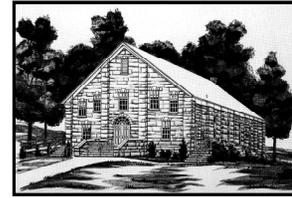


Missionaries of the Month focus: Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin, and their children Anjali, Emmanuel, Tirszah in Ubon, Thailand. Thank you for the prayers of Weavers Church! We appreciate your interest and encouragement. We had state quarantine in a hotel in Bangkok April 10-20. It went well. Our suite was spacious and we were fed well. We enjoyed spectacular views from our 25th floor, and the staff were kind and helpful. We then had a few days to enjoy special reunions with pastors, refugee and expat worker friends in Bangkok - friends we hadn't seen in years. They were sweet and intense days as it was in the very height of hot season in Thailand. We had smooth travel back to our house on April 25th by train. Since our house is open to the air, and it is the tropics with a lot of bugs, mold and other pests, there was quite a lot of cleaning and sorting to do before we could really unpack. We would appreciate prayer for stamina for the cleaning and getting our house operational but especially, for energy and joy as we ready our hearts ourselves for whatever this year holds here.

A Look at VMissions: For Orthodox Easter today, pray for effective worship and outreach as the church that Steve and Laura Campbell serve with in Podgorica, Montenegro, is planning two special services: one for the body of believers and one for outreach.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021 - 10:30am
Outdoor In Person 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

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

Welcome & Scripture/Prayer

Jackie Yoder

Announcements

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Worship in Song

c/o Rachel & Andry Stutzman

All Children Invited inside for Story Time & Activity

First Fruits Giving

Sermon: "*Planting the Garden*"

Marvin Slabaugh

Scripture: Luke 8: 9 - 15

Song of Response

Sharing and Prayer

Jackie Yoder

Benediction

Sending Song

Announcements

We are meeting in person outdoors on the lawn this Sunday but also continue with livestream worship services for those worshipping from home. For those coming to in-person worship, please wear masks as we arrive and as we leave. If we sit in family/household groups and are spaced apart, we can remove our masks after we are seated.

Upcoming Weavers calendar:

- **Prayer Group meets via zoom Wednesdays at 7pm**
- **Youth Group meets Wed evenings**

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: Missions & specific Designations - \$3,926; Budget - \$5,322; MDS Elkton bridge project - \$400; MCC Relief Kits - \$425

Happy Birthday wishes this week to Wayne Knicely, Lauren Rhodes. Jewel Yoder, and Les Hertzler.

Weavers Ladies Sewing Circle is planning to meet again in May, the second Wednesday.

You are invited to learn more about how Weavers can be a Dementia Friendly Church. During this session on May 27 at 7:00 pm you will learn the five key messages about dementia and a bit about what it's like to live with dementia. The information and discussion will allow us to turn our understanding of dementia into practical actions that can help someone living with dementia and their caregivers, both in our church and the community. This presentation lasts an hour and the remaining time will be determined by the amount of discussion that follows. The program will be offered both in person (in Shady Oak) and virtually via Zoom. Joyce Nussbaum will be the presenter.

MDS Bridge in Elkton. The Weavers Outreach invites donations and volunteers to help MDS build a bridge for a family in need in the Elkton area. Needed are 8-10 "unskilled" volunteers per day for 10 days starting June 21. We have committed to raising \$12,000 which will be matched by an anonymous donor, and donations can be given to Weavers Church with "MDS Bridge" in the memo line.

Change of Date for Weavers VBS: Saturday, July 17 (or rain back up, July 18). Vacation Bible School may look a little different this year but we will still need many hands to help!

Mennonite Women of Virginia is looking forward to having its annual retreat (which was cancelled last year because of COVID) on Friday, November 12, through Sunday, November 14, 2021, at the Richmond Short Pump Marriott. The speaker will be Dawn Mast. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend! More information and registration forms will be coming this summer.

Want to be an integral part of a young adult's life? Become a unit leader for Service Adventure, a gap-year program for ages 17-20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, who are at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the Service Adventure household. Leaders are needed in Colorado Springs, CO and Johnstown, PA. Learn more by contacting SusanN@MennoniteMission.net.

Virginia Mennonite Conference Read the new Spring 2021 issue of <https://virginiacommunity.org/read-pathways/> [Pathways](#), the quarterly publication of Virginia Mennonite Conference.

Mennonite Church USA - "If we're being honest with ourselves, we know that true justice is about much more than a single verdict in a single trial," **Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA executive director**, [writes](#) in *Unfulfilled: A Reaction to the Chauvin Guilty Verdict*. "So, I do not accept the Chauvin verdict as the fulfillment of justice. I am not celebrating that a murderer was convicted and held accountable for his crimes. That is what is supposed to happen in a just legal system." Read more of [his reflections](#).

Pleasant View, Inc. - Pleasant View is celebrating 50 years of providing home and community-based supports to individuals who have developmental disabilities. On May 21, 2021 Pleasant View will hold our 24th Annual Charity Gold Tournament at Spotswood Country Club. We invite you to join us as a sponsor and/or team and help individuals with disabilities live in and enrich their communities. For more information, contact Pam Miller at 540-560-1134 or go to our events page at pleasantviewinc.org. Executive Director, Kevin Paluszak, will be at the event and would love to meet you.