

Workers Focus of the Month: Mark & Sarah Schoenhals, Heidi and Hannah. Mark & Sarah Schoenhals, Heidi and Hannah. Grandmother Suay, a believer who has worked in the Schoenhals' home in Thailand as a house helper for many years, has been hospitalized for nearly a month now. Having struggled with health issues for years, she has finally just been diagnosed with Lupus. We are thankful to finally know what is behind her many symptoms, and concerned for the toll already taken on her body. Please pray for physical health, encouragement, and emotional & material provision for Grandmother Suay and her family.

A Look at VMissions: Last month, Rafael and Solange Tartari and Norma Teles returned to Albania, where they serve. Pray for them as they continue to re-engage friends, coworkers, and church members. Pray for wisdom, strength, and joy in their work.



Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, September 13, 2020 - 10:30am
Outdoor Drive - In and Via Facebook stream**

*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.*

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Prelude (and offertory)

c/o Noah Yoder

Welcome & Scripture/Prayer

Jackie Yoder

Announcements

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Worship in Song

c/o Noah Yoder

Children's Story

Joyce Nussbaum

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "Stand in the Gap"

James Åkerson

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:30-31 and Hebrews 12:1-3

Song of Response

Installation of Dennis Kuhns

Sharing and Prayer

Benediction

We can continue to "be" the church, especially so in these times. We will continue to trust God, for nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Announcements

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Floyd Rhodes, who passed away Saturday, Sept. 5. A memorial service will be held in Harrisonburg after COVID-19 concerns subside. Floyd was a long-time member at Weavers and lived at Virginia Mennonite Retirement Community.

Happy Birthday this week: to Mark Schoenhals, Ruth Schrock, and Clayton Shenk.

Thank you for your continued contributions via mail, paypal, bank transfer or dropping by the office. These have been the designations in the last week: Budget - \$4,881; Missions - \$100; Building Fund - \$100; new hymnal - \$100

Ladies: RSVP to the church office (weaversmc@weaversmc.org) for a **baby shower for Leslie Early on Sun., September 20 at 2 pm.** Plans are for an outside shower, but moving inside to Shady Oak if the weather is bad. Leslie & Todd are registered with Babylist, a website that allows to add from any retailer. If you are interested in participating in a group gift, talk to Sandi at the church office.

Email address change for Janet Blosser (for your church directory, and email address book): janetblosser6@gmail.com

Share through your coins! My Coin Counts has been an annual fundraiser of the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale for MCC and locally through VMM, for ongoing relief efforts among neighbors near and far. Weavers' coin jug will be sitting out each Sunday morning. You may also contribute with currency or checks (payable to Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale and designated for *My Coins Count*).

Meet fellow caregivers on the same journey as you. Designed to provide education and support for caregivers of adults 60 and older. Virtual one hour sessions are free with completed paperwork and the group meets once a week for 6 weeks. Share ideas, concerns, and questions. Learn about new opportunities that will help you take better care of yourself and your loved one. Topics include: stress management, dealing with difficult emotions (including partner emotions), communications skills building, physical activity and preventing injury, healthy eating and medication management, planning for the future, and more. You will also receive a copy of the book *Building Better Caregivers*.
Thursdays, Sept. 24-Oct. 29, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Register at <https://www.vpas.info/events>

A small Sunday school class is meeting at 9:30am on the lawn under the trees in the circle between the drives, before worship starts at 10:30am. They would welcome you to join them - they are physically distancing, sitting 6 feet apart. Bring your own chairs.

Please join us for a Bike Shenandoah 2020 ride on Saturday, September 19, at the VMissions parking lot in Harrisonburg. This annual family-friendly fundraising event includes rides of 5, 15, 30, or 62 miles in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. All proceeds benefit VMissions, MennoMedia, Mennonite Central Committee, NewBridges Immigrant Resource Center, Our Community Place, and Roberta Webb Childcare Center. This year we will honor the work of Steve Leaman, who unexpectedly passed away in April, with a double portion of donations to VMissions, his former workplace. Not a biker? That's all right. This year, you are invited to participate by walking or one of Steve's other favorite sports, golfing. Register today at bikeshenandoah.org! Email questions to: bikeshencycle4service@gmail.com.

ONLINE Popcorn Fundraiser September 15-18: VMissions Workers Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin are fundraising for their next 22-month term in Thailand. Support them by buying some delicious popcorn through a Double Good Fundraiser! They will receive 50% of profits from this four-day virtual event and the popcorn will be shipped directly to you! Join the Facebook Event to learn more <<https://facebook.com/events/s/popcorn-fundraiser-for-steve-a/633580174221037/?ti=as>> and there will be a "live" link September 15-18 for ordering and sharing with others who might be interested!

