This month's focus for prayer: Steve Horst & Bethany Tobin family in Thailand. Did you know that there are 22 million people in the Isaan region and that less than 1 person in a 1000 is a Christian? Most of the small churches are in the cities, which means that most of the people who live in far flung villages have never met a Christian, have never heard the good news and couldn't get to church even if they wanted to. This is why our team has focused on contextualized village based house churches in rural areas among the most poor. Praise God for the spread of the gospel through the Life Enrichment Church network. Pray for a move of God's spirit in Isaan bringing many people to faith in Christ.

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# Mother's Day Sunday, May 12, 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.

Welcome & announcements First Fruits Giving

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-4

Worship in Song

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

VT 31 "Come, We That Love" VT 703 "Rain Down" VT 288 "Love the Lord Your God"

Children's Story

Marcia Nussbaum

Message "Fair and Undeservedly Kind "

Curt Stutzman

Debbie Rhodes

Scripture: Matthew 20

Song of Response VT 162 "The Love of God"

(live stream will end)

**Sharing and Prayer** 

**Sending Song** VT 840 "God Be with You Till We Meet Again" (Verse 1)

VT = Voices Together purple hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Abby Oyer, Joy Kiser)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

# **Upcoming Weavers Calendar**

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Weavers Men's Retreat at Highland Retreat, May 16-18.
- Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29 "Seekers & Sneakers"
- Jul 18-20 2024 VA Menn. Conf. Summer Delegate Assembly

### **Announcements**

- **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 \$4,2388.25; Albania Mission Trip \$450; Building Fund \$250
- Our "Special Missions Offering," one of four-five for missions & church agencies during our calendar year, will be received May 26.
- Congratulations to Alesha and Nevin Lehman on the birth of James Edwin Lehman, born Saturday, April 27, 2024. James Edwin weighed 6 lbs, 8 oz.
- **Happy Birthday this week to:** Heidi Schoenhals, Janel Early, Conner Early (turns 1 yr), Rachel Stutzman, and Don Martin.
- We are looking for people who are discerning ways to serve the church community behind the scenes. Specifically, people are needed to run sound and the powerpoint/livestream on Sunday mornings. It is easy to learn and we will train you. If you are interested or just want more information please contact Daniel Martin: 540.560.3548 (call or text) or <a href="mailto:daniel.martin828@gmail.com">daniel.martin828@gmail.com</a>
- Thank you Weavers Church for blessing our family with diapers and wipes. We appreciate each one of you. Sarah Dillon and family.
- Jameson Weaver will be graduating from Eastern Mennonite High School and extends the invitation to his graduation party and his senior presentation. Senior presentation May 20, 7 pm, EMHS dining hall Grad party May 27, 2-4 pm, 4922 Sky Road, Rockingham 22802; RSVP to 540-421-4274.
- Young Adult Camping Trip will be May 31st-June 1st at the Stutzman's Property in Runions Creek (towards Highland Retreat). The property allows for tent camping and the possibility for some to stay in a cabin. Even if you aren't interested in camping, put June 1st on your calendar and plan to come out for lunch, relaxation, hiking, and more! See the email for more details! Please RSVP (camping or Saturday only) by May 22nd to <a href="mailto:idriver229@gmail.com">idriver229@gmail.com</a> if you/your family are planning to come.

- 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!
- Additional persons are needed for the Children's story time, which we are doing twice a month during Worship. Contact Joyce Nussbaum if you would be willing to participate in this way.
- Weavers will be hosting the Eastern Mennonite School Tour Choir here for a program, Sunday, May 28, at 7pm. Help is needed with snacks for refreshments following. Please sign up at the information table.
- 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
- Highland Celebration gathering on Saturday, May 18! Come for Highland Retreat's largest gathering of the year, featuring a delicious lunch and an afternoon concert by The Walking Roots Band. Other special activities include guided hikes and bird watching, lots of fun games and challenges for kids, a new archery activity, and the first swim of the season in the Highland pool! Lunch, concert, and activities are by donation, and all donations support our summer camp ministry. Learn more <a href="https://disable.com/highlandretreat.org/celebration">highlandretreat.org/celebration</a> or by calling the Highland office at 540-705-0554.
- May 18, 2024, VMMissions 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 VMMissions 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 <a href="https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/putt-for-missions/">https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/putt-for-missions/</a> A sign-up sheet is in the Weavers Church foyer to put teams together. Cost is \$100 for four people.
- There will be a Virtual Dementia Tour will be at Weavers on Saturday June 8. Register at <a href="https://www.vpas.info/dementia-awareness">https://www.vpas.info/dementia-awareness</a> or by calling 540-615-5341 and choose a time slot. The process will take about an hour. This experience is for anyone who wants to know more about the way a person living with dementia experiences everyday life but is not for people who are living with dementia.
- Mennonite Women of Virginia's Fall Retreat, Nov 8-10, 2024! Mark your calendars! This is a wonderful weekend of worship, fellowship, and encountering God, hosted at the Marriott in Short Pump, Va.

Mount Clinton Mennonite is planning their annual MCC SWAP (Now called "Appalachia Build") trip to McDowell County, WV June 24 to June 29 and there are openings. Each year this is a rewarding time doing light construction work to help those with housing needs. If interested, please contact Lowell Tieszen 919-452-5348 or <a href="lowell.tieszen@gmail.com">lowell.tieszen@gmail.com</a>. The coordinators for this site are Peg and Lee Martin from the valley, and this is their last year to serve as coordinators. If the \$400 cost is any concern please let Lowell know as assistance is available. Here is a link if you are not familiar with the program <a href="https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/mcc-appalachia-build">https://mcc.org/get-involved/volunteer/mcc-appalachia-build</a>.

The Shenandoah Valley MDS unit has been investigating local projects. First is a house we plan to refurbish North of Harrisonburg. Secondly we are looking into building houses lost in forest fires in Virginia and West Virginia. If you would like to bless people financially mark your giving MDS and give through your local church. If you would like to help on the projects contact your church contact person or Woody Driver (Shenandoah Valley MDS chair) at 540-820-9676.

The latest edition of *On the Leve*l is now available from Mennonite Disaster Service. In our current issue: Kevin King shares a truly uplifting story of MDS work in Maryland, volunteers are transforming lives in Mississippi, and long-time project in Jennings, Louisiana comes to a close. Plus, check out the volunteer opportunities for this summer and fall. **Click on this link to read more:** https://conta.cc/3UjUriu

Virginia Conference is looking for an Administrative Assistant and Event Planner (0.5 FTE). The position is temporary (April-Aug 2024) with the potential to be permanent. Click the link for the job description. Email cover letter and resume to june.miller@virginiaconference.org.

Early Registration open is open! Living Stones: 2024 Summer Delegate Assembly will be held at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church July 18-20. <a href="https://www.virginiaconference.org/events">virginiaconference.org/events</a>

Conectere: Sharing faith and values with your children. Applications are now open through June 3 for Conectere cohorts, led by professors and graduate students at Eastern Mennonite University and Yale Divinity School. Starting this summer, parents and caregivers will meet monthly to strengthen secure relationships and grow in sharing faith with their children. Based on research that faith is best transmitted through secure relationships, Conectere is an attachment-based training program and peer learning opportunity to become more effective in sharing faith and values with children. Cohorts will meet in Harrisonburg, VA and online.

Apply now or register your interest for a future session! <a href="https://emu.edu/seminary/shalom/conectere/interest-form">https://emu.edu/seminary/shalom/conectere/interest-form</a>