



Tidings

October 2024



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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren is to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ and glorify the Lord by striving to live as Christ lived experiencing the power of God's healing in our lives. We seek to nurture our faith community through prayer, music and the proclaimed Word, while enthusiastically reaching out to others with compassion, respect and love for everyone so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.

VISION STATEMENT

The Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, A Living Peace Church: A caring community gathered round the Risen Christ that
 ...Welcomes the stranger
 ...Empowers our neighbors
 ...Embraces the diversity among all people as we continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.

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The Pastor's Pen

*"What is highly valued among men is detestable in God's sight."
 (Luke 16:15)*

This powerful bible verse follows the parable of "The Shrewd Manager", which Jesus was telling his disciple. If we study the parable, we find that it asks us to consider the questions, what, or who, do we highly value? What are our passions? What motivates us to do what we do? Jesus concludes the parable by saying, "No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The money-loving Pharisees, who were listening too, heard this parable and sneered at Jesus. He said to them, "You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God's sight." As it was then, money is highly valued in our day, but so are other things like prestige, comfort, accolades, pleasure, accomplishments, property and more. We even value some very good things, like, love, faithfulness, honesty and many other virtues that both Christians and secular culture hold as ideals. All these things can become idols, and when they do, they motivate self-centered, self-seeking, pride-driven behaviors. Jesus said, God detests the things we highly value if they are valued apart from Him.

You've heard me ask you many times before this, what ministries do you hear God calling us to do? I've asked, what are your passions for ministry and outreach? These words of Jesus in Luke 16:15, stretch us even further and remind us as we consider our call and passions for ministry...that our values need to be God-centered so that our ministries and outreach are God-driven.

We might ask ourselves as we consider ways to serve each other and our community, are the ideas we have, addressing a need God has revealed to us; or are we doing it because it sounds like a good idea and it will make us feel good and be fun to do, for at the very least, trying it? When we value what God values, we recognize where and how God needs us to do something; and we know we are doing it for God with God's blessing. Yes, we may find ourselves feeling good for having completed successfully a project, and that's okay. In fact, that then should become motivation for once again tuning into God's heart and building our values and ministries on that.

During two Sundays in October, as is our practice, we will focus our attention on stewardship. As we consider the sharing of our resources, time and talents, this scripture and lesson should be taken under advisement. What we decide to give from our financial resources, how much time we will give to the work of the church, and what God-given talents we are willing to use for God's service, should be prayerfully considered, knowing God rejoices in our giving and at the work we will do, when our decisions are based on what God values. Let us glorify God with what we value...God's values...and allow that to be our motivation for the living of our faith. Amen.

*Blessings to All,
 Pastor Twyla*



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Sundays in October

Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Scripture	Greeter	Special
10/06/2024	Twyla Rowe	Rebecca Jackson	“Suffering and Faithfulness”	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Don & Roberta Maas	Love Feast/Deacon Consecration/Food Pantry/Fellowship Time
10/13/2024	Pastor Eddie Edmonds	Chris Stockslager	“Ruler or Ruled?”	Mark 10:17-31	Kathy Kelsey	Parish Nurse/Junior Church
10/20/2024	Twyla Rowe	Eileen Smith	“For the Glory of God”	Mark 10:35-45	Karolyn Martin	Consecration of Leadership, Ministry & Nominating Teams
10/27/2024	Twyla Rowe	John Miller	“It’s Your Lucky Day!”	Mark 10:46-52	Bob & Judy Long	Junior Church

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Clergy Appreciation Month is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication, and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation, and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year. Please take this time to personally thank our pastor for her hard work and to lift her and her family in prayer.



Remembrance Sunday
November 3, 2024

Please join us for a special Service of Remembrance worship service on Sunday, November 3, 2024 as we remember and celebrate the lives of those loved ones who have passed in the last year.

In Memory of...

Fall Congregational Business Meeting
November 3, 2024

Our Fall Congregational Business Meeting will be held on November 3, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall, following the worship service. We will have a covered dish carry-in-meal. Spiritual Nurture will provide chicken, drinks, and paper products. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the west entrance. Please sign-up and bring a dish to share. Thank you!

