. Art McPhee, pastor, teacher and church planter, speaking on "The Missional Church." Cost is \$30 per registrant (includes lunch). Register at virginiaconference.org/news/ccl-seminar extended to April 10.

Take your taste buds to the Democratic Republic of the Congo with **Our Community Place's next Night Out** on Monday, April 10. This hearty and finger-licking Congolese meal, brought to you by guest chef Marie Kabongo, centers around fresh ginger, garlic, and cumin. Learn more and reserve a table at

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcnq2tpB6KaqSYxCuczEyXtRkA8TxFLjU9n2trFpNtAXDx7w/viewform

VBS 2017 is scheduled for June 25-29 (Sunday-Thursday). We are using Menno Media curriculum and will be "Digging For Treasure" as we study the parables of Jesus. We need many volunteers! There will be a volunteer sign-up table in the foyer on April 23.

Mennonite Women of Virginia invite you to their Annual Missions Day on Saturday, May 6, in Richmond, Va. A bus will be leaving Harrisonburg at 7:00 a.m. and stopping along the way for persons in the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Charlottesville areas. Learn more and register at virginiaconference.org/partners/mennonite-women-of-virginia/annual-missions-day-event-2017/.

Bike Shenandoah, a family friendly and healthy way to support six local agencies, is for the first time adding **a spring ride of 62 miles** (metric century) on Saturday, April 22. The ride will be centered in Dayton, Va., with Mole Hill Bikes providing two rest stops. Registration costs \$50. bikeshenandoah.org.

Virginia Mennonite Missions will again host a fundraising dinner and auction to raise funds for workers on Saturday, May 20, through the efforts of their Ministry Support Teams. A new feature this year is a silent auction in addition to the live one. This is a great way for MSTs to raise support for their workers by collecting items for the auction. These should be in new or very good used condition. Live auction items will be valued at \$25 or more; lesser valued items will be put in silent auction. We also welcome items that benefit our general Mission Fund. Join us at Eastern Mennonite School, 801 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, Va. The meal begins at 5:00; live auction begins at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Steve Leaman at VMMissions for more information or if you have items to donate: steve.leaman@vmmissions.org or (540) 434-9727. Items may be stored by VMMissions in advance if desired.

Highland Retreat is looking for applicants for two special summer jobs: A **summer camp cook** from June 12 to August 2 (7.5 weeks, weekdays only), and a **maintenance assistant** from about May 22 to September 8 (16 weeks, includes some weekend hours). Both jobs would be 40 hours a week, and would involve carrying out plans set by the food service manager or facility manager, respectively. Applicants should be at least 18 years old. Possible housing available. All inquiries welcome! Apply online (highlandretreat.org), or call with questions (540-705-0554).

Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center invites you to join us for our annual Easter Sunrise service, Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 AM. Watch as the sun rises over the Shenandoah Valley, and join us in celebrating the resurrected Christ. This year, join us for a John 21 fish and bread breakfast appetizer immediately following the service. And, of course, we'll be done in time for you to make it to your regularly scheduled church service! 1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg, 22801, between WSVA and Harrisonburg High School on Garbers Church Rd. A free-will offering will be received to support the mission and vision of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center.

Upcoming Events for your Weavers Calendar

April 23 (instead of 5th Sunday) - Noon Fellowship meal, followed by Congregational Meeting on Facilities Update May 20, 9am-12 Approved Adult Training for all congregational adults June 25-29 Vacation Bible School

- April 23, Sunday Noon Fellowship Meal -- 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 guests too.

 Be sure to label all of your dishes and lids. Also, please bring your own plates/trays if possible. This practices better Creation Care, as well as saves money on paper products.
 - Our congregational business meeting will follow the noon meal. Additional updated designs are available in the foyer for a potential church addition.
- Gemeinshaft Home's Annual Banquet will be at Park View Mennonite Church on Friday, April 21. The Gemeinschaft Home is a transitional community that helps prepare non-violent, non-sexual offenders for re-entry into their communities following incarceration. Banquet events will include a keynote address by Tecora Johnson, representing the Virginia Department of Corrections, as well as remarks by alumni. Doors open at 5:30 pm for silent auction, dinner served at 6pm. Please RSVP by April 14 at execassistant@gemeinschafthome.org or call 540-434-1690. The church is located at 1600 College Ave., Harrisonburg.
- Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center invites you to their Spring Lecture: "Welcome Your Neighbor" with Pastor Matthew Bucher of Immanuel Mennonite Church. Pastor Bucher and his congregation designed the "Welcome Your Neighbor" sign that has spread throughout the city, country, and world. Come be part of the conversation at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 23 at Sunrise Church of the Brethren, 1496 S Main St, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. A free-will offering will be received to support the mission and vision of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center.
- Family Life Resource Center will celebrate their 30th anniversary at a fundraising dinner on Saturday, May 6, 5:30 pm at Park View Mennonite Church, 1600 College Ave, Harrisonburg. The celebration features the motivational speaking of Harvey Yoder, LPC, as he relates to the importance of putting family first. The evening will also include special music by Cantore

(men's a cappella group). Call 540-434-8450 or email services@flrc.org by April 27 for seats. Donations for the work of FLRC will be taken at the event.

- Crossing the Line: Women of Anabaptist Traditions Encounter Borders and Boundaries On June 22-25, over 75 scholars, poets, artists, musicians and dancers representing thirteen countries and ethnic groups will converge on Eastern Mennonite University to discuss, examine and celebrate how women of Anabaptist traditions have encountered borders, challenged boundaries, and crossed lines. Register now at www.emu.edu/crossing-conference
- Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center announces a church building rental available in Augusta County. Historic 1875 Hildebrand Mennonite Church building will be available for rent in 2017. The church building is located 13 miles (20 minutes) east of Staunton, 7.5 miles (15 minutes) north of Waynesboro. 538 Hildebrand Church Rd, Waynesboro, VA 22980. Interested church groups contact Greg Yoder, VBMHC Executive Director, at info@vbmhc.org or 540-438-1275 for more information about the building, tenant expectations, and rental agreements.
- The next Credentialed Leaders Consultation, addressing racism in society and the faith community, will be held Friday, May 5, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Shady Oak (Weavers Mennonite Church), in Harrisonburg. More details about the topic and presenters, and registration, will be coming soon.
- The International Guest House in Washington D.C. will celebrate its 50th year anniversary on May 6-7. The activities will include an open house on Saturday, 2–5 pm, and Sunday, 3–5 pm. Saturday events will also include a short program at 4:30 and evening tea at 7:30. The Sunday events will include an 11:00 worship service at Hyattsville Mennonite Church in Hyattsville, Md., focusing on the ministry of hospitality at the International Guest House over the past 50 years. A potluck lunch will immediately follow the service. The IGH is owned and operated by the Allegheny Mennonite Church through Hyattsville Mennonite Church. It is located at 1441 Kennedy St. NW, Washington D.C. For reservations or additional information, call IGH at 202.726.5808 or email igh.dc.us@gmail.com.
- A benefit concert featuring The Walking Roots Band will be on Thursday, May 25, beginning at 7 PM at Lindale Mennonite Church. Come out and support Bridge of Hope Harrisonburg-Rockingham, a ministry serving homeless and at-risk single mothers and their children right in our own community! Enjoy the wonderful musical talents of The Walking Roots Band, hear their new and original music that has captured audiences everywhere they perform. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the door or by calling 540-478-2356.