

# The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

April 2017

## HOLY WEEK . . .

...come journey with us as we follow the Risen Lord.

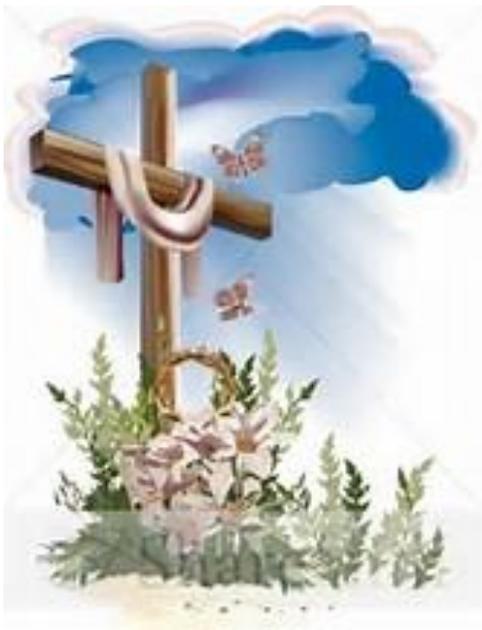
† **Holy Week** begins with **Palm Sunday** April 9. At 10:30 our glad “hosannas” will ring out the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, and then point us to the sacrifice of the cross.



† On **Maundy Thursday**, April 13 we will celebrate **Spring Love Feast and Communion**. The 7:00 p.m. 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 for very young children in the Parish Hall.

† Our **Good Friday service** on April 14 at 7:00 p.m. will include a monologue by Pastor Tim titled, “*Lifting the Lowly.*” Worship will conclude with an abbreviated Service of Shadows with the extinguishing of candles.



† On **Easter Day**, April 16, the Community Sunrise Service will begin at 6:30 a.m. at St. Mark’s Lutheran Church. Coffee and donuts will be served by the Wolfsville Ruritan after the Sunrise Service. Later that morning we will gather for our regular Sunday morning schedule. Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. with Easter Worship at 10:30 a.m.

A colorful display of **Easter flowers** will grace our sanctuary Easter morning. White lilies, pink and blue hyacinths, red, yellow, and pink tulips, lavender and yellow mums will fill the sanctuary in celebration of the Risen Christ. We will offer our praise that “The Lord is risen – the Lord is risen indeed.”

“... Why do you look for the living among the dead?

He is not here; he has risen! ...” (Luke 24:5-6, NIV)

## GRAB YOUR EASTER BASKET AND JOIN US!

The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will take place Saturday, April 15 from 10:00 a.m. to approximately 12:00 noon. Come to the Parish Hall and join in group games such as “musical chairs” and craft activities for all children through 5<sup>th</sup> 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.” To donate a cake or a plate of cupcakes, please speak with Carol Schroyer, 301-367-6393, before April 15. Your help as a volunteer for the Egg Hunt will also be appreciated!

## KIDS KLUB CLOSING ACTIVITIES RESCHEDULED



Our 2016-17 Kids Klub Wednesday evening programming will conclude soon. A special evening is planned on Wednesday, April 5 starting at 6:00 pm. Plan to arrive 30-minutes earlier than usual for this evening that will include special **Kids Klub closing activities**. Supper will be provided by the Christian Education Commission and Mrs. Lois Ann Glessner has planned activities that will include students singing 2-3 songs.

On Sunday, April 30, Lois Ann will be bringing the message for our annual **Children's Sunday**. At that time we all can express our appreciation for her ministry among the children of our congregation and community. Please plan to join us!

## SPRING FOOD PANTRY DRIVE

Our Outreach Commission encourages everyone to bring groceries on Sunday, April 30 to benefit Salem United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Salem serves some 45 families through their Food Pantry program. We are glad to support their effort in this community. Please bring food with you to church the day of the Drive and place it under the table in the entry hall. The food will then be carried into the sanctuary and placed around the Communion Table for blessing during worship that morning.

Items especially needed for Salem UMC's pantry are listed below. Please check expiration dates on all products. We prefer not to give expired food to the Pantry. Thanks so much for supporting wonderful effort!

