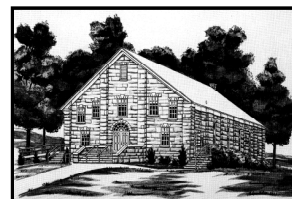


Missionaries of the Month: David and Rebekka Stutzman, Immanuel, Liana, Nathanael: serve as church planters and missional church networkers in Mannheim, Germany, in partnership with the South German Mennonite Conference and Virginia Mennonite Missions. *We have decided to call ourselves a Community on the Way (Weg Gemeinschaft). It is something between a church and small group, a simple way to gather for fellowship, focusing on regular rhythms and practices. As a community we will gather every other week for singing, prayer, sharing, and reading scripture, followed up by a fellowship meal and communion. We will host and organize bi-monthly community events that will mainly be social and relational in nature. We will host bi-monthly afternoon worship services, networking with others out of the region. Dave has been working out the details and putting the concept onto paper. It has been gratifying to finally have some more clarity about what we are doing and are excited about the development of an expression of church that can be replicated by others. Rebekka continues to pour her heart and soul into the Villa, the community center that we started in 2021. People of all walks of life come and use the space be they rich or poor, locals or migrants, families or seniors. We are amazed at the eagerness and openness for people to connect and contribute and we see how hospitality and community is a meaningful way to minister to people.*

A Look at VMissions Join Juan José Lagos, church planter at Iglesia Renuevo in Winston-Salem, NC, in praying for the church's weekly evangelism efforts, including Bible studies during the week to reach their neighbors.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, March 5, 2023 - 10:30AM
Sunday School classes start at 9:30 am

*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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Welcome & Announcements
Scripture Reading Isaiah 40: 3-5; 25-31
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“Have you not Known? Have you not Heard?”

Voices Of Praise Home School Choir 2023
Directed by Doran Witmer

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Benediction

*Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service
(staffed today by: Annie King and Emily Wenger)*

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- **Wednesday, March 8, Sewing Day, beginning at 9am**
- **Wednesday, Kids Club and Youth Group, 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, Prayer meeting by Zoom, 7pm**
- **Saturday, Men's Prayer 7am in the Coffeehouse**

Announcements

Happy Birthday this week to Allison Rhodes, Amber Brunk, and Roy Early.

Team Easter Egg will begin making eggs this Tuesday, March 7 & Saturday the 11th (Building Fundraiser). We are in need of at least 3 double boilers and a digital scale. If anyone has either of these items, please let me know. Since some think it is way too early to sell Easter eggs, (and it probably is!) please continue selling. We will make extras. These eggs sell themselves when you put them in a school lounge or office lounge so if you need a sample, please let me know! Thanks again for your support in this project! - Dianna Lehman

Thank you for your continued contributions. Ways to give may include your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service. Other ways are via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. Designations from this past week: Budget - \$2,801.56; Building Fund - \$400; Building Fund/Galen Shank memorial- \$489.56

Feel free to join us for sewing, quilting, and knotting comforters this Wednesday between 9am and 2pm. Bring a packed lunch if you are here over that time. We recently sent ten comforters to MCC; also, 112 school kit bags, twelve baby gowns and blankets were donated. Serve the Lord and bless the world!

We will be having a noon fellowship meal on March 26, followed by a Congregational Business Meeting.

Virginia Mennonite Conference Would you like to know about things happening in our wider Mennonite Church community? Bulletin announcements are available on our website or you can subscribe to the weekly email. virginiacconference.org.

Need for a vehicle: Mark & Sarah Schoenhals, along with their daughters Heidi and Hannah will be back in the states from Thailand for home ministry from mid-April to end of July. Please contact Sandi Good if you know of a possible vehicle they could use during that time.