Don't Miss the **DEADLINE!**

Ministry Chairs

Your report for the Congregational Business Meeting booklet is due to the church office by October 15, 2024.




The Service & Outreach Team will once again be having our large community event—Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat—on **Saturday, October 19th from 1-4 pm**. We need many helpers. We will have bingo, children’s games, and crafts for the children. We will have hotdogs, chili, chips, popcorn, water, snow cones, and cotton candy. There will be a cake walk. We will have a costume parade for the kids and of course, Trunk or Treat. Do you love to meet new people and share the good news about our Lord and Savior? Here’s your opportunity. We also need adult and children’s prizes for bingo. If you have any appropriate items, you no longer use, please donate them for this event. We also need cakes for the cake walk, and cookies and candy. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat, let us know. There are sign-up sheets available in the west entrance. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Service & Outreach Team.



“Not Against Flesh & Blood”

Mid-Atlantic District Conference will be held Friday & Saturday, October 11 & 12 at Brownsville Church of the Brethren. 1911 Rohrsersville Rd., Knoxville, MD 21758. This years theme is based on Ephesians 6:12.

More information can be found at: <http://www.madcob.com/districtconference/>



Non-Traditional Fall Love Feast

Our Fall Love Feast will be held on Sunday, October 6th during both worship services. It will follow the practice we did during the pandemic. The deacons chose to do this because of the many positive responses they received following those times we did these creative services during the pandemic. We heard the request to consider doing it for more of the fall love feast services. Like at our Maundy Thursday service, we will observe the traditional worship experience. We hope everyone will mark their calendars and plan to join their brothers and sisters for this significant time of remembrance of Jesus, his life, his death and his call to our lives.



Many thanks to my church family for remembering me with so many lovely cards on my birthday. Although I can't be with you in body, my spirit and prayers are always with you. In Christian love
- Nancy Gehr



Community Breakfast

Saturday, October 12, 2024
9:00—10:30 am

Our Community Breakfast is held the second Saturday of each month.

JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will be held the second & fourth Sunday of each month.

This is open to ages Kindergarten through Grade 6. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a special time together.

Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going, or parents may accompany them.

Christian Education Ministry Team



The grief journey after losing a loved one is very painful, difficult, and lonely. Since everyone grieves in his or her own way and time, there is no magical endpoint to the grieving process. Fortunately, we have GriefShare, an encouraging seminar

offering support after the death of a loved one, no matter how recent. It provides a safe, welcoming space where people understand the heavy emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you will receive valuable tools to help you navigate your personal path, as well as support from others also on their grief journeys. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please share this information and consider attending. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you.

Our fall session of GriefShare has begun **and will continue each Monday through December 2, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. in the Mullendore Room.** You may join the program at any time during the 13 weeks, but we ask that you commit to attend at least 3 weeks. Cost of the program is free, but we gladly will accept a \$10 donation toward materials. Register at griefshare.org. If you have any questions about the program, see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

Daily Bible Reading

OCTOBER

- ◇ 1 Hebrews 5-7
- ◇ 2 Numbers 29-32
- ◇ 3 2 Chronicles 11-15
- ◇ 4 Psalm 117-118
- ◇ 5 Proverbs 28
- ◇ 6 Jonah
- ◇ 7 Acts 3-4
- ◇ 8 Hebrews 8-10
- ◇ 9 Numbers 33-36
- ◇ 10 2 Chronicles 16-20
- ◇ 11 Psalm 119
- ◇ 12 Proverbs 29-30
- ◇ 13 Micah
- ◇ 14 Acts 5-6
- ◇ 15 Hebrews 11-13
- ◇ 16 Deuteronomy 1-3
- ◇ 17 2 Chronicles 21-24
- ◇ 18 Psalm 120-121
- ◇ 19 Proverbs 31
- ◇ 20 Nahum
- ◇ 21 Acts 7-8
- ◇ 22 James 1-3
- ◇ 23 Deuteronomy 4-6
- ◇ 24 2 Chronicles 25-28
- ◇ 25 Psalm 122-124
- ◇ 26 Ecclesiastes 1-2
- ◇ 27 Habakkuk
- ◇ 28 Acts 9-10
- ◇ 29 James 4-5
- ◇ 30 Deuteronomy 7-9
- ◇ 31 2 Chronicles 29-32



The first Sunday of every month is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring in your gift(s) of non-perishable food items, place them on the cart as you enter the west entrance, and a volunteer delivers the food. **Our Food Pantry collection in October will be going to Holly Place**

We thank everyone for their continued support of this ministry to our community!