Canned Meats (tuna, chicken, ham, scrapple, etc.)	Ketchup
Chicken Noodle Soup	Mustard
Canned Tomatoes	Mayonnaise
Pancake Mix	Salad Dressing
Pancake Syrup	Tooth Paste
Ranch Dressing	Shampoo
Italian Dressing	



## GROWING PROJECT UPDATE



The Growing Project committee is looking forward to another successful year in 2017.

This year we will be supporting a **program in Guatemala called Four Departments**. In the second phase of this program, World Renew will continue to work in partnership with four local organizations and will assist farmers in remote communities to adopt environmentally sustainable practices that will help them improve their crop production while also taking better care of their natural resources. Most of these communities are located on slopes of mountains and hills, and finding ways to combat erosion and increase soil fertility are essential for them. The main activities will be: training agricultural promoters on key farming techniques and assisting them as they promote these techniques among other farmers in the community. This work will build on the success of the previous phase with the current communities and expand to reach 12 more communities.

Alex Morse, FRB staff, met with us at our **Thank You Luncheon** in February, and told us about this program. The results they are seeing are quite impressive.

Our 2017 **Growing Project Kick Off** will be on Sunday April 30. Please mark your calendars for these other important dates: May 13 Sub Sale, May 21 **Blessing of the Seed** and October 15 **Harvest Festival**.

We will be participating in the **Bob Evans Fundraiser** again this year. Simply by enjoying a meal there with friends and family, we raised an additional \$1350 last year for our Project. This year's fundraiser will kick-off on Wednesday, April 19 at the Hagerstown location. Flyers will be available soon in the narthex and on our website.

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.

## 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION



Mark your calendar! The 2017 Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction will be held Saturday, May 6, starting at 9:00 am at the Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD. Last year, \$62,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around the world.

Bring your friends and family and bid on the beautiful quilts, purchase some of the many items that will be available, enjoy some delicious food, and support this annual effort.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** This is a fun job for people who want to support the Disaster effort of the church. 3 to 5 volunteers will be needed for setup on Friday, May 5 from 7 – 9:30 am and from 4 - 7:00 pm. On Saturday, May 6, the day of the auction, volunteers are needed to organize stacks of miscellaneous auction items for the auction into “box lots” (groups of similar things) to be sold by the box. Also, a couple volunteers are needed during the auction to hold up the boxes or other items for the crowd to view to bid on. If you can help, contact John Laudermilch, 443-974-0228.

**MID-ATLANTIC DISASTER RELIEF AUCTION DINNER...** An evening of fine food and a specialty food item auction is planned for Saturday, April 8, 6:00 pm at Bush Creek Church of the Brethren, 4821-A Green Valley Road, Monrovia, MD. Tickets available by reservation, \$25 person by contacting Jeff McKee, 410-848-2720, John Laudermilch, 443-974-0228 or Alice Houck, 301-898-9556. If interested in providing a specialty food item (cakes, pies, etc.), please contact Alice.

## REACHING OUT TO HELP OTHERS... OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

**WOOD CUTTING...** April 1 at 8:00 am at the home of Robert Lee and Betty Grossnickle. Thanks to all who can help. Lunch in the Parish Hall will be provided.

**SENIOR SERVICE CIRCLE...** The Senior Service Circle invites you to join them on Wednesday, April 5 from 9-11:00 am. The group assists Meals on Wheels and helps local charities throughout our community; all are invited. If you need additional information or assistance with a ride please contact Pattie Hughes at 301-676-8284 or Wanda Rudman at 301-508-7530. Hope to see you there!

**"YOUNG AT HEART" MEALS ON WHEELS...** The next delivery for this monthly outreach effort (deliveries only) will be Saturday, April 8 around lunch time. Reminder cards were mailed the end of March. *If you do not receive a reminder card and you wish to receive the meal (Baked Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, California Blend, Applesauce, and a Dessert provided by Senior Service Circle) or if you received a reminder card and do not want the meal, please call 301-293-9516 by Monday, April 3.* Help is needed to prepare, package, and deliver the "Young at Heart" Meals on Wheels. To volunteer, speak with Kathy Gaver (kitchen help) at 301-416-8339 or Debbie Bussard (drivers) at 240-409-8061.

