

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

November 2021

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAN...

"... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:18



The Apostle Paul reminds us to be thankful in all things, not just some things. As we enter into the season of Thanksgiving, I'm reminded to be thankful! Something you would think one should not need to be reminded of, but I find myself in need of this awaking. Let's admit it, these past few years have been interesting and for some even downright hard. For me the last few years have found me in a pandemic, an aging Mother who needs medical care, a move from one state to the next to serve a new church. A hip that is in need of replacing and the other right behind it, along with a



bad back. Geesh, are you feeling sorry for me yet? Well don't! Let me tell you what I see after I get through my Eeyore moment. I see the blessing of the pandemic which caused me to slow down and spend more time with the Lord and my family. The blessing of still having my mother and father to talk to and go see. The blessing of finding Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, which I probably wouldn't have otherwise, and becoming part of the most wonderful church family. The blessing to know that there are medical procedures in which I will be having to improve my hips and back. I am thankful! Thankful that God has chosen to plant me here at Grossnickle to minister and be ministered too. I'm thankful for you! I challenge each one of us to think about at least one thing a day we are thankful for and praise God for it. May your Thanksgiving be filled with praise and awe!

Thank you for allowing me to be your Pastor,

Paster Dan Johnson

REMINDER...

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 7.

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed Saturday night.



HEARTS & HANDS TOGETHER

Join us Tuesday, November 2 from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall for this monthly gathering. We have been cleaning and organizing cabinets and tying blankets during recent meetings. We invite you to come to our November gathering and help with this month's project.



If you need a ride or would like additional information about this group, contact Wanda Rudman, 301-508-7530 or wandarudman@gmail.com, or Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629 or pamjouannet@gmail.com. We would love to have you join us! Next month our meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 7.

KIDS KLUB KICKS-OFF IN NOVEMBER



KIDS KLUB, for children in Kindergarten through grade 5, is planned to kick-off Wednesday, November 3. Lois Ann Glessner will again direct this program by presenting exciting Bible lessons designed to help the children learn about God and the life of Jesus Christ. She supplements the lessons with fun-filled activities to illustrate the stories.

The group will meet weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Parish Hall from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Snacks are provided by parents according to a pre-arranged schedule.

JUNIOR HIGH GOD SQUAD PROGRAM FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS

We are excited to announce that Grossnickle Church of the Brethren will once again have a mid-week middle school youth program. The group will meet in the upstairs classroom area of the church bi-monthly on the following Wednesdays from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm:

**November 3 • November 17 • December 1 • December 15 •
January 5 • January 19 • February 2 • February 16 • March 2 • March 16
Closing March 30**

We are blessed to have Ms. Amy Flook directing the program. Children are encouraged to attend and participate in this worthwhile ministry. She is looking forward to working with the children in our community to help them learn about God and how we can best serve him.

If you know a middle schooler who is interested in participating, please contact the church office.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BOOK STUDIES

Topical studies on real life application of the Bible.

Soul Keeping: caring for the most important part of you is a 6-week book study led by Pastor Dan. This group gathers from 6:30-7:30pm in the meeting room next to Pastor Dan's office. Half hour of instructional video and half hour of discussion. All are welcome! If you are interested, please let Pastor Dan know and he will get you a book. (This study began October 27 and will conclude on December 8. There will be no class on November 24.)

2021 CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING



Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held Thursday evening, November 4 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Chris Stockslager will serve as moderator.

Items of business will be to approve the slate of officers and to adopt a budget for 2022, and possibly vote on the constitution. These items will determine our priorities for ministry in the coming year. All members of the congregation have a voice in this meeting. We hope for good attendance and good discussion.

Another task of the Congregational Business Meeting is to call Deacons. Deacons serve as caregivers of our congregation and as those who prepare for communion and baptism. Please consider individuals or couples who could serve faithfully and well as Deacons.

