

His life an offering

It has always been difficult for me to accept the truth that my peace could be made possible only through the punishment that our Savior endured for us, as is revealed and prophesized about in this reading. And if that is not enough to wrap my mind around, verse ten indicates that, "it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer." What? This was God's doing? His plan for his Son?

I know that not everyone shares my experience, but I am very grateful that my parents did the best they could to provide me with a peaceful environment in which to grow up. They also did their best in teaching me how to live and behave in a way that would not cause me harm or suffering, and they protected me from experiencing those things as well. They were good parents.

Understanding that God is the ultimate example of a good parent, it is sometimes difficult to grasp the full reality of the gospel message that is prevalent throughout scripture and especially in this text. But it is exactly because God is a good Father that he ordained that Christ's life would be an offering for his children. We must understand that it was not Christ's suffering that pleased the Father, but it was the accomplished work in Christ's suffering that was pleasing to him. God was reconciling the world to himself and that was very pleasing to him.

As I reflect on these truths of scripture and the peace that I have from knowing that Christ gave himself as an offering for my sin, I can't help but exclaim: What an offering! What a sacrifice! What love!

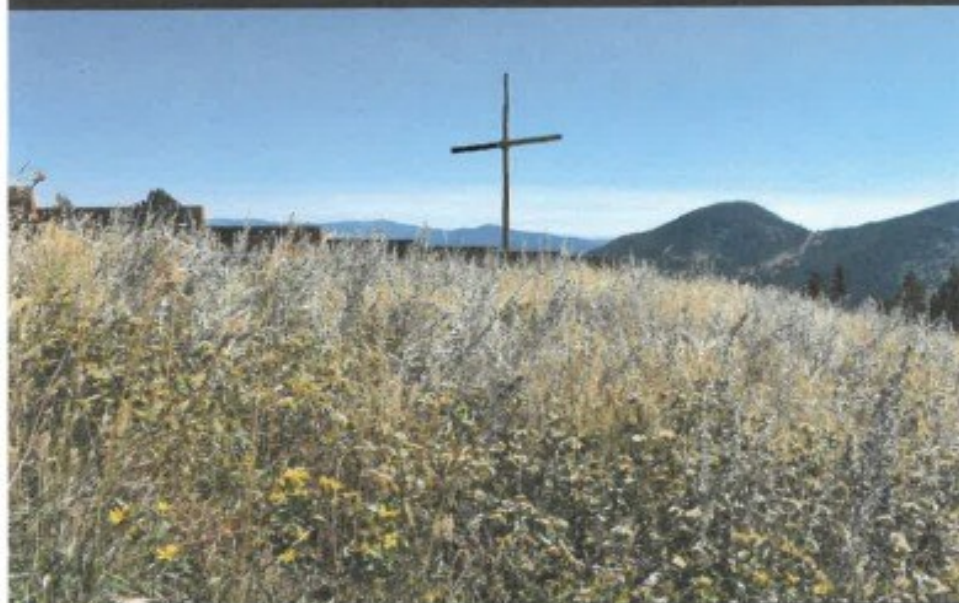
Who in your life needs to know that Christ gave his life as an offering for them?

—Kim Gingerich
Hampstead, Maryland

"Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with affliction. When you make *his life an offering* for sin, he shall see his offspring and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the Lord shall prosper" (Isaiah 53:10, *NRSVue*). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Job 38:1-7, (34-41) and Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35; Isaiah 53:4-12 and Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.

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HIS LIFE AN OFFERING



CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

October 20, 2024
Stewardship Sunday

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Eileen Smith, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Song of Devotion" (Hughes)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: As the rains pour from heaven, soaking the earth that it may produce good things....

All: So God pours God's love upon us, that we, too, may produce goodness and peace.

One: We have been blessed with many gifts and talents.

All: God desires that we use these gifts and talents for healing, peace, and hope.

One: Come, let us worship and celebrate the mighty love and power of God.

All: Praise be to God who has blessed us in so many ways.

***HYMN #304**

"There are many gifts"

[Refrain]

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit. There are many works, but the same God, and the Spirit gives each as it chooses. Praise the Lord. Praise God.

[Verse 1]

Now one has the gift of wisdom, another the calling to speak, one the ability to comfort, another the calling to teach.