**MEAT CANNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Volunteers are needed to travel to Ephrata, PA on Tuesday, April 18 and Wednesday, April 19 to help with the 2017 Meat Canning Project. The groups will leave from the Parish Hall at 7:00 am to arrive for the 9:00 am - 2:30 pm shift. If you are interested in going one or both days, please speak with Marion Leatherman, 301-293-4266.

**CENTENNIAL MEAL...** Looking for volunteers who want to have a great time serving others. Interested? Come, help prepare and/or serve a meal at Centennial UMC on Saturday, April 29. The meal is served at 4:00 pm and, after cleaning up, servers are generally home by 6:00 pm. Groups within our Church are encouraged to volunteer. Additional information available from a member of the Outreach Commission or Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629.

**ADOPT-A-ROAD...** Thank you to all who helped with the clean up on March 11th. Our next cleanup is planned for Saturday June 3.

**CLOTHES DRIVE...** Thank you to all who participated in the Spring Clothes Drive. The Fall Clothes Drive is planned for Sunday, October 22.



**WOOD CUTTING**



**SENIOR SERVICE CIRCLE**

**YOUNG-AT-HEART**



**MEAT CANNING**



**CENTENNIAL MEAL**



**CLOTHES DRIVE**

## GLANCING BACK... FEBRUARY CENTENNIAL MEAL

On Saturday, February 25, a group of volunteers prepared a meal to serve at Centennial UMC for our homeless, less fortunate friends. The meal included meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and fruit cocktail. Approximately 50 people attended the meal. It was a hungry crowd – they ate *all* the meatloaf (9 were prepared), potatoes and green beans – many came back for 3rds! One young lady who was pregnant said this is the best meal she has had in a while.

Pam inquired about the number of attendees (which seemed low) and was told that more organizations and churches have become involved. It was wonderful to learn that breakfast, lunch and dinner are now available in Frederick for the homeless – for no one in this world should go hungry. Centennial UMC plans to continue their meal ministry which includes a contemporary worship service following the meal.

Helpers for the February meal were Thomas Jouannet, Lois Johnson, Hazel Early, Elvin Stottlemeyer and Pam Jouannet. Pam reported that she left Centennial feeling totally blessed and filled with the Holy Spirit and she encourages everyone to consider helping prepare and/or serve a worthwhile meal for the Centennial ministry. To volunteer and for more information, contact Pam at 301-293-3629.

## ALL-CHURCH BOWLING PARTY



The Deacon Fellowship Committee is hosting an **"All Church Bowling Party"** on Sunday, May 7 beginning at 2:00 pm at Turner's Bowling Alley on the Dual-Highway in Hagerstown. Young and old and all in between are invited. Deacons will pay for *one* game of bowling for each person; you can pay for additional games, if desired. Shoe rental is included. Turner's has big balls and duckpin (small) balls as well as bumpers to put in the lanes for smaller children (or adults that don't want to roll all gutter balls).

A sign-up sheet will be on the table in the Narthex approximately mid-April to help determine how many lanes will need to be reserved; or you can let Sharon Leatherman 301-293-4266 or Pam Jouannet 301-293-3629 know that you will be attending. This event should be a great time for all so mark your calendars now and plan to join in the fun.

## YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



SENIOR HIGH YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL... Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 am! We are reading through the book of Proverbs and are using **"Studies on the Go: Proverbs,"** by **Dr. David Olshine** who is head of youth ministries at Columbia International University.