We will be calling four individuals or Deacon couples. Those persons whose terms are expiring this year are: Jeff & Patty Hurwitz, Sharon & Marion Leatherman, Myralee Wiles, and Randy & Kathy Gaver. All are eligible to be called again except for Randy & Kathy who have resigned. We thank them all for their faithful service.

WOODCUTTING DAY



A couple time each year (for many, many years) volunteers from Grossnickle Church of the Brethren cut, split and share wood with households in the area who need a hand, in the name of Christ.

Woodcutting volunteers will be needed Saturday, November 6 at 8:00 a.m. and should meet at the home of Robert Lee & Betty Grossnickle. Woodcutters will share their time and enjoy the good fellowship and fun that goes along with the hard work. To volunteer and/or if you have questions, contact Robert Lee Grossnickle at 301-293-2109.

NEWS FROM OUR OUTREACH COMMISION

HEALTH KITS REPORT... Thank you to GCOB for supporting CWS Health Kits Drive over the summer. We were so close to 40 kits that we extended the Drive through the month of September. The final total collected was 65 kits! The kits were delivered to New Windsor in mid-October. Special thanks to our Jr. High Youth for helping to assemble some of the health kits. Again, thank you to all who participated in this annual Outreach collection!

CROP WALK REPORT... On September 26th a few folks from Grossnickle Church joined with Salem UMC for the Wolfsville/Myersville CROP WALK. It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood. 21 walkers and 3 dogs joined together to raise \$3,755.00 – the largest total since 2013!! Thank you to all who helped support this most worthy cause. Walkers from Grossnickle Church were Grace Ellis (who ran the 5 miles), Steve Loiacono, and Pam Jouannet.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

LOOK WHAT SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEEN UP TO....

When we restarted Sunday School on September 5th, the CEC welcomed everyone back with some new changes. First, upstairs classrooms have been painted, new curtains hung, white boards and bulletin boards updated, and a new media room was created.

For our CHILDREN, curriculum has been taken to the 21st century and video lessons have been integrated. Also, music time has been changed up a bit. In addition to Myra Lee's traditional piano playing, we've added some contemporary Sunday School songs using videos in the media room. Everyone is enjoying the mix of music styles and the changes that have been made. The children really seem to be enjoying their time learning, singing, and being back together.



ADULTS currently have two class options. One option is a new class being taught by Pastor Dan in the Parish Hall. Participants journey through the Bible together learning about different topics. In mid-October, the class was learning about God's call and how that affects us. Biblical topics will continue to be selected to help us be better disciples of Christ. The Sanctuary Class is another option for adults. This class has a weekly teacher rotation and uses *Standard Lesson Quarterly* (NIV version) for their weekly lessons. If you have questions about the Sanctuary class, you may contact Gene Gaver. All are welcome!

As we move forward, the CEC welcomes feedback from anyone and everyone on how we're doing, ideas to keep us moving forward, and ways to provide a place for everyone. And, if you have interest in teaching a class, please contact Traci Hanser, CEC Chair.

CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY

Hunger Meal sponsored by the GCOB Youth (October 3, 2021)



NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU FROM MARION LEATHERMAN, DISASTER COORDINATOR... The disaster trip to Dayton, Ohio was a good one with much work completed. We did roof work, drywall, insulation and ceramic tile. Those going from Grossnickle were Justin Riggs, Kevin Self, Connor Self, Kevin Leatherman and Marion Leatherman. We were joined with workers from Frederick Church of the Brethren and Johnstown, PA. Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talents to help those who were affected by the tornado in 2019.

THANK YOU FROM GENE DELAUTER... I would like to thank the people that sent me birthday cards for my 85th birthday and to the people that just said HAPPY BIRTHDAY. All was greatly appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.

