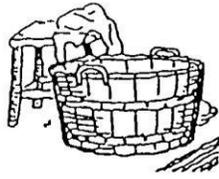


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Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

April 2022

HOLY WEEK & EASTER HAPPENINGS



HOLY WEEK begins on April 10 with **Palm Sunday Worship** at 10:30 a.m. The children are inviting you to join with them in celebrating the life of Jesus through song and Word. Through this Cantata, they are going to share with you how much Jesus had to overcome in His Life and in His Death and how we can emulate His example. We pray that you seek Him in this time and draw close to Him to feel His love during this special season.

On **Maundy Thursday**, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. we will celebrate **Spring Love Feast and Communion**. The service will be in the sanctuary. We will remember our Lord's Last Supper with a service of self-examination, feet washing, a simple meal, and Holy Communion. The option of washing one another's hands will be offered for those who are unable to participate in feet washing. All members and other baptized Christians are welcome to participate fully at the Lord's Table. Children and those who are not baptized are especially invited to come observe, sharing in the meal. Babysitting will be provided in the Parish Hall for very young children.

Our annual **Good Friday service** will be held April 15 at 7:00 p.m. We will experience a service of light where scripture will be read and lit candles extinguished until we are in total darkness. Come and experience this deeply meaningful part of our Holy Week journey.

New to our traditional Holy Week journey, Pastor Dan is offering a **Holy Saturday service** on April 16 at 7:00 p.m. Join us and experience Jesus' trek to Hades and what He did in that time.

On **Easter Day**, April 17, a Community Sunrise Service will held at 6:30 a.m. The location will be announced soon. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Wolfsville Ruritan after the Sunrise Service. Join us for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m. A colorful display of Easter flowers will grace our sanctuary Easter morning in celebration of the Risen Christ. Together we will rejoice, "The Lord is risen – the Lord is risen indeed!"

Come journey with us as we follow the Risen Lord!

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAN...

Well, here we are, it's Easter season. My favorite time of year in the Church. The time for spring, flowers and bright colors. More importantly it is the time for us to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. I would like you to read the Easter story with this thought in your head, "In our place". Read the story thinking of Jesus in my place! He suffered in my place, He died in my place, He rose again in my place. If we look at the Easter story with "In my place" as our guide, we see just how much Jesus loves us. I would hope this would lead us to think about how we can do the same for others. Is your neighbor suffering? Are they in need? Is there someone in your family that needs to know the love of Christ? What if you are the person in place to help them in Jesus' name? Instead of looking out and saying, "those people" we look out and say, "my people". A simple change in our perspective can lead to a life of service in the name of Jesus.

What the world needs this Easter season is Jesus and we may be the only Jesus they see at this moment. I pray you have a blessed Easter and know that you are resurrected with Jesus to do the ministry of Jesus to those around you.

Easter Blessings,

Pastor Dan Johnson



WEDNESDAY EVENING STUDY

The next Wednesday night study will begin April 27th, 6:30p-7:30p. We will be looking at the book "Practice of Presence of God" by Brother Lawrence. The Church will be purchasing books for this study. Please let Pastor Dan know if you are interested so that we can get a book for you. If you want to buy your own book they are \$10 on Amazon.

GRAB YOUR EASTER BASKET AND JOIN US!



Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place Saturday, April 2 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 11:00 a.m. Come to the Parish Hall and join in group games such as "musical chairs" and craft activities for all children through 5th grade. Also, we will read the Easter story.

Children are reminded to please bring their own containers for the Egg Hunt. Light refreshments will be served.

The morning's activities will also include a "Cake Walk." Cakes (or plate of cupcakes) are needed for the cake walk. Anyone willing to donate, please drop off cakes that morning. Your help as a volunteer for the Egg Hunt will also be appreciated. Questions? Contact Traci Hanser, 240-357-8160.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH BOARD

The Board met on March 15th and discussed adding extra safety procedures in place that are becoming common in public spaces. One item we discussed was research cost or even a grant to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED). An AED is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac event. We are also looking into holding a first aid and CPR class for those in the congregation that would be interested.

HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER



Join us Tuesday, April 5th from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall for our last gathering until fall. This is an extra date, so if you have been thinking of joining, now is your chance! We will be tying blankets and making snacks for Beacon House residents.