### YOUTH ACTIVITIES

ROUNDTABLE will be held at Bridgewater College from March 31- April 2 for Senior High Youth. Guest speakers will be Tyler and Chelsea Goss. The Friday night entertainment will be Mutual Kumquat. There will many learning opportunities through workshops. Check out the website <http://iycroundtable.wixsite.com/iycbc/roundtable> for more information. Contact Doris at 301-471-8199 or [Dorisgrossnickle@comcast.net](mailto:Dorisgrossnickle@comcast.net) if questions.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED... The **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** will be happening once again at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren on Saturday, April 15, 2017 and youth are needed to help at this event. If interested please contact Carol Ann Schroyer at 301-367-6393 or Karen Riggs at 240-818-7060.



#### **Please Help Us...**

If you are admitted to **Meritus Medical Center in Hagerstown**, you will help Pastors Donna and Tim find you if you identify your Church during the admissions process. MMC has new software that enables us to keep track of patients who are admitted when you **identify Grossnickle Church of the Brethren** as your Church. We can login to a secure website and know you are at the hospital.



We'd love to come visit you. Thanks for helping us in this very simple way.

*Our Congratulations to...*



*Kaitlyn & Zach Graybill  
upon the arrival of  
Oliver James Graybill  
Sunday, March 19, 2017*

*Great-grandparents: Johnny & Linda Graybill*

**PRAISING GOD TOGETHER... MUSIC, WORSHIP AND MORE**



**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP**



The 2017 Flower Chart is posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you can provide flowers for Sunday morning worship during the coming year, please sign-up now. Several dates are still available.

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

**Join us each Sunday...**  
 9:30 am – Sunday School (nursery through adult)  
 10:30 am – Worship

**APRIL 2017 WORSHIP INFORMATION & HELPERS**

DATE	SERMON / SCRIPTURE	MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
02	“Dinner with Zacchaeus” Luke 18:31-19:10	Tim Ritchey Martin	Holly Thomasson	Donnie Grossnickle family	Maggie Williamson
09	“Palms of Peace” Luke 19:29-44	Donna Ritchey Martin	Tim Ritchey Martin	Carl Thomasson family	Ethan Grossnickle
16	“Risen!” Luke 24:1-12	Tim Ritchey Martin	Donna Ritchey Martin	Brian Blickenstaff family	Jeremy Harshman
23	“On the Road with Jesus” Luke 24:13-35	Donna Ritchey Martin	Donnie Pugh	Dan Hughes family	Seth Remsberg
30	Children’s Sunday	Lois Ann Glessner	Children’s Sunday	Paul & Grace Reeder	Lane Routzahn

April Deacon of the Month – Cathie Clemson



**MUSIC FOR WORSHIP**

The Music & Worship Commission encourages all of us to think of ways to glorify God with music, and identify those with gifts to share. Commission members are Donna Grossnickle (chair), Kelly Rumpf, Vicki Linton, Jeanine Harshman and Charles Grossnickle. Please speak with them to volunteer or make suggestions.

**NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE**  
 April 2017

02 – Jennie Leatherman  
 09 – Traci Hanser  
 16 – Brooke Smith  
 23 – Doris Grossnickle  
 30 – Cathie Clemson



To volunteer and for information you may contact Carol Schroyer, 301-367-6393 or [carsch57@live.com](mailto:carsch57@live.com).



**GRADUATE SUNDAY**  
 May 28, 2017

The Christian Education Commission would like to have the names of students in our church family who will be **graduating from high school or college this spring**. Names are needed as soon as possible so preparations can be made for the meaningful celebration we offer our graduates. Please provide this information to the church office now!

## OUR PEOPLE OF GROSSNICKLE CHURCH

*This section provides an opportunity to learn more about the newest members of our congregation.*

**Jenna Grossnickle** is the daughter of Brian and Angie Grossnickle and she has one sister, Abby. Jenna is a student at Middletown Middle School and her favorite subject is science. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Phillips, her gym teacher last year. Jenna's life revolves around soccer and if you have ever seen her play you understand why – we all love the things at which we really excel, and Jenna really does excel at soccer.



Fun activities for Jenna are first and foremost – playing SOCCER. Jenna is an exceptional talent and Elvin is convinced that she would truly rather play soccer than eat!!! Other fun activities for Jenna include going to the swimming pool, spending quality time with her family, and hanging out with friends in her neighborhood. Jenna is a Dallas Cowboys fan and likes to watch them on Sunday evenings during football season.