Just a reminder - all items should be either dry, boxed, or in cans. Please do not bring in anything in a glass jar that could break and injure a recipient or our volunteers.

**Cash for Causes/
Martin's Gift Card
Program**

Purchase Martin's gift cards to take to the store to pay for your groceries or gas, and 5% of the face value of the gift card is a donation to the church and goes toward your yearly charitable contribution.

To purchase a card, please contact Larry Kees, Jr. (301-331-0107). If you can't pick them up on a Sunday, we can make arrangements to leave cards in a church mailbox or snail mail them to you.

October 2024 Schedule

Please check the weekly bulletin and the online calendar for changes as they happen. Our schedule is subject to rapid changes.

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Worship Meeting/Zoom

Wednesday, October 2

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, October 3

New phones being installed/HCOB
5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 4

8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, October 5

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, October 6

Food Pantry Sunday/World Communion Sunday/Love Feast
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, October 7

Church Office Closed
6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, October 8

5:30 pm Service & Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 9

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, October 10

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 11

Pastor Eddie Edmonds/On Call
MAD District Conference/Brownsville COB
8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, October 12

Pastor Eddie Edmonds/On Call
MAD District Conference/Brownsville COB
Pastor Twyla's day off
8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 13

Pastor Eddie Edmonds/On Call
Junior Church
Pastor Eddie Edmonds/Guest Preacher
8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, October 14

Church Office Closed
6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, October 15

Ministry Team Reports Deadline for CBM
12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Altruistic Room
12:00 pm Newsletter deadline
6:30 pm Christian Education Meeting/Mullendore Room
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 16

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
10:30 am Caring & Sharing/Mullendore Room
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, October 17

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 18

8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, October 19

Pastor Twyla's day off
1:00 pm Community Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 20

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, October 21

Church Office Closed
6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, October 22

5:30 pm P&F Meeting/Mullendore Room
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 23

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, October 24

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 25

8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, October 26

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, October 27

Junior Church
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, October 28

Church Office Closed
6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, October 29

6:30 pm Leadership Team/Room 302
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 30

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, October 31

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

health / live longer & stronger



Be a hydration hero

If you're never without a reusable water bottle, yay! Staying hydrated is important year-round, as water helps shuttle oxygen and nutrients to cells, muscles, and organs so your body can function properly. It's extra crucial to keep tabs on hydration when the summer heat soars: Dehydration can cause tiredness or headaches, and it forces your heart to work harder to pump blood and could up your risk for heat exhaustion or heatstroke. To estimate your daily H₂O needs, aim to drink half your weight in ounces—so if you weigh 140 pounds, sip 70 oz of water, says Joy Bauer, R.D.N., a health expert and best-selling author.

Try Bauer's hydration boosters:

FUN-FILTER YOUR H₂O

Find simple ways to make unsweetened beverages more exciting. Keep flavored sparkling water on hand and add fresh fruit or herbs to your water—or freeze them in ice cube trays to pretty up any glass. You can even make refreshing iced tea from fruity or herbal brews.

PAD YOUR INTAKE WITH FRUIT

Fruit is loaded with water, not to mention vitamins and minerals. Melons like cantaloupe and watermelon have the highest water content of all, at more than 90%, so find ways to eat more of these. Watermelon is wonderful paired with mint and feta. Or, create Bauer's spin on caprese salad: cantaloupe, cherry tomatoes, mozzarella balls, and basil (for handheld fun, thread everything on a skewer and drizzle with balsamic).