TranSend is a one-year to two-year VMissions placement designed to help you discern your spiritual giftings and give you the opportunity to put them into practice. The program functions more like an internship or apprenticeship, and gives you a chance to explore your calling and learn from established ministry mentors while you consider your own future steps in joining God's mission to the world. **The next cohort application deadline is April 30.** Learn more about the program, see open service opportunities, and apply at vmmissions.org/tranSend/

Mennonite Women of Virginia invite you to a day of supporting missionary women, locally and globally, on **Annual Missions Day**. Grace Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Va will be hosting this event **April 22, 2023 beginning at 9am** with breakfast. Women serving through VMM with local colleges will be sharing stories of their work. The day provides many opportunities to give to various projects and mission's needs. Lunch will then follow. Childcare is provided. For questions regarding childcare, please contact Sharon Arbaugh at (540) 292-1085. **Please RSVP for yourself and any children** at mwvsecretary@gmail.com by April 8th.

Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Church USA are partnering in a year-long focus on alternatives to the current prison system and mass incarceration. **A four-part webinar series, "Beyond Incarceration,"** will be followed by learning tours across the U.S. Register for the learning tours here: mcc.org/get-involved/events/pipeline-prison-learning-tours Register for the webinar series here: mcc.org/get-involved/events/beyond-incarceration-webinar-series

Anyone looking for a volunteer opportunity is invited to come to Highland Retreat on Saturday, March 25 for our Spring Clean-Up Day! We'll be working on projects like planting trees, prepping flower beds, cleaning up sticks, blocking and splitting firewood, and building campsites. Come work for the morning (9am-12 noon) and/or the afternoon (1pm-4pm), AND enjoy a tasty lunch as our way of saying thanks! More info and the online sign-up form at highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days, or call the office at 540-705-0554.

More than 1.4 billion people live in urban slum communities. How might followers of Jesus respond to such immense need? **Join us Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church (Fellowship Hall entrance) for an opportunity to hear Yosiah and Anita Rahma (pseudonyms) share about their 12 years of living and working in a slum in Indonesia.** Questions: contact Carmen at cschrock-hursti@harrisonburgmennonite.org.

You are invited to the annual meeting and dinner for Brethren and Mennonite Heritage Center, Friday, March 24, 6:00 pm, at Mt. Olive Brethren Church! (2977 Pineville Rd, McGaheysville, VA 22840) We look forward to an evening of good food, fellowship, singing, reflection, and visioning for the future. Enjoy a homestyle meal catered by **Marjorie Shank**, and acapella special music provided by a group of singers from **Pilgrim Christian Fellowship**. This year, thanks to the generosity of a few anonymous donors, the expenses for the meal have already been covered—so all of the funds raised at the event go directly to support the ongoing mission of the Heritage Center! In order to help us prepare, **please reserve a place at the meal by March 15** by visiting our website: <https://brethrenmennoniteheritage.org>

You are invited to attend WRE Students 2023 Choral Presentation, "The Lord's Prayer" on Saturday, April 1, 4pm at the EMU Commons. Weekday Religious Education, who has "Released Time" with students in the county elementary Schools, asks for your prayer and support for this event. Learn more about how WRE is engaged in Rockingham County at <http://wre.rocks.com/>.

Jonny Rashid, pastor, author, speaker and podcaster from Philadelphia, Pa., will speak at **Eastern Mennonite School Thursday, March 23 at 7 p.m.** "Jesus Sides With The Oppressed: How Can I Be On His Side?" is the title of Rashid's talk, which will draw on his book, *Jesus Takes a Side Embracing the Political Demands of the Gospel* (Herald Press 2022). No registration required.
<https://www.easternmennonite.org/2023/02/jonny-rashid-to-speak-on-jesus-and-politics/>

Peaceful Practices: April 21, Harrisonburg Mennonite Church 9-3:30 |
Practicing healthy dialogue is an important part of our call to be peacemakers as a relevant Anabaptist witness to today's world. In this workshop, Jes Stoltzfus Buller, author of MCC's [Peaceful Practices](#) curriculum, will use stories and interactive learning to teach skills for understanding and engaging dialogue across difference. Register at virginiaconference.org.

Join VMissions in participating in the Great Community Give on April 19th.
Our goal is to raise \$10,000 that will allow us to recruit, train, send, and support workers who share the difference Christ makes, around the world. **Gifts can be given online from 6:30 AM to 8 PM on April 19th.** All are welcome to visit our office at 601 Parkwood Dr. in Harrisonburg between 11 am to 1 pm to drop off a donation and enjoy free food, fellowship, and fun with our staff and mission workers.