Jenna's favorite food is pasta. Her favorite movie is "When the Game Stands Tall." A person Jenna would really like to meet is Alex Morgan, famous women's soccer player (oh, and by the way she plays the same position as Jenna). If the family allows Jenna to pick the spot for their next vacation they will be headed to the Bahamas.

Jenna's favorite memory of church is going to the church basement during membership class and seeing Jon drop his candle. She isn't sure if it was an accident or not. Asked to complete the sentence I will never forget, Jenna said, "The first time I tried out for soccer."

Jenna was baptized and became a member of our Church on August 14, 2016 at the creek baptism. We welcome Jenna into our Church fellowship and are pleased that she has accepted Christ and chosen us as her Church Family. We look forward to Jenna's continued active participation in the life of the Church. Welcome Jenna!

*Note: Interview was conducted by Elvin Stottlemeyer and shared during the New Members Dinner in November.*

### Our Christian Sympathy to...

Susan and Tim Noffsinger and family upon the death of Susan's father, **Ben Jones**, Friday, February 24, 2017.

Susan and Tim Noffsinger and family upon the death of daughter, **Jill Noffsinger**, Sunday, March 5, 2017.

Jane and Maynard Grossnickle upon the death of Jane's brother, **Robert Lee Wolfe**, Monday, March 6, 2017.

Ida Mae Blickenstaff and family upon the death of her brother, **Lewis Bell**, Sunday, March 19, 2017.



## ‘HELPING HANDS’



*This segment focuses on the many groups and individuals in the life of the Church who contribute a great deal to our life together. This space is an opportunity to learn more about these “helpers” and what they do.*

Church accompanists is the current focus of “Helping Hands.” This month we focus on **Myralee Wiles** who accompanies during worship once a month. We thank Myralee for her dedication to this important ministry in the life of GCOB. Here is Myralee’s journey with music.

Music has been a happy, joyful blessing to me in my life! When I was young, I was intrigued by the sounds of the ivory keys on our old upright piano. I would try in my own way to play and sing the nursery rhymes and Sunday School songs that I had learned. My parents decided it was time for piano lessons and so began my journey in playing the piano.

My first experience with our Brethren “Red Hymnal” came when my family and I would visit with my Grandparents Garst. There on the piano was this beloved hymnal. They would ask me to play for them. I was just learning, but I tried my best. Little did I know then how very special the songs in this hymnal would always be to me. I love the old hymns!



During my high school years, I played the saxophone and the oboe in the Walkersville High School Marching and Concert Bands. I also accompanied the Concert Choir on the piano. In the summers, there were piano recitals that required the memorization of our songs. Quite challenging for me!

Over the course of about thirty plus years, I have had the pleasant opportunity to sing with and play the piano for the children of our church during Sunday School. I have enjoyed watching the children grow into young adults who now have children of their own who come to singing time with me. What a special blessing!

Many years ago, Stanley Kline asked me to play the piano for the Adult Sunday School class that meets in the sanctuary. How nice it has been for me to share time with these members of our church family and to play hymns for them. Stanley also encouraged me to try playing the organ. I was not too sure about attempting to play this beautiful instrument, but I had always wanted to try. Graciously, Lois Kuhn met with me a few times to share the very basic techniques of playing the organ. I will always be grateful to Stanley and Lois for their encouraging ways.

I feel very humbled and blessed to be able to join Betty, Sylvia and Kristen in playing for our church worship services. In our own ways, we each “Make a joyful noise unto the Lord.”

Next month we focus on another of the accompanists who bless worship with the gift of their music.

# CELEBRATION CORNER

**March 2017** Celebration Corner is a monthly column highlighting, with joy, events of the past month. This month we celebrate **March** events.

On Sunday, March 19, the Kingdom Seekers Sunday School Class studied a lesson based on the **Wired Word** material. Wired Word is a curriculum that brings together newspaper headlines and scripture. How do the two talk to each other. On the 19th the material was about a study regarding **isolation**. There are a lot of folks in our world just now who are isolated. Older folks who live alone and do not socialize much with others are much at risk of being isolated. Younger folks who become isolated from others because of smart phone technologies and social media connections.