THANK YOU seems so inadequate for us to say to our wonderful church family for all of the acts of kindness directed to us during Bev's recent hospitalization, surgery, and recovery. THANKS to EVERYONE first and foremost for your prayers during this very difficult period – we believe and know they made a difference. THANK YOU for blessing her with all the cards, telephone calls, emails, and well wishes before, during, and after her surgery. THANK YOU to Pastor Sandi and Pastor Dan for their visits and prayers; and for all the food with a special thanks to Sylvia Lantz for doing such a great job coordinating with all of the generous folks who wanted to help and provided such delicious meals, one and all. We could never have been more loved and cared for than by our Grossnickle Church of the Brethren family. Love deep love and appreciation, Bev and Elvin Stottlemeyer

THANK YOU FROM ST. JOHN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH... To the good people at Grossnickle Church: Thank you for your very generous gift towards the repair of St. John's Parish House, it is truly a Blessing. And thank you for your support during this stressful time. The good Lord and people like you will help us to get through this.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

OFFERING OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

We extend heartfelt sympathy to family & friends of the following individual(s) on their recent death.



Scott Baker . . . September 19, 2021

Renee (Masser) Gearinger . . . September 26, 2021

Homer "Buddy" Nutting . . . September 30, 2021

Buddy was a retired ordained minister in the Mid-Atlantic District.

Ira Albaugh, Jr. . . . October 8, 2021

Ira was a long-time member of the Meat Canning Project Committee for the Mid-Atlantic District.

OFFERING OUR BIRTHDAY WISHES



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to **Elmer Adkins** who will be 93 years young on Friday, November 5, 2021. Let's celebrate with him by sending him a birthday card and sharing your good wishes with him. God bless you, Elmer! Cards may be mailed to him at 3 Caroline Dr., Middletown, MD 21769.

NEW PHONE NUMBER FOR THE PARSONAGE

Please note there is a new phone number for the parsonage. You may now contact Pastor Dan and family at 301-508-7242.



NOVEMBER 2021

Deacons of the Month: Fred & Wanda Rudman

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9a-11a Hearts & Hands Together (PH) Sec. Kathie off	3 6:30p-8p Kids Klub ▪ #JHGS 6:30p-7:30p Book Study (PH) Pastor Dan out of office / Kathie off	4 7p Congregational meeting (Sanctuary) Sec. Kathie off	5	6 8a Woodcutting Day (meet @ Robert Lee's)
7 "My 2¢ for Hunger" offering	8 Meals on Wheels RSVPs due	9	10 6:30p-8p Kids Klub (PH) 6:30p-7:30p Book Study (PH)	11	12	13 7a-1p Meals on Wheels prep (PH) Disaster Response Auction (Carroll County Ag Center)
14	15 December newsletter deadline	16 7p James Gang meeting	17 6:30p-8p Kids Klub ▪ #JHGS 6:30p-7:30p Book Study (PH)	18	19	20
21 Fall Food Drive	22	23	24	25 	26	27
28 Poinsettia orders due	29	30 Sec. Kathie off				

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 a.m. – Sunday School † 10:30 a.m. – Family Worship

A recording of the worship service will be made available by email and on Facebook on Sunday afternoons.

GENERAL IN-OFFICE HOURS

Pastor Dan: Tue-Wed-Thu ▪ 9am-12pm † Secretary Kathie: Tue-Wed-Thu ▪ 8am-4pm

NOVEMBER 2021 WORSHIP SCHEDULE & HELPERS

DATE	MESSAGE • SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
7	"A little could mean a lot!" Mark 12:38-44 Pastor Dan Johnson	Harmony Johnson	Cathie Clemson	Justin & Kayla Riggs & family	Jack Cornell	Jennifer Blickenstaff
14	Why do we do Love Feast? John 13:1-17 Pastor Dan Johnson	Holly Thomasson	Donna Grossnickle	Gabrielle Riggs & Greg Schaub	Owen Smith	Christy Kehlbeck
21	Where are you from? John 18:33-37 Pastor Dan Johnson	Sharon Leatherman	Elvin Stottlemeyer	Jess & John Remsberg	Patrick Mahoney	Brooke Smith
28	Who's coming? Luke 21:25-36 Pastor Dan Johnson	Patty Hurwitz	Jeff Hurwitz	Amanda Ahalt, Caroline & Layla	1 st Sunday Advent	Katie Rudman



Photos by Jenn Dorsch-Messler

Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction

Carroll County Agricultural Center
Shipley Arena

706 Agricultural Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157

November 13, 2021
Events

Breakfast.....7:00 – 9:30 a.m.

