

**Prayer Focus of the Month:** Yosiah & Anita Rahma, Josh, Simon serving in Southeast Asia. Pray for Yosiah & Anita as they are on stateside ministry in Harrisonburg with their two boys. They return to Southeast Asia the beginning of June. Pray that these remaining weeks will be a good time of connecting with family, friends, and churches— and pray that the Lord would be strengthening and reequipping their hearts to return to their ministry.

**A Look at VMissions** Today the Life Enrichment Church in Thailand celebrates Easter with a gathering of believers together from all the districts. Pray especially for effective ministry to the children during this special weekend.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, April 30, 2023 - 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.*

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### Welcome & Announcements

Debbie Rhodes

### Scripture Reading 1 John 4:15-5:3

### First Fruits Giving

### Worship in Song

VT 364 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"  
VT 621 "My Hope is Built"

c/o Rodney Driver

### Message: "Frightened?"

Scripture: Acts 24

Curt Stutzman

### Song of Response VT 592 "How Firm a Foundation"

*(live stream will end)*

### Sharing and Prayer

### Sending Song VT 832 "The Lord Lift You Up"

VT = *Voices Together* hymnal

*Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service  
(staffed today by: Michele Mumaw and Jeanne Stutzman)*

## Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- **Wednesday, Youth Group, 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, Prayer meeting by Zoom, 6:30pm**
- **Saturday, Men's Prayer 7am in the Coffeehouse**

## Announcements

**Happy Birthday this week** to Lauren Rhodes.

**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 - \$2,838

**A BIG thank you to all who made, and sold the Chocolate Easter Eggs** as a fundraiser. The biggest thanks goes to Dianna Lehman, who organized everything! With the ingredients donated, we were able to realize \$5,331 for the Building Project.

**Congratulations to Stephanie Slabach Brubaker and Caleb Schrock-Hurst who were married yesterday, Saturday, April 29.**

**Our "Special Missions" Offering will be received today, April 30.** If you are giving online, you will need to note in the Memo (Missions Offering) or give a note to Sandi to designate as such. Below are the agencies supported through these offerings, and the way it is divided:

Weavers Missions (10%)	Central District (15%)
Virginia Mennonite Missions (25%)	Mennonite Missions Network (11%)
VA Conference Ministries (6%)	VA Menn. Retirement Comm (4%)
Eastern Menn. High School (5%)	MCC - Canning (4%)
Family Life Resource Center (4%)	Mennonite Education Agency (2%)
Highland Retreat (4%)	Mennonite Publishing Network (2%)
Pleasant View Home (2%)	Minority Groups (2%)
VA Menn. Disaster Service (2%)	Eastern Mennonite Seminary (2%)

**Pastor Curt invites anyone after the service today, April 30, for a time of conversation, questions, etc.,** that you might have about our relationship with MCUSA and current conversations in VA conference. No answers are promised, but we can have the conversations! Bring a picnic lunch, your Bible, and maybe your copy of the *Mennonite Confession of Faith*.

**Weavers Ladies - You are invited to participate in a Secret Sisters group.** There are forms on the Information Table for participants to fill out to help your "sister" learn more about you, and to know your prayer needs. In addition to encouraging, supporting, and edifying one another in prayer, you can be creative over the coming months to find ways to periodically and secretly gift with personal notes or cards. We will have a Ladies Tea in December where we will learn who our "sister" was.

**VMC Assemble for Worship: Saturday, May 6, 10 AM - 2 PM.** at the Waynesboro Mennonite Church. Welcome! We have heard calls to gather to pray and praise, give thanks and confess, humble ourselves before God and repent, forgive and be forgiven, and be open to the Holy Spirit to heal and be anointed for fruitful ministry. The event is FREE, but registration is required. Lunch provided by WMC by donation. **Registration closes May 3 at [virginiaconference.org/events](https://virginiaconference.org/events).**

The annual **Mississippi Fish Fry**, supporting the ministry of Lezha Academic Center in Lezhe, Albania, will be **Friday, May 5, from 3:30 to 6:30 pm** at Park View Mennonite Church. Dine in or take-out, consisting of fresh farm-raised Mississippi catfish, hush puppies, baked beans, coleslaw, and dessert. Meals are by donation.