The **fellowship of the Church** is a wonderful way to address isolation. During March two wonderful events were held that brought us together at the table for good food and fellowship.

The **Annual All-Church Talent Show** was a wonderful success. Food was provided by the Senior High Youth Fellowship in the form of a spaghetti dinner. The meal was a fund raiser for the 11 folks who will be attending work camps this summer. Conversation, sharing, laughter filled the room. Then we enjoyed a dozen or so different acts of talent ranging from singers, instrumentalists, comedians and crafters. The afternoon was wonderful.

Two weeks later we all came together for the **Annual Pig Roast and Silent Auction**. Again the room was full and items for bidding lined the walls around the outside of the Parish Hall. The deacons cooked up the pig. Our thanks to the Riggs family for providing the pig this year. Everyone brought food to pass. We even celebrated Letha Delauter's 95th birthday with song and cake. Congratulations Letha! About \$2,000 was raised through the auction to support our 11 workcampers. Thanks so much to advisors Doris and Scott Grossnickle for your able leadership with the youth. Fellowship. Being together because of our faith. Sharing with one another. We were made for "together."

Finally we celebrate the wonderful service the **Senior High Youth** lead us in on Sunday, March 19. The focus was the story of David and Goliath. Prayers, readings, songs all focused on the reality of God with us. It was a wonderful morning of worship, prompted by the youth. Thanks so much for all of your hard work and for the able leadership of class teachers Danny and Kelly Rumpf.



**CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY**  
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CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY (continued)



Notes of Thanks...

THANK YOU! I want to thank everyone for the get well cards, visits, prayers, and acts of kindness during my illness. What a great church! –Ernest Leatherman

Dear Sisters and Brothers of GCOB, THANK YOU for the prayers, calls, cards, food, flowers and visits. I certainly felt a God-given peace and calm as I faced breast cancer these past weeks. I have never felt so supported and loved! I praise God for the many blessings he has provided through this experience. My surgery was successful and I feel very optimistic that my upcoming radiation treatments will leave me cancer-free and healed. I feel called to urge everyone to take a moment every month to do a self-exam for lumps everywhere. Especially ladies, please do this and also make time to get an annual (3D) mammogram if you are over 40. Thanks to Patty Hurwitz and so many caring people there is state-of-the-art cancer technology and medical professionals in Frederick to help find and overcome cancer. Again, may I say how grateful my family and I are for the kindness and compassion of our church family! Love, Christy Kehlbeck

**FAHRNEY KEEDY SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY NEWS**

8507 Mapleville Road, Boonsboro MD 21713 • 301-733-6284 • <http://fkhv.org/>  
 Key Person for GCOB: Glenna Moser, 240-344-4431



**LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING...** April 22 is the quarterly business meeting with lunch at 12:00 noon and business meeting to follow in the NEWLY renovated Auditorium/social room. The Auxiliary has generously contributed to this much needed renovation. The luncheon will be catered by the F-K kitchen. Come see, come fellowship and come hear, during the business meeting, what the Auxiliary and the Home has been doing and future planning. Bring a friend!

**SHEPHERD'S SPRING NEWS**

P.O. Box 369 • 16869 Taylors Landing Road • Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782-0369 • 301- 223-8193 • [www.shepherdsspring.org](http://www.shepherdsspring.org)  
 Camp Representative for GCOB: Doris Grossnickle

It's not too late to register for **summer camp**. If you have questions about camp, Doris would love to talk to you. Contact her at 301-471-8199.



**Birdwatcher Retreat – May 5-7, 2017** – This program is designed for beginner to intermediate birders. It's a great family opportunity that includes basic bird watching techniques, bird games, migration information, great posters, planting and feeding suggestions for your backyard and time to listen to the sounds of the birds in the area with experienced birders as your guide! Visit [www.shepherdsspring.org](http://www.shepherdsspring.org) for more info and to register.