MAKE IT DESSERT

Summer is the perfect time for a fruity sweet treat: Fruit has maximum flavor and nutrient density when it's ripe and in season. Shave large chunks of frozen melon or pineapple with a microplane to create naturally sweet, fluffy ice. Or top fresh berries or slice of stone fruit with a scoop of ice cream or frozen yogurt.



“That is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.”
 —2 Corinthians 5:19-20

Global Mission Prayer Guide **September 3, 2024**

Uganda

Pray for the families whose loved ones died in landslides at the Kiteezi dumpsite in Kampala overnight on Aug. 9. Soon after the tragedy, it was reported that more than 39 people were missing, 30 were confirmed dead, and an unknown number of livestock died. The Red Cross provided tents in which as many as 1,000 people have been housed temporarily. They are at risk due to injuries and the lack of sanitation essentials in the displaced persons camp. Pray for those who are mourning, that they may be comforted; those who are injured, that they may be healed; and those who have lost their homes, that they may be helped to rebuild them.



*Church of the Brethren land in Hima, Kasese District, Uganda.
 Photo by Gordon Hoffert*

Also, pray for the church in Uganda as it takes steps to purchase land for a church building and school. The goal is to own 10 acres of land—6 acres of farmland and 4 acres to build an orphanage, schools, and a training center. The plan is to teach children agriculture, to harvest food to feed the orphans and widows, and to sell the surplus grain and other crops at market rates to support other Brethren ministries.

The Ugandan Brethren are thankful for the financial contributions already received from both local sources and Church of the Brethren organizations around the world. These gifts enabled them to buy the four acres for the buildings in Hima, an upcountry semi-urban village in Kasese district of western Uganda. Pray that the church in Uganda can reach its financial goals and buy the rest of the land needed to begin the farming, the feeding of the hungry, and generating additional funds through crop sales.

Venezuela

The Venezuela Brethren ask for prayer for salvation in 8 of the 56 ethnic groups with which the Iglesia de los Hermanos Venezuela (ASIGLEH) is in mission. Indiscriminate mining and poverty in many communities contribute to diseases such as malaria, amoebiasis, respiratory diseases, and tuberculosis, and many

deaths occur. Pray for healing for those who are suffering from infections, those who fear death, and for the strength and compassion of those who are caring for them in difficult conditions. Pray for Christian maturity, for the provision of food everywhere in the country, for the resources to equip schools for children, and for the conservation of the environment.

During the last half of August, members of the Venezuelan church have been on a missionary trip to Delta Amacuro, Orinoco River, bringing food, medicine, supplies, and clothing, performing acts of evangelism, and training 80 Christian leaders of the Warao ethnic group. Give thanks to God for Brethren Disaster Ministries and their support of this ministry.

Finally, the Venezuelan Brethren ask for your prayers for their country, which is now in socio-political chaos following recent national elections. People who demonstrated against the government system and supported candidates who did not win are being persecuted and deprived of liberty as if they were terrorists. Some have disappeared, others are threatened, and some have received prison sentences without the right to defend themselves or appeal. Many have been forced to migrate from their communities to other locations.

God is good, and His mercy is forever! The Venezuelan church asks every brother and sister whose heart is troubled by these events to pray for their beautiful country and for all the nations suffering and scarred by violence, that we will once again live quietly, in hope, and in peace!!

Dominican Republic

The Church of the Brethren in the Dominican Republic (DR) joins the cry of the Venezuela Brethren and prays that the Lord will establish His order in Venezuela.

Prayer requests for the DR are for the strengthening of the pastoral body and that God will continue to bless you all.

The Comunidad de Fe (Community of Faith) district requests prayers for the spiritual and mental health of all the members of the Church of the Brethren, for growth in faith, and for the planting of new churches. The district prays that God will bring a resolution for the nation of Haiti, resulting in a return to peace in the midst of the situation in several areas in Haiti where gangs dominate, and for a just solution for the Haitian brothers and sisters who have relocated to the Dominican Republic without visas or legal status.

Haiti

The church in Haiti (l'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti) prays with gratitude for the support they receive from their sister church, the Church of the Brethren in the United States. They are happy for the many actions taken during the 21 years of relationship, including spiritual and social support, disaster recovery, community building, humanitarian support, and education. The Haitian Brethren are thankful for God's steadfast and never-ending love.