The Virginia Mennonite Conference Congregational Life Commission is sponsoring three one-hour Zoom seminars in September and October in support of parents and teachers who are managing virtual learning. These small group interactive seminars are capped at 20 persons. Each seminar is \$10. Register and learn more at <https://virginiacommunity.org/events/>

- Guiding Your Child Through Virtual Learning with Matthew Swartzentruber, *Licensed Professional Counselor, FLRC*. (September 23 | 7:00 pm) As many school systems have gone to virtual learning because of COVID-19, parents face many challenges in dealing with aspects of children's virtual learning at home. In this seminar, parents will learn ideas to support their children through the virtual learning process.
- Frazzled: Parents, Employees, and Now Teachers with Kate Corder, *Licensed Professional Counselor, FLRC*. (September 30 | 7:00 pm) In this time of COVID-19, parents are wrestling with confusing and frustrating roles of being good parents (seeing to the safety of their children and responsibility for their growth), achieving goals and being productive in their work organizations, and now needing to manage the education of their children in the home as many schools have gone to virtual learning. Such a "balancing act" is required, with limited time and so much responsibility. Parents who are not trained as teachers are now providing significant educational support for perhaps several children while facing the expectations of work. Many parents feel frazzled and overwhelmed by not knowing what is best and living into an uncertain future. On top of this, Seasonal

Adjustment Disorder, beginning in September and October, can make changes and pressures even more difficult. Parents, you are not alone on this journey! This seminar will help you understand the emotions of being overwhelmed and equip you with easy and important coping tools to help when you are overwhelmed. These are not complicated or hard to remember, and only take a few minutes. We will also have some time for sharing our feelings and experiences.

- Supporting Teachers Through Change with Matthew Swartzentruber, *Licensed Professional Counselor, FLRC*. (October 7 | 7:00 pm)
Teachers face unique challenges with virtual learning. There are new expectations, new class schedules, new technologies, new ways of assigning and grading work, new processes for assisting and supporting students. Some teachers are doing all-online instruction, some are in hybrid models. How do you cope with so many new things? How can you thrive in an untested environment? The goal of this seminar will support teachers by bringing them together in a small virtual group, encouraging reflections and sharing together, and generating helpful ideas for self-care, resourcing, and networking.

The SOS Walk for MCC Refugee Relief brought in over \$15,000, a good start toward this year's Relief Sale meeting or exceeding last year's total in spite of COVID! The next SOS Initiative is to encourage caring individuals to form "\$1000 Clubs," in which families, youth groups, church cell groups, co-workers or any group of friends join together to raise \$1000 (or more!) between now and the October 3 Sale date. Checks with SOS on the memo line should be made out to Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale and can be sent to 601 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22802. This is an opportunity to show our compassion at a time when so many of our world neighbors are in unimaginably desperate need.

There are many changes in the MCC Virginia Relief Sale this year. Check out vareliefsale.com for details. However, **Harrisonburg Mennonite Church is having their own Saturday morning breakfast fundraiser on September 26, from 7:30-9:00a.m. This must be pre-ordered, drive-thru the HMC parking lot, and pick up at your assigned time only.** We ask that you get all your requests phoned in by Wednesday, September 23rd. The choices will be omelets (cheese and turkey ham only) and sausage gravy & biscuits. Mervyl Miller and Steve Smith are helping to coordinate the breakfast which will be by donation. There will be My Coins Count jugs available as you drive through to drop off contributions safely. Mark your calendars and call Merv or Linda Miller at 540-434-0077 or 540-478-3911 to sign up by September 23rd. Your donation for a yummy breakfast will bless MCC on their 100th year anniversary!

The Mennonite Church USA colleges and universities will be hosting a series of virtual Family Nights in conjunction with their Mennonite College Days (MCD) schedule. In a typical year, admissions counselors from the five colleges (Bethel College, North Newton, Kan; Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio; Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Va;

Goshen College, Goshen, Ind; Hesston College, Hesston, Kan.) travel to the private Mennonite high schools during the fall recruitment season, and host the chapel service that day. They set up tables in the halls, host giveaways and games, and hold individual meetings with prospective students. At some of the schools, they host information sessions in the evenings to connect with parents and families. Due to COVID-19, the in-person collaborative travel schedule is not possible this fall. Instead, the reps will "visit" each chapel service virtually, with a pre-recorded video, and host Instagram raffles and virtual visits to their respective campuses. There will be a Family Night information session, over Zoom video conferencing, coordinating with the chapel "visit" that day. However, all prospective high school students, their families, and youth groups are invited to attend, including those who do not attend a Mennonite high school. Students are welcome to register for whichever session suits their schedule; the content will be identical for each 45 minute session. Topics covered include: What to do as a sophomore, junior, and senior in high school to be a strong applicant, financial aid, the value of Mennonite higher education, how to prepare for your college visits, and an open time for Q&A. Representatives of all five institutions will be on hand to speak privately with families afterwards, or to schedule a more in-depth visit.

The MCD Family Night sessions are as follows:

- Monday, September 21 (8:30 p.m. EST) Hillcrest Academy (all are welcome)
- Wednesday, September 30 (7:30 p.m. EST) Bethany Christian School (all are welcome)
- Monday, October 5 (7:30 p.m. EST) Dock Mennonite Academy (all are welcome)
- Tuesday, October 6 (7:30 p.m. EST) Lancaster Mennonite School (all are welcome)
- Thursday, October 8 (7:30 p.m. EST) EMHS (all are welcome)
- Monday, October 12 (7:30 p.m. EST) Central Christian School (all are welcome)
- Thursday, October 15 (8:30 p.m. EST) All are welcome!

To register for a session, click on the session you'd like at the bottom of this page: <https://www.mennoniteeducation.org/mcd>

Webinar: Walking life's journey Join us at Everence for an innovative webinar series designed for people of all ages, to help you think and talk about important – and complex – decisions about your final acts of love and legacy. Details about the webinar and registration at everence.com/harrisonburg.

Link to VMC's bulletins online is <https://virginiaconference.org/vmc-bulletin-notes/>