**Annual Golf Tournament – Monday, June 19, 2017** at Black Rock Golf Course, Hagerstown, MD. Save the date!



**Shepherd's Spring Summer Camps**

Mini-Camp	June 21-23	Grades 2-3	Big and Small	June 18-19	K- Grade 2 with an adult
Junior Camp	June 25-30	Grades 3-5	Grand Camp	July 5-7	Ages 6-10 with a grandparent
Middler Camp	July 9-14	Grades 6-8	Family Camp	August 4-5	Any Age
Youth Camp	July 23-28	Grades 9-12	Leaders in Training	June 8-10	Ages 16-18
Junior Wild	July 16-21	Grades 5-6	Volunteer Training	June 10	Ages 18+
Outdoor Adventure	July 30-August 4	Grades 7-12			
Creative Arts	July 9-14	Grades 4-7			
Down on the Farm	July 16-21	Grades 4-6			

*See the bulletin board for a camp brochure to find out more information about each of these camps.*



**National Older Adult Conference 2017**  
 September 4<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>

The next National Older Adult Conference, Inspiration 2017, will be held at Lake Junaluska Conference Center in western North Carolina from September 4-8. The theme is "Generations" from Psalm 145:4, "One generation shall laud God's works to another and shall declare God's mighty acts." The theme reflects the inter-generational community that gathers at NOAC and the importance of generations engaging each other in meaningful conversations about relationships, leaving a legacy, and faith.

The Mid-Atlantic District Office is taking bus reservations for NOAC. Call Pat Ecker, 410-871-0765, for more information. Reserve your seat with a \$50 deposit payable to the District.

**GLANCING AHEAD**

MAY 2017

- 06 – Disaster Response Auction (Westminster, MD)
- 10 – Senior Service Circle
- 13 – Growing Project Sub Sale
- 14 – Blanket Sunday/Mother's Day
- 20 – E-Cycle Drive
- 21 – Memorial Sunday
- 21 – "Blessing of the Seed" (Growing Project)
- 28 – Graduate Sunday

April 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Sundays</u> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship</p>						<p><b>1</b> 8a - Wood Cutting  Youth Roundtable (Bridgewater College) Mar 31-Apr 2</p>
<p><b>2</b> My 2-cent Offering  BP Screenings (after worship)  Youth Roundtable (Bridgewater College) Mar 31-Apr 2</p>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<p><b>5</b>  9a-11a Sr. Service Circle  6p-8p Kids Klub Closing Celebration</p>	<p><b>6</b>  7p Lenten Study (PH)</p>	<b>7</b>	<p><b>8</b>  7a-1p Meals on Wheels prep (PH)</p>
<p><b>9</b> PALM SUNDAY  </p>	<b>10</b>	<p><b>11</b>  9a - Communion bread baking (PH)</p>	<p><b>12</b>  9a – Beef cooking (PH) 6p – Beef slicing (PH) 7p – Communion prep (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>13</b>  9a – Sandwich making (PH) 6p – Communion setup (Sanctuary) 7p Love Feast (Sanctuary)</p>	<p><b>14</b>  7p Good Friday Service</p>	<p><b>15</b>  10a-12n Easter Egg Hunt (PH)</p>
<p><b>16</b> EASTER  6:30a Sunrise Service (St. Mark's Lutheran Church)  </p>	<p><b>17</b>  OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p><b>18</b>  9a-2:30p Meat Canning (Ephrata, PA) (Meet at PH parking lot at 7a)</p>	<p><b>19</b>  9a-2:30p Meat Canning (Ephrata, PA) (Meet at PH parking lot at 7a)</p>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<p><b>27</b>  7p Board meeting</p>	<b>28</b>	<p><b>29</b>  12n-4p Centennial Meal prep (PH)</p>
<p><b>30</b>  Children's Sunday  Food Pantry Drive (during Worship)  Growing Project Kick-off</p>	<b>31</b>					

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Tim and Donna Ritchey Martin, Pastors  
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 am  
FAMILY WORSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday  
8:00 to 11:30 am

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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](http://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!

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