

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

November 2022

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR DAN...

Philippians 1:3-5

³ Every time I think of you I thank God for you. ⁴ I have joy in my heart every time I ask God to help you.

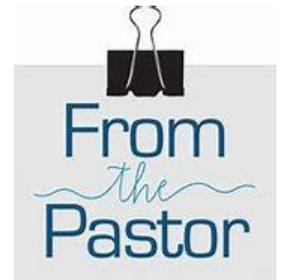
⁵ I thank God for the joy we share in telling the good news from the very first day until now.

As many of you know by now Kathie has moved on to a new chapter in her life and we now start a new journey in the Church AK (after Kathie). I look at Philippians and think of how I feel about my short time working with Kathie. We have worked so well together, spreading the Good News through the ministry of the office. Kathie was much more than an administrative assistant, she was a visitation pastor. Many of her days were filled with folks calling and coming in just to talk with her. She is so gifted at listening and sharing the love of Christ with folks. She will be greatly missed.

So now we start a new chapter with a new administrative assistant. We need to realize that they are not Kathie. We need to show grace as this person makes the office their own. We need to keep visiting to introduce ourselves and help them feel at home. We need to help in any way we can to make this transition as seamless as possible. The office will not be the same without Kathie, but the office will continue to serve the Church and community. Please join with me in prayer for Kathie as she starts this new time in her life and for the Church office as we start our new journey.

Thanks, and God bless,

Pastor Dan Johnson



OUTREACH NEWS & OPPORTUNITIES



HANDS & HEARTS TOGETHER... During our October meeting, the group made 28 quarts of vegetable beef soup. Peas, beans, corn, cabbage, potatoes, onions, green beans and carrots along with Chuck roast beef. We also made 20 loaves of pumpkin bread. All of this will be used to the nourishment of those in our church family who will be blessed by the love with which it was made. We truly enjoyed our time together! Join us this month on Tuesday, November 1 for this month's activity.

This caring ministry meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 9am-11am in the Parish Hall. Helping hands

and hearts of all ages are always welcome and useful! To learn more, speak with Wanda Rudman or Pam Jouannet.

2022 CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING



Our Annual Congregational Business Meeting will be held Thursday evening, November 3 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 2023, 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.

HUNGER MEAL

Join us in the parish hall after worship on Sunday, November 27 for a Hunger Meal. Our youth will serve a meal that resembles one that could be found at a soup kitchen. Options will include simple soups and sandwiches. A grab-n-go option will be available also. The youth have one request -- that you donate money you would have spent if you went out to eat. Funds raised will be used to purchase Christmas gifts for those in need in our area.

COUNTRY CHURCHES CHRISTMAS TOUR



Grossnickle Church will be included again this year as part of the Country Churches Christmas Tour sponsored by the Myersville-Wolfsville Area Historical Society. Grossnickle COB will be one of the beautifully decorated churches participating as part of this free self-drive tour on Saturday, December 10 from 1pm - 5pm.

A LOOK AHEAD FOR CHRISTIAN ED

***Practice for this year's Christmas play** started the last Sunday of October. It is being held from 9-9:30am in the sanctuary. Harmony will be directing once again. Please be watching for more information.

*The **Children's Christmas Program** will take place December 11th during the worship hour.

*The annual **Advent Dinner** will be held directly after church on December 11th. Chicken will be provided and we ask everyone to bring a dish to share. There will be kids' crafts, singing, bingo, and more. Come share in this seasonal tradition with our church family.

*We are bringing back **Reverse Advent!** We will once again be collecting items to benefit our local schools (Wolfsville, Myersville, Middletown, Smithsburg and Lincoln Elementary Schools). Lists of needed items will be supplied soon. All items are due by December 11th.

2022-23 WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Grossnickle Church is pleased to announce the following two mid-week programs will start up the 2022-23 sessions this month.

KIDS KLUB for all children K-5th grade will be kicking off November 2nd. Kids Klub will meet every Wednesday** from 6:30-8pm from November through March. Lois Ann Glessner will once again be leading the children through lessons, games, crafts and fun.

JUNIOR HIGH GOD SQUAD (#JHGS) will also be starting November 2nd. This group will meet bi-monthly on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays** from November through the end of March. This year, we are delighted to have Jeanine Harshman as our fearless leader. #JHGS is for all middle school aged children. #JHGS will meet from 6:30-8pm on the following dates:

Nov 2 * Nov 16 * Dec 7 * Dec 21 * Jan 4 * Jan 18 * Feb 1 * Feb 15 * Mar 1 * Mar 15 * Mar 29 (closing)

There will be a **closing for both groups of students and their families** on March 29th. We hope to have lots of our youth take advantage of these great mid-week programs!

Welcome letters and Registration forms were sent out via email in mid-October. **Please note these groups do not meet when Frederick County Public Schools are closed.

AED UPDATE

Our church council, in an effort to provide for emergency care if such a need would arise, has decided to purchase two automatic external defibrillators (AEDs). You have likely seen these in shopping malls and airports. One will be housed in the church sanctuary and one in the Parish hall. If you would like to contribute towards this purchase, please make a notation on your contribution stating: FOR AEDs. If you have any questions, please contact Fred Rudman.

NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU... Our family would like to thank everyone for the kindness they showed, the prayers that were offered, the cards that were sent, the phone calls that we received, the food that was prepared in celebration of the life of our dear husband /Father, George "Calvin" Pearl. Also, many thanks to Pastor Dan. You are all just so kind! -Evelyn Pearl, Wanda and Fred Rudman, and George and Kristy Pearl.