*Haitian church leaders (from left) general secretary Yves Musa; treasurer Reginald Lubin; moderator Oriles Augustin; and outgoing general secretary Romy Telfort.
 Photo by Ilexene Alphonse*

The church in Haiti asks for you to continue to pray for the country of Haiti and for the churches in the midst of “red zones” where violence is flaring up. Pray, too, for Haitian people everywhere who are living in limbo. As the Church of the Brethren in Haiti makes some major leadership transitions, your prayers are needed, especially for the newly elected and nominated leaders, for their wisdom, strength, and compassion.

Finally, pray for pastor Antoine Previl, who suffered a stroke just before Annual Conference, that he may recover fully.

Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)



*A displaced persons camp in the Democratic Republic of Congo
Photo by Faradja Chrispin Dieudonne*

The Congolese Brethren are grateful to God for leading and protecting them during the DRC Church of the Brethren National Youth Crusade, which was held in Ngovi from Aug. 23 to 25. They ask for your prayers as they work to obtain funds for the roof of their headquarters building being constructed in Ngovi.

Also, pray for the displaced people in eastern DRC, who have inadequate food supplies and face shortages of every sort. Please pray for the return of lasting peace to the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Great Lakes region of Africa, and the world.

May God hear our prayers.

Spain

Join in prayers of thanksgiving for the experiences of worship and fellowship in the Dominican Republic and the Virlina District by leaders from the church in Spain after participating in the Annual Conference in Grand Rapids, Mich. Pastor Santos Terrero had a joyous visit to the Church of the Brethren church in Azua, where he began his ministry. Gedeon Terrero was warmly welcomed as he brought his music ministry to four congregations in Pacific Southwest District and one in Virlina District.

Pray for the missionary field in Spain and beyond, that the church may continue to reach and welcome people. There is much work to be done in the areas of evangelization and growing churches, and more workers are needed. Pray, too, for the new Brethren congregation that the Spanish church has planted in London, England, that the ministers may faithfully continue to bring the good news of God’s love and peace in Christ.

Rwanda

Rwanda has been in the news recently with church and school closings related to government regulations for building, sanitation, noise management, and pastoral certifications. The Rwanda Brethren are thankful for God’s grace upon the church in Gisenyi, where the congregation is still able to hold services and the church continues to gather in prayer. Please pray that the church may find the funds to make the adjustments to properties that the government requires in the more than 25 churches and preaching points which are all still closed. Pray for the Rwanda Brethren to continue in ministry, the pursuit of peace, and education programs. Pray for the Great Lakes Bible School, which is affiliated with the Church of the Brethren, where pastors receive training as required by the Rwanda government. The school is looking forward to the new semester that begins on Sept. 9. Pray for the students and staff as they travel during the next two weeks to take part.

Nigeria



*EYN Utako Vacation Bible School
Photo from EYN VBS*

Ekklesiyar Yan’uwa a Nigeria (EYN) asks for prayers of thanksgiving for:

- The success of Children’s Sunday School week. May God firmly root His word in the hearts of the children, guiding them throughout their lives.
- God’s faithfulness in answering the prayer and fasting declared by EYN for rain during the drought. Give God the glory!
- The remarkable success of the first ever Vacation Bible School hosted by EYN Utako, where 365 children were welcomed.

Join with EYN as they raise these prayers of supplication:

- May God bless the efforts of all those who work the land with a bountiful harvest this year.
- As the wedding season in EYN approaches, September to December, pray for the establishment of strong Christian homes, where Christ remains the cornerstone of every marriage.
- May God’s protection cover His people and the nation with safety and security amidst ongoing attacks, rapes, kidnappings, and killings by Boko Haram, bandits, and other criminals.
- Pray for the leaders of EYN who strive to lead the church in accordance with God’s will. May the Lord’s hand guide their decisions, granting them wisdom and strength to shepherd His flock faithfully.

