**Prayer Focus this week: Yosiah and Anita Rahman, and their two boys.** The Rahma family serves in Southeast Asia in a slum community, running a preschool and afterschool program.


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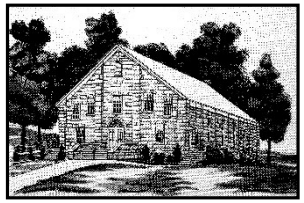

# Weavers Mennonite Church

## Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025 - 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** Jennifer Wright
**Welcome & Announcements** Debbie Rhodes
**First Fruits Giving**
**Scripture Reading & Triumphal Entry** Psalm 150

**Worship in Song** c/o Regina Harlow
with Kim, Haley, and Caroline Osinkosky

HWB 238, "Hosanna, loud hosanna"
HWB 617, "Jesus, keep me near the cross"
HWB 258, "Man of sorrows" (with Hallelujah)
HWB 241 "Tis' midnight, and on Olive's Brow"

**Message "Cry Out!"** Curt Stutzman
Scripture – Luke 19:28-40

**Song of Response** VT 443 "I have decided to follow Jesus"

*(live stream will end)*

**Sharing and Prayer**

**Sending Song** HWB 318 "Joy to the world"

HWB= *Hymnal A Worship Book* (blue hymnal); VT = *Voices Together* (purple)

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service*
*(Staffed today by: Alesha Lehman, Joy Kiser, Abby Oyer)*

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

**Upcoming Weavers Calendar**

- Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm (contact Julia Alleman)
- Kids Club Wed 6:30pm Family Night, with supper!
- Maundy Thursday service 7pm in Shady Oak
- Easter Sunrise service – 6:30am; Breakfast at Weavers – 9am; Worship 10:30am
- April 22, 7pm Pastoral Council
- April 29, 7pm Ministries Council
- May 10, 8:30-10:30am – Ladies Retreat at Shady Oak
- Men's Retreat May 15-17 at Highland Retreat, Red Oak Lodge
- VBS June 28 – Mark your calendars! And begin praying for the kids.

## Announcements

**"Jesus, The Way of the Cross" second presentation will be tonight, April 13, at 7pm.**

**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: Operating Budget - $7,698; building addition loan - $700

**Happy Birthday this week** to Marvin Slabaugh, Phyllis Kauffman, and Eli Kline (turns 1 year).

**April's Young Adult Event will be sand volleyball at EMU's courts today, April 13th at 2pm**. If you are not interested in the competition, still feel free to come out, cheer and enjoy the spring weather!

**Weavers will join several other Blue Ridge district churches for our Easter Sunrise service on the hill beside the EMU Discipleship Center. Parking:** You can either park at the Seminary and walk up the hill, or drive up to Hillcrest and park along Hillcrest or in the parking lot at the top (this will fill up fast!). **Gathering begins at 6:30am. Bring a lawnchair or blanket…see additional notes on the bulletin insert.**

**Weavers Ladies will be holding a baby shower for Lydia Martin on April 27**, **2pm**. **You are invited to participate in a gift together**, coordinated by Sandi at the office. Ideas for other gifts can be found at the gift registry https://my.babylist.com/daniel-lydia-martin

**The May 3rd yard sale in Shady Oak** will soon be here. Hopefully, you are setting aside items to donate. The income from the event will be divided between Mark & Sarah Schoenhals (in Thailand, but coming to visit us this summer), T'eam & Olivia Oosthuizen (missionaries with Every Nation Campus at EMU), and Nathan Carr (recovery ministry in Harrisonburg: *Resurrected Ministries*).

**Mark, Sarah, Heidi, and Hannah Schoenhals, missionaries to Thailand for 15 years, will be stateside mid-June through mid-August, and are in need of a vehicle. They also need a place to store furniture** (that can be used) for a few years. If you have suggested options, please contact Yvonne Martin (540-908-0806) or Sandi Good (540-820-6241).

**CrossRoads Heritage Center invites all to the hillside this Easter at 6:30 am for the annual sunrise service! Seth Crissman will share a meditation, Carol Wilson serve as** worship leader, and special music will be provided by a euphonium quartet. Please be sure to bring:

- A jacket and A lawn chair
- An offering to support the Heritage Center
- A friend (or three) and a heart full of joy!

