

**This month's focus for prayer:** Steve Horst & Bethany Tobin family have had the privilege to serve in Thailand with Virginia Mennonite Mission and Eastern Mennonite Missions since 2013. We are thankful for all the ways churches and individuals in our home community of Harrisonburg, Virginia have partnered with us through prayer and financial support through these many years! Together with our team Mark and Sarah Schoenhals, we have worked to share the gospel with the Isaan people of northeastern Thailand. We've done this by partnering with a Thai led house church network called the Life Enrichment Church, sharing our resources and skills with other workers and by working to recruit and launch other workers into the Isaan region. Since July 2023 our family lives in Bangkok, the capital city, where our children now attend an international school. Thank you, Weavers Mennonite Church, for your prayers for our family! We believe God hears and responds to our prayers!

Our family has just been helping to lead a regional day of prayer for Isaan. Part of our vision is to encourage and sustain people who minister in Isaan. Pray with us that all the workers who joined together in prayer will be filled with endurance and encouragement. Serving in Isaan can be an isolating and discouraging experience. But through God's power we can persevere through the many challenges. Pray for God's spiritual and emotional provision for expatriate families serving in remote areas.



# Weavers Mennonite Church

**Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 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**  
**First Fruits Giving**  
**Scripture Reading**

Jeremy Beach

### Worship in Song

VT #22 "What Is This Place"  
VT #47 "God of Our Strength"  
VT #419 Great is Thy Faithfulness

c/o Jake Mumbauer

### Message "Difficult Teachings"

Scripture: Matthew 19

Curt Stutzman

### Communion

### Song of Response VT #549 Be Thou My Vision"

*(live stream will end)*

### Sharing and Prayer

### Sending Song VT #592 How Firm a Foundation

VT = *Voices Together* purple hymnal

*Nursery is available during the Worship Service  
(staffed today by: Annie King, Emily Wenger, Barb Martin)*

Our Service is live streamed and recorded.

### Upcoming Weavers Calendar

- **Wed Prayers via Zoom, meet at 6:30pm** (contact Julia Alleman)
- **Weavers Men's Retreat at Highland Retreat, May 16-18.**
- **Save the Date: Vacation Bible School Saturday, June 29 "Seekers & Sneakers"**
- **Jul 18-20 2024 VA Menn. Conf. Summer Delegate Assembly**

### Announcements

**Blood pressure checks are available today following the service.**

Location is the classroom just inside the new portico doors.

**Thank you for your continued contributions.** We have a basket at the back of the sanctuary. Other ways to give may include your bank's bill pay, which is often a free service, via mail, paypal on the church website, bank transfer or dropping by the office. Designations from this past week: Budget - \$5,340; Albania Mission Trip - \$150

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

**Curt Stutzman's term as pastor of Worship & Discipleship (Lead Pastor) was affirmed to renew for three years, through July 31, 2027.**

**The Weavers Childcare program was affirmed,** and plans are moving forward. Please pray for all aspects of the details that need to happen. Leslie Early has been hired as the Director.

**The Cookie Corner for Encouragement week at EMU went wonderfully, and Weaver's was a big part of its success! We had many comments of appreciation from students and faculty. We as Student Chaplains want to say thank you!** Everyone who donated was so generous with their time and energy put into baking, so thank you to each one of you for your kind contributions. It is so meaningful for all of us on campus to experience community support. You all are amazing!

**Julie Weaver is graduating from Eastern Mennonite University** with a degree in Biology and minors in chemistry and Spanish. At the end of May, she will be moving to Richmond to pursue a Doctorate of Physical Therapy at Virginia Commonwealth University. Congratulations to Julie and blessings as she continues her studies!

**You are invited to participate in a diaper/diaper wipes drive** for a family whose two older children, Jesse & Charlamaine, attend Kids Club. A baby sister Lilly was born on Feb 14 to mom, Sarah Dillion.

**Jameson Weaver will be graduating** from Eastern Mennonite High School and extends the invitation to his graduation party and his senior presentation. **Senior presentation - May 20, 7 pm**, EMHS dining hall **Grad party - May 27, 2-4 pm**, 4922 Sky Road, Rockingham 22802; RSVP to 540-421-4274.

**Hospitality Committee would like to encourage inviting visitors to Sunday lunch! Sign up for a Sunday on the calendar on the foyer table,** plan to host in your home, or check with Sandi to see if Shady Oak is available and invite additional people!

**Additional persons are needed for the Children's story time, which we are doing twice a month during Worship. Contact Joyce Nussbaum if you would be willing to participate in this way.**

**Weavers will be hosting the Eastern Mennonite School Tour Choir here for a program, Sunday, May 28, at 7pm. Help is needed with snacks for refreshments following.** Please sign up at the information table.

**MAY 9TH HYMN SING FUNDRAISER for MCC Gazen internal refugees.** Join us at Park View Mennonite Church's sanctuary at 7 pm, under the direction of Dr. Benjamin Bergey, Musical Editor for Voices Together and an assistant professor of music at Eastern Mennonite University. Three anonymous donors are providing a dollar for dollar match up to \$25,000. Organized by the Share Our Surplus committee of the Virginia Mennonite Relief Sale. Come ready to sing and to give!

**Highland Celebration gathering on Saturday, May 18! Come for Highland Retreat's largest gathering of the year, featuring a delicious lunch and an afternoon concert** by The Walking Roots Band. Other special activities include guided hikes and bird watching, lots of fun games and challenges for kids, a new archery activity, and 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](http://highlandretreat.org/celebration) or by calling the Highland office at 540-705-0554.

**May 18, 2024,** VMissions will be holding an annual **Putt For Mission** fundraising event at **Mulligan's Golf Center**. This fun event is for all ages. Connect with other friends of VMissions and support the work of equipping, sending, and supporting 68 workers in 14 countries. Make a hole-in-one for a good cause! Learn more at <https://vmmissions.org/get-involved/events/putt-for-missions/> A sign-up sheet is in the Weavers Church foyer to put teams together. Cost is \$100 for four people.

There will be a Virtual Dementia Tour will be at Weavers on Saturday June 8. Register at <https://www.vpas.info/dementia-awareness> or by calling 540-615-5341 and choose a time slot. The process will take about an hour. This experience is for anyone who wants to know more about the way a person living with dementia experiences everyday life but is not for people who are living with dementia.

**The Shenandoah Valley MDS unit has been investigating local projects.** First is a house we plan to refurbish North of Harrisonburg. Secondly we are looking into building houses lost in forest fires in Virginia and West Virginia. If you would like to bless people financially mark your giving MDS and give through your local church. If you would like to help on the projects contact your church contact person or Woody Driver (Shenandoah Valley MDS chair) at 540-820-9676.