Brazil

Brazil has been experiencing extreme weather. There have been catastrophic floods in southern Brazil, while most of the rest of the country is suffering from a widespread drought, the worst in more than 40 years. There has been a frightening increase in fire outbreaks in several regions resulting in severe ecological damage, and many people are experiencing respiratory problems due to smoke polluting the air. Pray for the weather situation to change favorably and for the healing and full recovery of those who are ill.

The church property renovations are back on track following a four month period of slow progress due to labor and supply issues. With a new project leader working effectively now, church leaders hope to use the renovated property in two months. Join us in thanking God for these recent advances.

Pastor Alexandre Gonçalves has been developing an educational ministry of the church in partnership with Claves with the goal of preventing domestic violence. He has taught several courses, including one specifically created for church leaders that was attended by people from various parts of Brazil, and others are scheduled. Pray for this ministry.

Pastor Marcos Inhauser participates in a group of ecclesiastical leaders, psychologists, psychoanalysts, and university professors, which has resulted in a training course for intervention in crises resulting from losses. This ministry of consolation is much needed at this time. More than 20 people have registered for the first 10-session online course. The biblical-theological material was prepared by Pastor Inhauser, based on many materials he shared with the Global Church of the Brethren Communion over the past year. Pray that this initiative will be blessed and blessed.

Pastor Suely and Pastor Marcos Inhauser are both suffering ill health, she following a recent diagnosis of ALS and he dealing with side effects of radiotherapy. Pray for them both, that they may recover good health.

Contributors to the August Prayer Guide are Bwambale Sedrack, president of the Church of the Brethren in Uganda; Roger Moreno Padilla, president of Iglesia de los Hermanos Venezuela (ASIGLEH); Ariel Rosario, president of Iglesia de los Hermanos in the Dominican Republic; Francisco Santo Bueno, pastor of Comunidad de Fe, Dominican Republic; Illexene Alphonse, Global Mission Country Advisory Team member for l'Eglise des Freres d'Haiti; Faradja Chrispin Dieudonne, vice president of l'Eglise des Frères au Congo; Santos Terrero Feliz, president of Iglesia de los Hermanos, Una Luz en las Naciones, Spain; Cesia Salcedo-Morrison, Global Mission Country Advisory Team member for Iglesia de los Hermanos, Una Luz en las Naciones, Spain; Etienne Nsanzimana, president of the Church of the Brethren in Rwanda; Chris Elliott, Global Mission Country Advisory Team member for Rwanda; Maina Pindar, EYN staff liaison; Dr. Marcos Inhauser, secretary, Igreja de Irmandade, Brazil.

The Novel Bunch presents...

the Voice in the Mountains

In the spring of 1966, in Shade Gap, PA, 17-year old Peggy Ann Bradnick got off the school bus with her siblings, only to be abducted by a masked man with a shotgun. Her 8-day ordeal sparked a multi-state manhunt and made international headlines.

This is Peggy's story in her own words. It is one of forgiveness and grace. Peggy Ann Bradnick Jackson is a woman of great faith whose quiet strength will astound you.

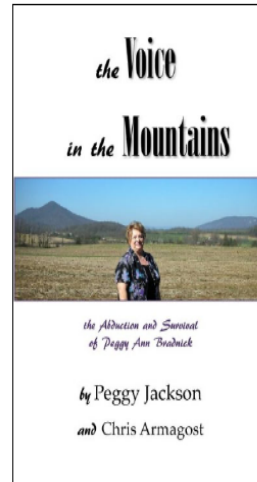
Even though this book focuses on a horrible crime, it is not graphic or gory. But it is a compelling story of a former victim turned survivor. And after 50-plus years, Peggy Jackson received a commendation from the FBI last year.

In the words of Mr. Lloyd Dell, a radio broadcaster who covered the story at the time:

"Peggy, through her speaking engagements and her life, shows mature Christian love, exhibiting mercy and grace to all, even those like William Hollenbaugh who have wronged her through the years."

And the dedication page states:

*"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God."
~Romans 8:28*



Peggy will be our guest author on Saturday, November 16, to discuss her book and answer your questions. We invite the congregation to meet Peggy Jackson and hear her story.