**The next monthly young adult men's breakfast and Bible study in Trevor Oyer's basement (2891 Rawley Pike) will be on Saturday, April 19th from 8:15-9:30am.** We will be reading through Galatians 4. Any interested young adult men, including individuals who don't attend Weavers, are welcome to join! Questions? Call Trevor (503-989-5929).

**Weavers Church is searching for a Faith Development Minister, as an associate along with our Lead Pastor, Curt. This has been announced first for interest within the congregation. Are there any among us that might be sensing the nudge of the Lord to be more involved in the ministry of the church?** A full description can be found on the foyer information table. If you have questions, please reach out to one of the members of the Search Committee (Diann Beach, Aldeen Wenger, Janel Early, Selah Shenk, Chris Eby, Nevin Lehman, and Abe Hartzler). Please commit to praying for God's direction and discernment in this process.

**Mennonite Women of Virginia**'s Annual Missions Day at Lindale Mennonite Church on **Saturday, April 26**. Come, ready to fellowship, worship, learn and give. Bring yourself and your friends. The event starts at 8:30 am with Continental Breakfast, 9:30 am worship, then the presentations and number Auction to follow. Lunch will be 11:45 am to 1 pm. Childcare will be provided, please RSVP by April 20, midnight if possible. RSVP for event: sylvia@crossroadsflooring.com; (540) 480-0094 text or call

**Cookout and Open House** - **Wednesday, April 16, 2025 | 11:00 - 1:00**
VMMissions is one of over 100 organizations in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County that participates in the **Great Community Give**, an annual online giving day to support local nonprofits and their contributions to the community. As in prior years, VMMissions will host a cookout and open house at the Mission Training Center (Barn). Members of the community are invited to enjoy free food and fellowship, and drop off gifts in person.

**The EMU Chamber Singers** will present their spring concert at Park View Mennonite Church on Sunday, April 27 at 7pm. This inspiring concert centers on the theme of "Hope and Unity" for our children, our earth, and to work toward peace. This choir was chosen as the representative choir from North America to sing at the 500 Year Celebration of Anabaptism in Zürich this May. The concert is free of charge, and a love offering will be received to support the choir's travel expenses.

## WEAVERS - EASTER WEEK CELEBRATIONS

**Maundy Thursday, 7pm in Shady Oak**: a time of worship through scripture, songs, and foot washing.

**We will have our traditional Easter fellowship breakfast in Shady Oak** but note the **time: 9am.** No Sunday School. Worship at 10:30. The following families please bring the indicated items: **last names** from "A-K" please bring Breakfast casseroles such as Egg Casseroles, French toast casseroles, baked oatmeal, "L-R" please bring sweet breads; "S-Z": please bring fruit

### Weavers has been invited by Early Church to join in an Easter Sunrise Service.

**Location**: meet at the top of the EMU hill, near the water tower.

**Parking:** You can either park at the Seminary and walk up the hill, or drive up to Hillcrest and park along Hillcrest or in the parking lot at the top (this will fill up fast!)

**Time:** We gather at 6:30am, but folks trickle in. Feel free to come earlier if you desire a longer time in silent worship and prayer.

**What to expect:** We gather in *SILENCE*, until one of our congregants stands and yells "CHRIST IS RISEN" three times, then we all get up and shout and clap and make noise, and begin to pass the peace with hugs and handshakes, Exchanging "***Christ is Risen***" with "***He is Risen Indeed***". Folks bring blankets to sit in silence, and we encourage children to sit with families and not to play at that time (though there will be plenty of play after!). This time includes scripture and songs by each church group.

After the sunrise and passing of the peace, tradition is that some bake *miniature* hot cross buns and also tamales. These will be sitting in baskets on the bench near where we are all sitting. These we SHARE and break in half with someone else (a mirror or sharing communion). We don't just take one for ourselves. We even encourage children to go find someone to split one with, and if they want a second, share it with another person. This is not breakfast! This is just a symbol of the communion we share and how we are fed by the resurrection!