Last month (March), the Hands and Hearts ministry enjoyed time together while preparing Easter eggs for the children's Easter Egg Hunt that will be held in April. And, you may remember a photo in the March newsletter of our group holding hearts which were graciously donated by Suzanne Levitt. We wrote scripture and a message on each side and placed them around the neighborhood. Thank you to all who made this happen!

Come, fellowship and enjoy making a difference! If you need a ride or would like additional information about this group, contact Wanda Rudman, 301-508-7530 or wandarudman@gmail.com.

MEAT CANNING PROJECT



The 2022 Meat Canning Project will be canning chicken at Christian Aid Ministries in Ephrata, Pennsylvania during the week after Easter. Grossnickle Church has agreed to provide six volunteers on Wednesday, April 20. These six spots have been filled. The group of volunteers will leave from the parish hall parking lot at 6:45 in the morning to arrive for the 9:00-2:30 shift.

If you have any questions, you may contact Marion Leatherman at 301-293-4266.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY... JOIN US APRIL 24TH FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE

The CEC would like to invite everyone to please join us for Children's Sunday on April 24th during the worship hour. This year we are excited to have a ventriloquist performing for us. Marian Gehman will perform for the entire congregation, while making the children the focus. Marian has been performing for churches and schools for many years and is excited to bring her show to GCOB. It is sure to be an enjoyable time for everyone. We are hoping everyone will come and enjoy this special service.



SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE



Spring Clothes Drive this year on Sunday, May 1. The Outreach Commission invites you to start collecting your gently used clothes for others in need. We will be taking these to Beacon House.

PREPARATIONS FOR GRADUATE SUNDAY



Letters will be sent out to all HS and college grads who have let us know they will be graduating this spring. Please have the requested information returned to Traci Hanser no later than May 1st.

Our Graduation Sunday service will be held on May 22nd. We hope all of you can join us for this special time with our church family.

41ST ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION



Mark your calendar! The 2022 Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held Saturday, May 7, starting at 9:00 am at the Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Last year, \$72,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around our world.

Bring your friends and family and bid on the beautiful quilts, browse through a variety of items available for purchase, enjoy some delicious food, and support this annual effort. Pick up a copy of the Auction Booklet at the church in April or view the Auction Booklet online at http://www.madcob.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/2022-DisasterResponseAuctionBooklet_web.pdf.

CHURCH OF THE BROTHEREN 2022 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



This year, Church of the Brethren Annual Conference will be held in Omaha, Nebraska from July 10-14, 2022. Carl Jouannet, Ethan Grossnickle and Pastor Dan will serve as delegates for Grossnickle Church.

Annual Conference information is online at <https://www.brethren.org/ac2022/> for anyone who has interest in learning more about Annual Conference and/or participating as a non-delegate (in-person or virtually).

2022 JUNIOR HIGH WORKCAMPS

Want to participate in an exceptional workcamp experience this summer? Using 2 Corinthians 5:7 as a starting point, FaithX's 2022 theme is "Boundless Faith." This theme explores the different ways that the Bible describes Christian faith and seeks broader horizons in the faith we share.

If you have an interested child in Jr. High and/or if you can attend as an adult advisor, please contact Christy Kehlbeck. Christy will be happy to host a zoom call for anyone interested in knowing more about the registration and/or past experiences.



GROWING PROJECT NEWS



GROWING HOPE
GLOBALLY

The Growing Project committee is looking forward to another successful year in 2022, raising funds for Growing Hope Globally. This is our seventeenth year of working toward helping our brothers and sisters rise out of hunger and poverty. We know we have made a real difference in the lives of many people around the globe. Please continue to support the Growing Project through your prayers, donations, and presence at our events throughout the year.

We are exploring options for a program to support for 2022, and will be announcing that soon.

Please note these 2022 Growing Project events on your calendar and plan to join us:

- Saturday, April 30 – **Sub Sale** (see order form below)
- Saturday, May 7– **Chipotle Fundraiser** (see flyer in this newsletter)
- Sunday, June 12 – **Blessing of the Seed**, 3:00 pm
- Sunday, October 23– **Harvest Celebration**, 2:30 pm

We are always grateful for corporate sponsors and individuals who sponsor an acre or portion of an acre on the Growing Project farm. For more information please call the church office or Patty Hurwitz at 301-471-7810.



