

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. They write, "Marriage was created to be an image of Christ's love for the church, a place to experience what God's love is like. **Pray for the marriages and family life of our Thai brothers and sisters. The generational benefits to transformed marriages - Christ-like love - are immense. We want to see the joy, mutuality, freedom, safety and trust that God desires for us become the experienced reality for our Thai brothers and sisters. In May we continue to meet with one particular couple for help in their marriage. Pray for God's healing and wholeness to come.**"

A Look at VM Missions Pray for the marketplace ministry of Ben and Risa Yutzky, Timberville, Va., as they seek to be disciple-makers in everyday situations and teach others to do the same.



Weavers Mennonite Church

Mother's Day Sunday, May 14, 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.*

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Bechler

Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39

First Fruits Giving

Worship in Song

c/o Sandy Byler

"To You"
"King of My Heart"
VT 162 "The Love of God "

Message: "Almost Persuaded"

Scripture: Acts 26

Curt Stutzman

Communion

Song of Response VT 590 "I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace"

(live stream will end)

Sharing and Prayer

Sending Song VT 777 "Seeds"

VT = *Voices Together* hymnal

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

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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 - \$8,868; Building Fund - \$550; Memorial Fund/Galen Shank - \$200; Shalom Church of Palermo, Italy - \$900

Thank you to all who contributed items for the yard sale, and to those who helped at the event. In addition to giving away hotdogs, lemonade, coffee and donuts, the yard sale raised \$834.34 toward purchase of a church facility for Shalom Church of Palermo, Italy.

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 each second Wednesday of the month 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!

Save the Date - Low Country Boil, Saturday, June 3, 6pm -- at the Jake & Gloria Mumbauer barn, 8181 Singers Glen Rd. It is for everyone! Sign up in the back so we have a food count. There will be a donation bucket to help cover cost. Bring your lawn chairs.

Have you ever wondered if Saul/Paul was a pacifist after the model of Jesus? Check out this proposal for an interpretation of Saul's conversion. Read David Alleman's blog at <https://uplandweb.wordpress.com/2023/04/11/pauls-new-way-of-mission-after-damascus/> .

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.

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.

Grilled Cheese and Compassion Care – Celebrate the end of school and the beginning of Summer by ordering from [Grilled Cheese Mania](#) on June 8 between 3-7 p.m. VMRC's Compassion Funding will receive 20% of all sales. Grilled Cheese Mania is located at 1476 S. Main St., Harrisonburg, VA 22801.

Register now for the Global Mennonite Peacebuilding Conference and Festival, June 15-18, on the Eastern Mennonite University campus. Join Mennonite practitioners, artists and theologians from around the world, with featured speakers César García, Dr. Joerg Rieger, Adriana Belinda Rodriguez and Shannon Dycus. 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/