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Luncheon to follow.

NOTE: If you have any questions or need assistance acquiring the book, call Jenny Ferguson at 301-964-1779. Please return the section below if you plan to attend.

NAME _____ I plan to attend _____ YES

Preferred contact information: Phone _____ OR

Email _____

Book Club Team: *Jenny Ferguson, Kristal Bricker, Debbie Nycum, Kay Ogilvie, Jan Young

**** If you are unable to read the book, there is also a movie on Amazon Prime called "Cry in the Wild: The Taking of Peggy Ann" that tells Peggy Jackson's story****

Please place in the designated basket in the west entrance once filled out. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed for childcare at District Conference

The District Program & Arrangements team is reaching out to nearby congregations to ask for volunteers to help with childcare at this year's district conference October 11 and 12. Volunteers are required to have a background check, which the District Program & Arrangement Team will provide.

Volunteers are needed for-

- 2 volunteers for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours early Friday evening during the Pastor and Spouse dinner, from about 5:30 or 6:00 to 7:15 pm, 3 children. Will be finished in time to attend the installation service for District Executive Minister Doug Veal, with a fellowship time after the service.
- 1 to 4 volunteers during the day Saturday from approximately 8 am to 4 pm. They have 1 volunteer who will be serving the entire day but also in need of someone else to serve with her for the day or needing to find several volunteers to take shorter shifts. There will be about 6 children. They'll have lunch with their parents so the volunteers can have lunch on their own.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office. Thank you!

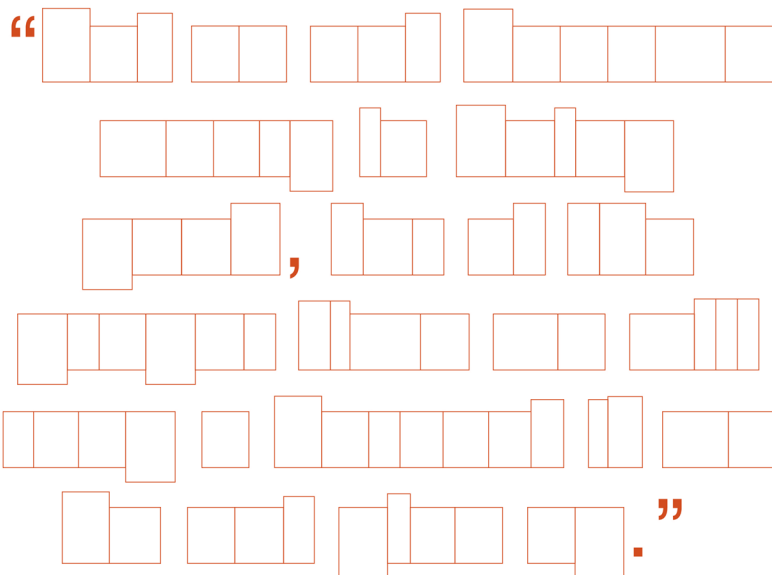
The Puzzle Page for October 2024



A H A R V E S T O F
goodness
All seasons provide reasons for doing good to others.

Directions: Fit the words into the shapes below to complete Galatians 6:9, NIV.

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Let not proper not reap the time us up weary we will



G A L A T I A N S 6 : 9 , N I V

Answer: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9, NIV)



Warm HARVEST COBBLER

These fall flavors will remind you of all the season's goodness.

What you need:

- An adult to help



Fruit mixture

- 4 cups apples and/or pears (peeled, cored and diced)
- 2 cups fresh cranberries, halved
- ¼ cup dried cranberries
- ¾ cup granulated sugar
- 3 Tablespoons cornstarch

Crumble topping

- 1 cup flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup butter

What you do:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 8" or 9" baking dish.
2. Prepare fruit mixture and place in baking dish.
3. In another bowl, combine dry ingredients. Add in cut butter until it's a crumbly texture. Sprinkle over fruit mixture.
4. Bake for 45-50 minutes or until fruit juices bubble and topping is browned.
5. Optional: Serve with vanilla ice cream or whipped cream.

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