[Refrain]

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit. There are many works, but the same God, and the Spirit gives each as it chooses. Praise the Lord. Praise God.

[Verse 2]

A body has many members, yet all work in unity. The church is the body of Christ, his arms, ears, and eyes, hands and feet.

[Refrain]

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit. There are many works, but the same God, and the Spirit gives each as it chooses. Praise the Lord. Praise God.

[Verse 3]

Not all are called to be prophets, and not all are called to preach, but all should aim for the best gifts and love is the greatest of these.

[Refrain]

There are many gifts, but the same Spirit. There are many works, but the same God, and the Spirit gives each as it chooses. Praise the Lord. Praise God.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of majesty and might, blow through this place like a mighty wind. Inspire us with your presence. Cover us with your love, that we might be your people, serving others with care and compassion. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

CONSECRATION OF LEADERSHIP, MINISTRY, AND NOMINATING TEAMS

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: We, as brothers and sisters in Christ, affirm you as leaders called to serve in this congregation. We offer to you our cooperation and confidence, our prayers and support, so that both the knowledge and love of God revealed in Jesus Christ may increase among us and in all of God's creation.

HYMN #369

"Lord, whose love in humble service"

[Verse 1]

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed; we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart, consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

[Verse 2]

Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread. Still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion, healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.

[Verse 3]

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

For Jesus, a life lived for others was the only life consistent with God's reign. The church exists to increase among us the love of God and neighbor, and to build within us deep conviction that we are beloved, valued, people of worth. It is to this high mission that we devote our offerings for ministry in this community and throughout God's world.

You are invited to place your offering in the plate at the front of the chancel during the offertory or after the service. If you are watching on facebook live or the HCOB webpage, we virtually pass the offering plate to you. You can prepare your offering to be mailed or to be dropped off at the church this week; or you can use Paypal on the Hagerstowncob webpage.

Offertory "More Love to Thee O Christ" (Southbridge)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Let us pray. We give with joy, loving God, in thanks for all you have allowed us to experience. By your love, we have survived and learned and grown. We dedicate these gifts that more people may be brought to the feet of Jesus, who is the eternal source of salvation. Equip us to be an inviting, caring community in which all your uninformed and wayward people find a genuine welcome and are lifted up to new understanding and joy. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on Facebook Live and our website.

Please do not share any personal information you do not want to be made public.

An usher will hold the microphone for you while you share.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING ANTHEM "Come, Give Me a Song" (Choplin)
Temple Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10:35-45 NT 47

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?"

They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So, Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

MESSAGE "For the Glory of God" Pastor Twyla Rowe

***HYMN #416** "For Christ and the church"

[Verse 1]

For Christ and the church let our voices ring, let us honor the name of our own blessed King. Let us work with a will in the strength of youth, and loyally stand for the kingdom of truth.

[Refrain]

For Christ, our dear redeemer, for Christ, who died to save, for the church his blood has purchased, Lord, make us pure and brave.

[Verse 2]

For Christ and the church be our earnest prayer, let us follow his banner, the cross daily bear. Let us yield, wholly yield, to his Spirit's power, and faithfully serve him in life's brightest hour.

[Refrain]

For Christ, our dear redeemer, for Christ, who died to save, for the church his blood has purchased, Lord, make us pure and brave.

[Verse 3]

For Christ and the church, willing off'rings make, time and talents and gold, for the dear Master's sake. We'll remember the best we can bring to him, the heart's wealth of love that will never grow dim.

[Refrain]

For Christ, our dear redeemer, for Christ, who died to save, for the church his blood has purchased, Lord, make us pure and brave.

[Verse 4]

For Christ and the church let us cast aside, by his conquering grace, chains of self, fear, and pride. May our lives be enriched by an aim so grand, then happy the call to the Savior's right hand.

[Refrain]

For Christ, our dear redeemer, for Christ, who died to save, for the church his blood has purchased, Lord, make us pure and brave.

***BENEDICTION**

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

***POSTLUDE**

“To the Glory of God”

(Peterson)

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*Please rise — in body or spirit — as an act of worship

Thank you for joining us in worship today.

