Missionaries of the Month focus: Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin, and their children Anjali, Emmanuel, Tirszah in Ubon, Thailand. During the last few weeks, the COVID situation has worsened. Thailand has been nearly COVID free, with minimal fatalities for the whole of last year, but now there are nationwide cases, and they are rising. Thailand's rules for COVID have always been extremely strict, and now we are heading into more strict restrictions as the government works to isolate and eliminate the disease. So because we traveled from the capital city into the province, we had to do a second 14 day quarantine in our home. Pray for patience for the kids as they have long days in our house without being able to say hello to friends. We've been here at home for over a week now and most rooms are clean and operational and we are getting there. Our teammates Mark and Sarah delivered groceries for us, which is a great blessing.

A Look at VMMissions: Jacob and Hosanna, serving in South Asia, ask for prayer for a teammate couple who are a year and a half into language study, which requires a lot of endurance. Pray that they will continue to press forward and be encouraged.



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Sunday, May 9, 2021 - 10:30am 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.

A special, grateful welcome to all mothers this morning -- to those who have birthed children, adopted children, or filled in as mothers, especially for those who helped us know at an early age the meaning of love and acceptance. We bless and cherish you for the care and nurture you gave or are now giving to children. We pray those children, once grown, might become your closest friends. We salute you in the name of our Lord who loved his mother and provided for her.

Prelude	с	o Rachel & Andry Stutzman	
Welcome & Script	ure/Prayer	Don Martin	
Announcements		Don Martin	
Worship in Song	c/o Julia Alleman Rachel & Andry Stutzman, Dustin Good, Sarah Regan		
All Children Invited downstairs for Story Time & Activity			
First Fruits Giving			
Sermon: "Let the Children Come" Scripture: Mark 10:13-16		Dennis Kuhns	
Song of Response (the livestream will end after this)			
Parent/Child Dedication: Josh, Annie,& Ez		a King Dennis Kuhns	
Sharing and Prayer		Don Martin	

Benediction & Sending Song

Announcements

We are meeting in person inside this Sunday due to weather but also continue with livestream worship services for those worshiping from home. For those coming to in-person worship, please wear masks inside. As usual, benches are every other one, unless you have family sitting together.

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: Budget - \$5,001.80; MDS Elkton bridge project - \$2,200; building fund - \$100

Congratulations to the 2021 college grads that grew up at Weavers: Rachael Brenneman, Cameron Byler, and Parker Estes. We pray God's blessings as these young adults embark in the next stage of life.

Weavers Ladies Sewing Circle is planning to meet again next week on May 12th. Please bring a packed lunch.

The John R Martin Family would like to thank the Weavers Church Family after the death of our father and grandfather. Your words of sympathy, whether spoken, in a card or email were very much appreciated. The gift of food and paper products were so very helpful. Thank you all very much. - Don, Barb, Daniel, Timothy and Philip Martin.

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.

Jesus: Our Strong Foundation is the theme for VBS this year. We will deliver packets to children during the 4 weeks leading up to VBS beginning the week of June 21. These will include the story/lesson, an activity/craft and a snack.

<u>There will be one in-person event</u> **July 17 from 4:30 - 7:00 p.m. for** <u>children and families</u>. We hope to meet outside at Weavers and we will encourage families to stay and enjoy the activities with their children. There will be a picnic meal starting at 6:15 and everyone from the Weavers and Mt. Clinton church community who has helped with VBS is invited to join us.

We need all of you to help make this happen. A list of specific opportunities will be coming soon but please begin praying now for wisdom and energy for planning, for the children and families who will come, for many willing helpers, and that everyone involved will grow in their knowledge of, and relationship with, Jesus who is our strong foundation. Registration will be required for the delivered packets and is preferred for the in-person event.

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.

Virginia Mennonite Missions

Read the new Spring 2021 issue of VMMissions' quarterly magazine *Transforming:* English | Spanish.

- Virginia Mennonite Conference Read the new Spring 2021 issue of https://virginiaconference.org/read-pathways/ <u>Pathways</u>, the quarterly publication of Virginia Mennonite Conference.
- 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.

Mennonite Mission Network exists to equip and empower the church as we partner in God's mission around the globe. Thank you, Weavers Mennonite Church, for your gift of \$1,220.01 in 2020! Your prayers, participation and generous support empower us to bring inspiration and innovation to the church and our partners across the street and around the world, so that people of all cultures may be transformed by Jesus Christ. -Mike Sherrill, Executive Director and CEO