SUB, SANDWICH & SOUP SALE
Saturday, April 30, 2022

Growing Hope Globally Growing Project Fundraiser

Foot-long COLD-CUT SUBS for \$7.00
a generous portion of salami, bologna, and cheese
(FREE tomatoes, onions, lettuce and hot peppers for subs packaged separately)

COUNTRY HAM SANDWICHES for \$3.50
*thin-cut ham from Maugansville's Horst Meats on round buns**

TURKEY & PROVOLONE SANDWICHES for \$4.50
*fresh turkey and cheese on round buns**

CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP for \$7.00 per Quart

(*Note: Vegetables are available only on subs, not country ham or turkey.)

Orders should be placed no later than noon Monday, April 25, 2022.

Place order slips in the "Subs and Sandwiches" box on the front hallway table in the church, or call Elvin Stottlemeyer, 301-293-2830, to place your order.

Payment & Pick-up is Saturday, April 30 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
in the Parish Hall.

Questions – please call Elvin Stottlemeyer, 301-293-2830.
Thank you for supporting our Growing Hope Globally Project!!!!

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Foot-long Cold-Cut Sub	@ \$7.00 each	Total \$	
Country Ham Sandwich	@ \$3.50 each	Total \$	
Turkey & Provolone Sandwich	@ \$4.50 each	Total \$	
Chicken Noodle Soup	@ \$7.00 per Quart	Total \$	
TOTAL Due at Pick up:		Total \$	

Your Name and Telephone _____

Please place your order with Elvin no later than noon on Monday, April 25.
Pay at pick up on Saturday, April 30 from 9:00am - 11:00am.

ADOPT-A-ROAD CLEAN UP NEWS

A great job of collecting trash was accomplished on March 5th. Diane Moser and Karen Riggs braved traffic on Harp Hill Road while Jennie & Paige Leatherman and Judy Lowman focused on Meeting House Road. Eight (8) large contractor bags full of litter were collected! Thanks be to God for willing workers!

Our next Adopt-A-Road is scheduled for Saturday, June 4th.

NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU! The “old rugged cross” which is part of GCOB’s Rock Ministry has been replaced with a “new rugged cross” thanks to the time and talent of Marion Leatherman. Thank you, Marion!



MANY THANKS to all who lifted us in prayer. The outpouring of love and support was quite humbling. Thank you for the many hands and dedicated helpers who organized and served at Mom’s funeral meal. Saw the church in action that day. Being on the other end of the gift of love is quite emotional. Thank you for loving us. –Thomas, Pam, Paul, Megumi & Carl Jouannet

CHURCH FAMILY & COMMUNITY NEWS

OFFERING OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

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

Gerry Ann Houck . . . February 21, 2022

Thomas (TJ) Houck’s mother

Flo Krogmann . . . February 23, 2022

Pam Jouannet’s mother

Deputy First Class (DFC) Kenneth Charles Olander . . . March 2, 2022

Deputy Olander was Community Deputy for Myersville for the past 8 years.



March 1, 2022 – Hands & Hearts Together helped the Easter Bunny prepare for the Easter Egg Hunt.

APRIL AT-A-GLANCE

- 2 – Easter Egg Hunt
- 5 – Hands & Hearts Together
- 10 – Children’s Easter Program
- 10-17 – HOLY WEEK (see events listed on page 7)
- 17 – EASTER DAY
- 20 – Meat Canning (Ephrata, PA)
- 24 – Children’s Sunday / Ventriloquist



APRIL 2022 WORSHIP

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP



Would you like to brighten the Sanctuary with flowers during Sunday morning worship? If so, please check the flower chart on the hallway bulletin board for available dates and write your name beside the date(s) you will provide flowers.

Contact the church office, 301-293-9516, with any questions.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

- April 10 Palm Sunday Worship, 10:30 am
- April 14 Maundy Thursday Love Feast, 7:00 pm
- April 15 Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm
- April 16 Holy Saturday Service, 7:00 pm
- April 17 Community Sunrise Service, 6:30 am
- April 17 Easter Worship, 10:30 am

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us!