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(appointments welcome/
call ahead)

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at 8:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship and Facebook Live
at 10:45 AM

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Allyson McPeak
Administrative Assistant

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Director of
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Interior Esthetics
Technician

*We welcome you to our church and
Rejoice in your participation with us in
worship. It is our prayer that you will
experience the presence of God's Spirit and
that it will equip you for service and ministry
in the week ahead. Our Pastor, Deacons, and
Cluster Leaders are available after worship
and during the week to listen and assist you in
your Christian pilgrimage.*

THE ANNOUNCER October 20, 2024

If you placed someone on the prayer list and they are now celebrating a recovery and would like their name taken off the list, please contact the church office.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, is hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastor, please notify the church.

"Take a Moment" Let this be our daily "Take a Moment" prayer beginning on Sunday, October 20 - Great God, all the gifts of creation and life that you give to me are blessings for which I am thankful. I am also grateful for my church family. I see evidence of your Spirit as we worship, fellowship and serve together. With enthusiasm and commitment, I want to do my part in giving life to the ministries of the church. I want to be a part of discerning your vision and your call to us for how we can be servants to one another and to the community. I know you have gifted me with talents to be an active participant in that vision. I suspect I have some undiscovered and unused talents that I could use to bring you glory. I also need to confess that sometimes I don't feel my talents are worthy of use or they are not polished enough to be used. I ask for your Holy Spirit to help me discern my talents....to know how to use them...and to give me courage to use them, even when I feel inadequate. It's for you that I want to serve; not to direct attention to myself and make me look good. It's a wonderful honor to serve in your name. Amen.

Our thanks to Eileen Smith for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

This morning our worship includes a special commissioning of our Leadership, Ministry, and Nominating Committee Teams. Please remember to keep them in your prayers as they work to support our congregation.

Attendance. Please sign the attendance rosters found at the end of your pew, or possibly in the hymnal rack, and pass it down the row so everyone can sign.

The Flower & Altar Committee is looking for one or two volunteers to help with Sunday flower sponsors and parament changes for the months of May and November. If you are interested, please contact Cinnamon Shay.

Our annual Stewardship emphasis is underway. You should have received a letter with a pledge card, and a copy of the Gifts for the Body of Christ survey. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to church. All pledges are private. You may mail your pledge card or place it in the Offering. Thank you for your financial support of the church and its ministries.

Our November Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 3rd in the Fellowship Hall, following the late 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 and fellowship hall. Please sign up and bring a side dish to share. Thank you!

Remembrance Sunday, November 3rd. Please invite family and friends to come and join us in our worship service on November 3rd as we remember and celebrate the lives of those loved ones who have passed in the last year.

Third Quarter Contribution Statements can be found in the church mailboxes. If you do not have a church mailbox, the statements will be mailed. If you're new to HCOB and have been using an envelope and didn't get a statement, please email or call the church office.

Deadline for bulletins and newsletters. Announcements for the weekly bulletin need to be given to the administrative assistant before noon on Wednesday. Announcements for the monthly newsletters need to be given to the administrative assistant before the 15th of each month. Let's help her out by meeting deadlines, and also by not asking for special exceptions. Announcements should continue to be emailed to secretaryhcob@gmail.com. Thank you!

We're entering the season for high heating costs. We remind everyone to please keep all doors closed. The building is heated in zones, and leaving a door open has the potential to allow cold air into a zone and force a heating unit to work over-hard to heat two zones. Thank you for your awareness and cooperation.

The Church Directory. Now is a good time to update your information in the church directory. Please send any changes/updates/additions to secretaryhcob@gmail.com, or leave a note in Allyson's mailbox. Also, if you're not on the birthday and anniversary lists, please email that information, too! Please include the year, even though it is not published. If we don't have the year, that piece of software defaults to the year 1900. The 2025 Directory will be printed the first of the year. Thank you!

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). We can make arrangements to leave cards in your church mailbox or mail them to you.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com.** Thank you!

Offering drop-off box is located in the west entrance by the double doors. This box can be used to drop off your offering or order forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Don't forget to check your church mailbox for the third quarter contribution statements. Please help us save money on postage by checking your mailbox. Thank you!

Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and at other convenient locations around the church. To assist our financial secretary, we ask that you use an envelope and please put your name and envelope number on the outside. Here's a tip - take a few envelopes home and stick one of those return address labels we all get on the outside. Then all you need to add is your number. Having your name and number on the outside of the envelope is a huge help to our offering counters. Thank you!

