This month's focus for prayer: Steve Horst & Bethany Tobin family in Thailand. Why do we share the gospel? It is because Jesus is so good. We want the people we love to share in the best thing we have to offer, which is a loving, saving relationship with Christ. In the parable of the lost sheep, the lost lamb and the lost son, Jesus encourages us to join in the celebration of the joy of people being found by God. That's what you get to do when you partner in sharing the gospel. You get to join the party! Pray with us for the new families in Nam Yuen District in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand, who got baptized in the last few months. They are facing demonic backlash, health needs, and financial problems. Pray that God would powerfully deliver them from all kinds of oppression and give them testimonies of hope and healing. New believers often don't last more than a few months in Isaan, many people fall away when things get hard. Pray for God's protection and provision for these new believers to stand strong and pass these tests of their faith.

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# Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 26, 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 "Special Missions"
Scripture Reading: Isaiah 5:1-24

Lydia Martin

**Worship in Song** 

c/o Andry & Rachel Stutzman

VT 25 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" VT 393 "Build Your Kingdom Here" "Cornerstone"

# Message "Towards vs. Away"

Curt Stutzman

Scripture: Matthew 21: 23-46

**Song of Response** VT 540 "Will You Come and Follow Me" (live stream will end)

**Sharing and Prayer** 

Sending Song VT 847 "You Shall Go Out With Joy"

VT = *Voices Together* purple hymnal

Nursery is available during the Worship Service (staffed today by: Shay Bechler and Alyssa Eby)

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

## **Upcoming Weavers Calendar**

- Tuesday, May 28, Ministries Council
- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- 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 - \$4,416

Our "Special Missions Offering," one of four-five for missions & church agencies during our calendar year, will be received today. The offering will be distributed as shown:

Weavers Missions (10%)

Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%)

VA Conference Ministries (6%)

Eastern Menn. High School (5%)

Family Life Resource Center (4%)

Highland Retreat (4%)

Pleasant View Home, Inc. (2%)

VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)

Central District (15%)

Mennonite Missions Network (11%)

VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)

MCC - Canning (4%)

Mennonite Education Agency (2%)

MennoMedia (2%)

Minority Groups (2%)

Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)

Weavers will be hosting the Eastern Mennonite School Tour Choir here for a program, tonight, May 26, at 7pm.

**Happy Birthday this week to:** Abby Oyer, David Alleman, Ruth Knicely, Edith Kuhns. Helen Driver, and Kristi Driver.

Weavers Child Care (WCC) Activity Leader needed! The WCC Activity Leader is a paid position that will support the WCC mission, prepare and maintain program supplies, engage children in activities, enforce safety rules and be responsible for other duties listed in the Activity Leader Position Description. The Activity Leader will work 3-5 hours each day that schools are open and the position requires experience working with children, leadership and organizational skills, and the ability to work independently. For more information, please talk to Leslie Early, WCC Director (WCCdirector@weaversmc.org, 540-209-5181), or a member of the WCC Steering Committee (Joyce Nussbaum, Kristen Wenger, Emily Wenger, Beth Miller, Abe Hartzler).

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 daniel.martin828@gmail.com

- 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 idriver229@gmail.com 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.
- 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
- There will be a Virtual Dementia Tour held at Weavers on Saturday **June 8.** Register at https://www.vpas.info/dementia-awareness 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.
- Park View Mennonite Church is sponsoring a **Red Cross Blood Drive** in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 to 4:00 on May 29. Come give and receive an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).
- Webinar: Ministry of Inner Healing. Tuesday, May 28 at 7pm. Hear stories from ministers of inner healing: Paula Stoltzfus, Juan Carlos Malvaez, and Roy Hange, and a testimony of one who has experienced prayers for inner healing. Q & A to follow. Register at virginiaconference.org/events.
- Pathways 10.1 is now online. Look for hard copies at your church (here at Weavers – at the fover informational table). https://virginiaconference.org/read-pathways/
- Early Registration open is open! Living Stones: 2024 Summer Delegate **Assembly** will be held at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church July 18-20. virginiaconference.org/events
- 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.