APRIL 2022 WORSHIP SCHEDULE & HELPERS

DATE	MESSAGE • SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTE	NURSERY
3	"Always a new day" Isaiah 43:16-21	Ethan Grossnickle	Elvin Stottlemyer	Clair Lee & Marjorie Leatherman	Caroline Ahalt	Brooke Smith
	USHERS: Finance Commission					
10	Children's Easter program	Justin Riggs	Kayla Riggs	Danny & Diane Harne	Brianna Blickenstaff	Katie Rudman
	USHERS: Glenn Lantz, Marion Leatherman, Jay Linton, Gene Gaver					
17	"Stone rolling and Doom scrolling" Mark 16:1-8	Bobby Riggs	Harmony Johnson	Dave & Pam Doyle	Paige Leatherman	Sharon Leatherman
	USHERS: Lindsay Graves, Abby Grossnickle, Ellie Grossnickle, Gabrielle Riggs					
24	Children's Sunday/ Marian and Friends Ventriloquist	Harmony Johnson	Katie Rudman	Marion & Sharon Leatherman	Madryn Hanser	Jennie Leatherman
	USHERS: David Doyle, Pam Doyle, Alan Harshman, Martha Harshman					

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT DISASTER RELIEF DINNER

You are invited to an evening of good food, fellowship, and a specialty food items auction on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at 6pm. This event will be held at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, 4821 Green Valley Road (Route 75), Monrovia, MD. Tickets (\$35/person) are available by reservation by contacting Jeff McKee, 443-547-5958 or jamckee26@msn.com.

MENU

Honey Glazed Chicken Thighs, Ham Loaf, Shrimp, Baked Pasta, Baked Corn, Roasted Vegetables, Fruit Cup, Homemade Breads, Rolls and Assorted Desserts

To provide a specialty food item (cakes, pies, candy, gift baskets, etc.), please contact Alice Houck, 240-750-4307 or abhuck1@gmail.com.

We are praying for a great turnout this year and looking forward to getting together again following cancellation of the dinner the past two years due to COVID.

Event co-hosted by: Union Bridge Church of the Brethren and Bush Creek Church of the Brethren.

APRIL 2022

Deacons of the Month: Kelly & Danny Rumpf

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9a-11a Easter Egg Hunt (PH) 12n-6p Parish Hall reserved
3 My 2¢ for Hunger offering Deacon meeting, after worship	4	5 9a-11a Hands & Hearts Together (PH)	6 10a-11a Lenten Study	7 1p Music & Worship meeting	8	9
10 Children's Easter Program 	11	12 9a Bread making (Deacons)	13	14 9a Sandwich making (Deacons) 7p Love Feast (Sanctuary)	15 May newsletter articles due 7p Good Friday Service	16 7p Holy Saturday Service
17 EASTER 6:30a Community Sunrise Service (location TBD) 	18	19	20 6:45a Depart for Meat Canning in Ephrata, PA	21	22	23
24 Children's Sunday w/ special puppet ministry	25	26	27 6:30p-7:30p Book Study (1st floor classroom)	28	29 5p-9p Parish Hall reserved for sub sale prep	30 9a-11a Growing Project Sub Sale Pickup (PH)

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



CLEANUP BUCKET LIST



Hurricanes, floods and other disasters are happening more frequently. When our neighbors around the world experience these unforeseen circumstances, you can make the road to recovery easier with CWS Cleanup Buckets. These buckets are full of essential home recovery supplies that are needed after a disaster strikes. **NEW for 2022: CWS is requesting that you add an air freshener to each bucket. Several of the liquid items have updated ounce ranges to make it easier for you to find the cleaning supplies.**