General Auction Begins.....9:00 a.m.
(Tools Auctioned First)

Special Items Auction9:30 a.m.

All Food Booths.....10:00 a.m.

Lunch10:30 a.m.

Meditation12:00 noon

Quilt & Comforter Auction12:00 noon

www.madcob.com/disaster-response-auction

Directions to the Auction inside this page

Please bring your own chair!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our 2021 Christmas Giving Tree will be displayed on a table in the narthex in mid-to-late November. With the help of the **Middletown Valley "People Helping People"** we will "adopt" a family in need. Because the family has not yet been assigned to us, we do not know what their specific needs are at this time. However, by the time the Giving Tree is displayed, the gift items will be listed on the tree's tags. (When you take a tag remember to sign your name on the sheet next to the corresponding tag number.)



You also have the option of providing a monetary donation. Please make your check payable to "Grossnickle COB" and note "for Giving Tree." A donations box will be in the hallway, or you may give the card or check directly to Pepper Delauter. Please watch November bulletin announcements for when cards and donations will be due to Pepper.

"People Helping People" appreciates your continued generous assistance in helping the economically challenged families of our local area enjoy a merry Christmas! If you have questions or wish more information, please contact Pepper at 301-293-1307. Thank you!



2021 Poinsettia Order Form



Christmas poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 19 to honor Christ's birth. A list of the persons whom you wish to dedicate them to will be distributed that day.

Poinsettias will come from T&C Greenhouse. The cost is \$9.00 each (6" pot with 5-6 blooms). Please make checks payable to "Grossnickle Church of the Brethren" and note "for poinsettias."

I would like to order _____ **red**, _____ **white**, _____ **marbled** poinsettias and dedicate them as noted below. Additional orders may be listed on the reverse side of this form.

- 1) Color: _____ In memory or honor (circle one) of: _____
Given by: _____
- 2) Color: _____ In memory or honor (circle one) of: _____
Given by: _____
- 3) Color: _____ In memory or honor (circle one) of: _____
Given by: _____

Contact's Name _____ Phone Number _____

Please submit order forms to Vicki Linton or Myralee Wiles by Sunday, November 28, 2021. Thank you! (Orders may also be submitted by phone or email to: Vicki at 301-797-1094 or velquilter@gmail.com or Myralee at 301-293-1037 or myraleegw@comcast.net. If we are unable to meet for services, checks can be mailed to: Vicki Linton, 20421 Splendor View Terrace, Hagerstown, MD 21740 or GCOB, P.O. Box 575, Myersville, MD 21773.)

Dan Johnson, Pastor

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 am
SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am

PASTOR DAN'S OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday
9:00 am to 12:00 pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Tue-Wed-Thu 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Phone – 301-293-9516

Church Secretary – Kathie Tucker

Website: <http://www.gcob.org>

General email: office@gcob.org

Pastor Dan's email: pastord10972@gcob.org

Secretary Kathie's email: kathie.tucker@gcob.org

Parsonage – 301-508-7242

11318 Meeting House Road, Myersville, MD 21773

GIVING THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Offerings to GCOB can be presented in the following ways:

Offering plate – Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plate during worship and Sunday school.

Online – Visit www.gcob.org and click on DONATE.

Mail – Send checks to Grossnickle COB, P.O. Box 575, Myersville, MD 21773. Indicate "offering" on check.

Make checks payable to "Grossnickle COB." Thank you!

Please submit news items for the **December 2021 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Monday, November 15.

Thank you!

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