**Matt Maher and Mission House will be in concert at Church of the Nazarene, Friday, May 12.** Reserve your seats [ww.songsforvalley.org](http://www.songsforvalley.org)

**Highland Retreat will be preparing their grounds for the summer season with a volunteer work day on Saturday, May 6.** (Rain date will be May 13.) This is a great opportunity for families, small groups, or individuals to help out with work projects for a few hours and get a free lunch! There will be projects for all ages; families with children are welcome. Please let us know you are coming so we can plan appropriately. Find more details and the online sign-up form at [highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days](https://highlandretreat.org/get-involved/work-days) or call the Highland office at 540-705-0554.

**Join in on the Highland Celebration gathering on Saturday, May 20!** Come for Highland Retreat's largest gathering of the year, enjoy outdoor activities, a delicious lunch, an afternoon concert by The Walking Roots Band, and fellowship with the local community and other friends of Highland. Other special activities include guided bird watching walks in the morning and lots of fun games and challenges for kids in the afternoon, plus the first swim of the season in the Highland pool! Lunch, concert, and activities are by donation, and all donations support our summer camp ministry. Learn more and RSVP online at [highlandretreat.org/celebration](https://highlandretreat.org/celebration) or by calling the Highland office at 540-705-0554.

**Explorations in Multiethnic Ministry. 2023 SENT conference** is happening **May 4-7 in South Philadelphia** at the Circle of Hope and Nations Worship Center. Sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network. Register at <https://www.mennonitemission.net/>.

**The 3rd Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival is coming to Harrisonburg June 15-18.** Register now to participate or contribute financial support for this international community of Mennonite practitioners, artists and theologians gathering at Eastern Mennonite University. Speakers include: César García, Joerg Rieger, Adriana Belinda Rodriguez, Shannon Dycus. Information at <https://emu.edu/bible/global-mennonite-peacebuilding-conference>

**Please save the Date for Weavers Church - Babylon Market**

**Place.** This is will our Summer Bible School event on **July 8.**

More details will be coming.

**A Lecture on Mennonites and Race: On May 10 at 7pm** the Racial Justice Task Force invites you to a lecture from Caleb Schrock-Hurst on his Master's Thesis *Mennonites, Race, and Reconstruction: A Survey of Racial Attitudes in 'The Herald of Truth,' 1864-1897.* This era saw Mennonites fail to build on some successful actions and attitudes in favor of racial justice in the Civil War Era, instead moving towards passive attitudes in favor of segregation and racialized exploitation. Understanding this era informs our understanding of ourselves and how we can pursue God's racially just kingdom as Christians today. Caleb's presentation should last about an hour and will include time for questions. Register for the zoom event at [viriniamennonite.org/events](http://viriniamennonite.org/events).

[Eastern Mennonite School](http://easternmennonite.org) is hiring a Communications Specialists (0.75 FTE) begins July 1, 2023. More info is available at [easternmennonite.org/about/employment/](http://easternmennonite.org/about/employment/).

[Eastern Mennonite School](http://easternmennonite.org) has an opening for a 5th Grade Teacher. More info is available at [easternmennonite.org/about/employment/](http://easternmennonite.org/about/employment/).

**Belmont Yard Sale May 6 (at Weavers parking lot) - -**

**- JOIN US IN BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY--**

**Free hot dog and drink giveaway: 8:30-noon**

**-- And in Blessing the**

**Italian Mennonite Church building project--**

**Donations of items are needed for the yard sale.** Proceeds will benefit the Italian Mennonite Church towards purchase of their building. You may bring your items to Shady Oak during the week, prior to Friday evening when it will be organized. Helpers are needed the day of the event. Please see the sign-up sheet on the table in Shady Oak, *or email one of the following from Weavers Outreach Committee:*

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