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- One five-gallon bucket with resealable lid (If reused, please scrub clean. Do not use a bucket that has held chemicals of any kind. No screw lid. Advertisement on the outside acceptable.)
- NEW** - One 4-8oz. pump spray air freshener
- Five scouring pads (No stainless steel or pads with soap in them. Remove from packaging.)
- Seven sponges, including one large
- One scrub brush (With or without handle.)
- 18 reusable, lightweight multipurpose dry cleaning towels (No terrycloth, microfiber or paper towels. Remove from packaging.)
- One 32-64oz. or two 25oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- One 16-34oz. bottle of liquid disinfectant dish soap
- One 12-40oz. bottle of liquid concentrate household cleaner that can be mixed with water (No spray bottles.)
- One package of 36-50 clothespins
- One 50-100ft. clothesline (Cotton or plastic line.)
- Five dust masks (N95 particulate respirator dust masks preferred; No surgical masks.)
- Two pairs of heavy-duty, waterproof dishwashing gloves (Latex-free, non-surgical. Durable for multiple-use. Remove from packaging.)
- One pair of work gloves (Cotton with leather palm or all leather.)
- 20-28 heavy duty or contractor type 30-45 gallon trash bags on a roll (Remove from packaging.)
- One 6-9oz. bottle of non-aerosol insect repellent (Pump spray bottles must have protective covers. Packs of 10-20 insect repellent wipes also acceptable.)

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CWS EMERGENCY CLEAN-UP BUCKET CHALLENGE:

- 1) Look for the BRIGHT ORANGE BUCKETS (narthex, upstairs, parish hall) and select a paint stirrer from the bucket for each item you wish to donate.
- 2) On the signup sheet attached to the bucket lid, please write your name beside the item(s) that correspond with the paint stirrer(s) you selected. Remember to take your paint stirrer(s) with you.
- 3) Go shopping for the supplies. (Think Giving Tree, except this is a bucket!)
- 4) Return purchased items to the bucket you took the stirrer from.

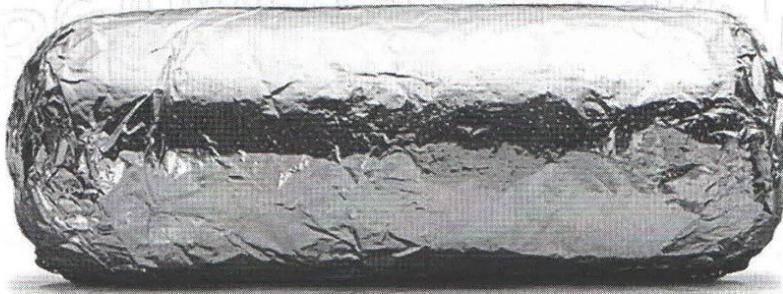
Monetary donations are welcome also. Just submit your donation in the offering plate and designate it for CWS Buckets. This would enable us to buy any missing items to fill the buckets.

THANK YOU for helping to fill these bucket by May 1. Questions can be directed to Pam Jouannet @ 301-291-3629 or Diane Moser @ 240-397-1652.

VALUE: \$75 | PROCESSING FEE: \$3 per bucket | All cleaning items must be new and liquid items tightly capped.

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SUMMER CAMP 2022



Shepherd's Spring

16869 Taylors Landing Rd
Sharpsburg, MD
301-223-8193



1. OVERNIGHT CAMPS

Traditional camp blends fun and faith through a variety of classic summer camp activities such as canoeing, campfires, cookouts, swimming, caving, slingshots, songs & games, worship & Bible study, & more!

June 19-24 | June 26-July 1 | July 10-15
Ages 7-15 | Ages 7-18 | Ages 7-15

2. GLOBAL CITIZEN CAMPS

Campers will get a glimpse of what it's like to live in another country, while learning what it means to see & value the individual; celebrate stewardship and sustainability; and take action in the face of poverty/inequality.



July 17-22 | July 24-29 | July 24-August 5
Ages 10-18 | Ages 10-18 | Ages 14-18



3. DAY CAMPS

In addition to our overnight camps, beginning this summer, we are now offering traditional day camp options to meet the needs of our local community for select weeks only. Monday through Friday.

June 20-24 | June 27-July 1 | July 11-15
Ages 7-15 | Ages 7-18 | Ages 7-15

VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR
MORE INFORMATION &
ONLINE REGISTRATION



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Now hiring Summer Staff! Apply online.

- Ages 16-17 apply to be a Counselor-in-Training
- Ages 18+ apply to be a Camp Counselor, Activity Leader, Lifeguard, or Support Staff

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

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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 **May 2022 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Friday, May 15th.
Thank you!

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