GriefShare 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.

CALENDAR

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
5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Room outside Church office
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 prep. 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

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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you can make a secure offering
donation on our website using
PayPal www.hagerstowncob.org

The church calendar is online at
www.hagerstowncob.org.
Click the calendar tab.

GIFTS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

2025



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 4:10-11



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

As a Christian, I would like to give of myself to be used by God, through active participation in the life and ministry of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. The following are opportunities for me to give of myself and by checking, I commit to the importance of my participation:

- through corporate worship.
- through stewardship of financial resources.
- through prayer.
- through evangelism which shares the life and ministry of this congregation with others in the larger community.
- through fellowship with others on the journey of faith.

Through ministry in other areas of service in our church and community, I express interest in giving my time and talent helping with (check all that interest you):

SERVE ON A MINISTRY TEAM

- Worship
- Christian Education
- Property and Finance
- Service and Outreach
- Spiritual Nurture
- Special Committee
- Delegate to District or Annual Conference

WORSHIP

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Worship Leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Skit Creator/Writer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Usher | <input type="checkbox"/> Praise Band |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pianist | <input type="checkbox"/> Making Banners and/or |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Church Choir | Worship Centers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Handbell Choir | <input type="checkbox"/> Advent Wreath Lighting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sound Technician | and/or Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drama Participant | <input type="checkbox"/> Flower & Altar Committee |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School Teacher
- Sunday School Helper
- Vacation Bible School Teacher
- Vacation Bible School Helper
- Nursery/PreK Attendant
- Sending cards/notes to college students
- Church Librarian
- Library Assistant
- Youth Club Teacher or helper organizer
- Children's Church Helper (once each month)

CHURCH PROPERTY

- Painting
- Small Repair Jobs
- Parking Lot maintenance
- Cleaning (storage rooms, kitchen, pew racks, walls, woodwork, Altar, etc.)
- Lawn Care
- Shrubbery & Flowers

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- REACH Cold Weather Shelter volunteer
- Community Breakfast
- Community Picnic
- Micah's Backpack
- Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
- Prayer Walk/Packing Lunches
- S&O Bulletin Board
- Other Outreaches

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

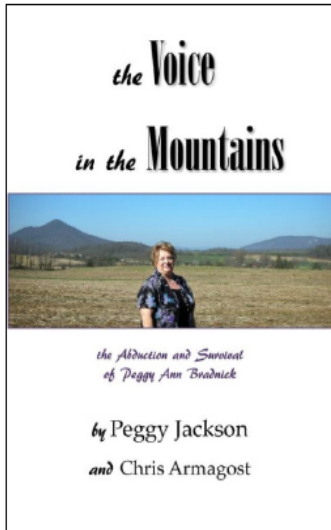
- Prayer Chain
- Kitchen helper
- Parish Nurse
- Greeter (Sunday School/Worship)
- Caring and Sharing
- Women's Circles
- Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Card or Letter Ministry

OFFICE

- Making copies
- Collating bulletins
- Folding
- Running errands (Post Office, office supply store)
- Answering phone
- Labeling/Stuffing envelopes
- Administrative Assistant Substitute (cover for vacation days)

OTHER WAYS I CAN HELP

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!



GRIEF SHARE

SURVIVING the HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and while most of us look forward to the holidays, they are a time when the complex emotions of grief hit even harder. Consequently, grieving people need encouragement and support to make it through this season. This may be the first holiday after a loved one's passing, or perhaps it's been years since a loved one's death. Regardless of the time that has gone by, emotions can blindsides a person who has suffered a loss. While Thanksgiving and Christmas focus on family gatherings, traditions, expectations, social events and "cheer," it's difficult to feel cheerful when that special someone is no longer here. However, the emotional fallout can be lessened somewhat by knowing what to expect and by being prepared.

The GriefShare team is planning a special event entitled **Surviving the Holidays** on Wednesday, November 6, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. You do not need to be part of the current GriefShare group to attend, and we encourage you to invite family and friends to attend with you. There is no cost to attend this event. If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and would like to participate in our **Surviving the Holidays** evening, register at www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions, please direct them to Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

Surviving the Holidays

Date: Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Time: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: Mullendore Room

Light refreshments will be served.