THANK YOU... I would like to say thank those that reached out to me during and after the passing of my sister Linda Delaughter. Your thoughts, cards, phone calls and prayers were greatly appreciated. Thank you so much. Kathy Gaver

THANK YOU to Vicki Linton and her husband Jay for making our church look lovely with each season. The showcase always looks so pretty and very inspirational with the messages and decorations. The window displays and wreaths on the door add to the beauty of our church. Thank you for all that you both do for our church. God bless you!

THANK YOU to the church members who cleared and prepared the Memorial Garden for the fall season. Your dedication and devotion to caring for the Memorial Garden is so much appreciated. God bless you all for your time and effort in keeping this area so beautiful.

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.

Jay Harshman . . . September 2, 2022

Penny Wolfe Smetana ... September 8, 2022

Richard Summer ... September 20, 2022

Janette Michael ... September 30, 2022

Beryl Jackson ... September 2022

Delores Kline ... October 1, 2022

OFFERING OUR CONGRATULATIONS

We offer congratulations to the family of the following new little bundle of joy.

Ziggy Ispizua . . . October 11, 2022

Parents: Anna & Martin Ispizua

Grandparents are Brenda & Carl Thomasson, Aunt Holly Thomasson, Great Grandparents Anna Mae Rosenberry and Helen Thomasson ♥ Siblings: Joaquin and Tego

NOVEMBER 2022 WORSHIP

WORSHIP SCHEDULE & HELPERS						
DATE	SCRIPTURE • MESSAGE	WORSHIP LEADER	CHILDREN'S TIME	GREETERS	ACOLYTE/ ADVENT CANDLE	NURSERY
6	TBA	Fred Rudman	Karen Riggs	Trina & Keith Delauter	Lilly Rumpf	Doris Grossnickle
	USHERS: Finance Commission					
13	TBA	Karen Riggs	Harmony Johnson	Vicki & Charles Grossnickle	Drew Leatherman	Brooke Smith
	USHERS: Gene Delauter, Steve Lociano, Charles Grossnickle, Brock Skeen					
20	TBA	Trina Delauter	Holly Thomasson	Jess & John Rensberg	Wesley Johnson	Katie Rudman
	USHERS: Keith Hawkins, Tanya Miller, Tony and Rhonda Miller					
27	TBA	Harmony Johnson	TBD	Suzanne & Carson Levitt	Smith family	Sharon Leatherman
	USHERS: David Doyle, Robert Clemson, Danny Rumpf, Fred Rudman					

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.

November Special Music

6th GCOB children

20th Fertile Soil

27th Men's choir

PARISH HALL USAGE

The Parish Hall was built by the Grossnickle Church of the Brethren to provide a place for the fellowship life of the congregation. Use of the facility also is available to members, by reservation, for gatherings (i.e. family events, reunions, and wedding receptions). Use by non-profits in the community must be pre-approved by the Church Board and requires a usage fee of \$150. We do not rent to the general public.

All Parish Hall use must be arranged through the church office. After availability is confirmed, a reservation form must be completed, signed, and submitted to the church office before the reservation will be accepted. Also, a fee of \$75, payable to the custodian, is due at the time of reservation. This fee is refundable if the parish hall is left in the same condition it was found.

Please note that when an emergency church event (i.e. funeral meal) needs to take place, it is understood that such a church event will take priority over other scheduled activities.

Copies of the PARISH HALL RESERVATION FORM are available in the rack beside the church office. You may contact the church office at 301-293-9516 or wendya.mcgoldrick@gcob.org to inquire about reserving the Parish Hall.

NOVEMBER 2022

Deacon of the Month: Cathie Clemson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Hands & Hearts Together, 9-11a (PH)	2 6 pm Men's choir practice 6:30 – 8pm Kids Klub (PH) #JHGS (2 nd flr)	3 7 pm Congregational Business Mtg. (Sanctuary)	4	5
6 <i>My 2¢ for Hunger</i> offering 9 – 9:30 Christmas Play Practice (Sanctuary) New Member Dinner after worship	7	8	9 6:30 – 8 pm Kids Klub	10	11 PH reserved (Love Feast prep)	12 PH reserved (Love Feast prep) 9 am Music & Worship Comm. decorate for Thanksgiving
13 9 – 9:30 am Christmas Play practice (Sanctuary) 6 pm Fall Love Feast (PH)	14	15 December newsletter articles due	16 6:30 – 8pm Kids Klub (PH) #JHGS (2 nd flr)	17	18	19
20 9 – 9:30 am Christmas Play practice (sanctuary) "Fertile Soil" playing during worship	21 9 am Music & Worship Comm. undecorated church	22	23 Community Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7 pm @Salem UMC No Kids Klub	24 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Secretary Wendy off</div>	26
27 Advent wk#1 9-9:30 am Christmas Play Practice in Sanctuary Hunger Meal (PH) after worship Poinsettias orders due	28	29	30 9 am Newsletter Crew 6:30 – 8 pm Kids Klub			

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 Wendy: Tues – Friday 10 - 3

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Our 2022 Christmas Giving Tree will be displayed on a table in the narthex in the next few weeks. 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 gift card or check directly to Pepper Delauter. Please watch November bulletin announcements for when gift 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 301-401-6207. Thank you!



2022 Poinsettia Order Form



Christmas poinsettias will be displayed in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 18 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 27, 2022. 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.)

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

PASTOR DAN'S OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Tuesday – Wednesday – Thursday
8:00 am to 11:00 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Tue-Wed-Thu-Fri 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Phone – 301-293-9516
Church Secretary – Wendy McGoldrick

Website: <http://www.gcob.org>
General email: office@gcob.org
Pastor Dan's email: pastord10972@gcob.org
Secretary Wendy's email: Wendy.McGoldrick@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 2022 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Tuesday November 15th.

Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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