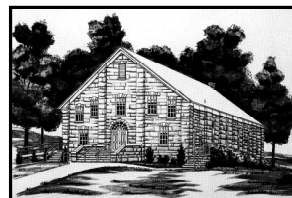


Prayer Focus of the Month: Steve Horst & Bethany Tobin serve in Thailand, working at evangelism and discipleship among the Isaan believers, under the direction of Life Enrichment Church. They serve in partnership with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Virginia Mennonite Missions. Their children are Anjali, Emmanuel, and Tierzah.

A Look at VMissions Pray for Kate Miller (name changed), a tranSend intern serving in Central Asia, for her continual language learning, knowing how to deal with homesickness, and ways to build community and find friends there.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 7, 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

Jeremy Beach

Scripture Reading Romans 11:33-12:1

First Fruits Giving

Worship in Song

VT 7 "Come Let Us All Unite to Sing"
VT 47 "God of Our Strength "

c/o Rodney Driver

Message: "To Whom Do We Appeal?"

Scripture: Acts 25

Curt Stutzman

Song of Response VT 549 "Be Thou My Vision "

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song

VT = *Voices Together* hymnal

*Nursery is available in an adjoining classroom during the Worship Service
(staffed today by: Joy Kiser and Alesha Lehman)*

Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- **Wednesday, Youth Group, 6:30pm**
- **Wednesday, Prayer meeting by Zoom, 6:30pm**
- **Saturday, Men's Prayer 7am in the Coffeehouse**
- **Sunday, May 28 EMHS Tour Choir 7pm program**
- **Sunday, June 11, Children's Sunday, with PB&J picnic**

Announcements

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: Missions - \$5,735

Men's Retreat - May 18-20 at Highland Retreat: Sign-up sheet is in on the information table so we know how to plan for meals. Arrive Thursday for times of reflection, worship and fellowship on a more casual basis. Come for all or part of the retreat. Seth Hankee, pastor at Greenmonte Fellowship, will be our speaker beginning with the Friday evening session.

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.

Ladies Sewing - Feel free to join us for sewing, quilting, and knotting comforters this Wednesday between 9am and 2pm. We recently sent five comforters to MCC; also, 22 prayer pockets, two prayer shawls, and twelve baby gowns and blankets were donated. Serve the Lord and bless the world!

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 virginiamennonite.org/events.

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.

Read VA Mennonite Missions current issue of [Transforming, our quarterly magazine](#). Copies are also located on the information table.

You are invited to a Thai meal Friday, May 19, 6pm at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church fellowship hall celebrating Mark & Sarah Schoenhals 14 years of involvement at Life Enrichment Church in eastern Thailand. Come and hear them share what God is doing in the Church there, and find out how you can show your support to both the Life Enrichment Church and the Schoenhals family. RSVP by May 12 with your name and the number attending: sandi@weaversmc.org or (540) 820-6241.

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 or by calling the Highland office at 540-705-0554.

Please join Good Company for their Spring Concert Tour!

-Saturday, May 20th at 6pm - Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winchester
-Sunday, May 21st at 4:30pm - Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg
-Tuesday, May 23rd at 7pm - Blackfriars Playhouse, Staunton
High School age singers are also welcome to sign up for a workshop with Good Company on May 21st from 1:30-4:30 where they will rehearse and perform with the group. For more information please visit www.goodcompanyacappella.com.

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>

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/

It's almost time for **Putt Fore Missions on Saturday, May 20th!** Join us on the greens at Mulligan's Golf Center in Harrisonburg for friendly competition as teams of four. [Register your team](#) by 5/8 and get your first choice of tee times!