Worship the living God

This is a not-often-highlighted passage in Church of the Brethren circles. Compared to many traditions, we are very "low church." We have ordinances (New Testament practices) rather than highly ritualized sacraments. For example, we celebrate communion to remember Jesus' sacrifice for us—but we do not believe we are actually eating the body and blood of Christ. Thus, when scripture identifies Jesus as "High Priest" and then discusses various types of blood sacrifice, many of us tune out; the language doesn't resonate. Yet, there is clearly a lesson in the text even if it is not a fan favorite. What are we to take away from this passage?

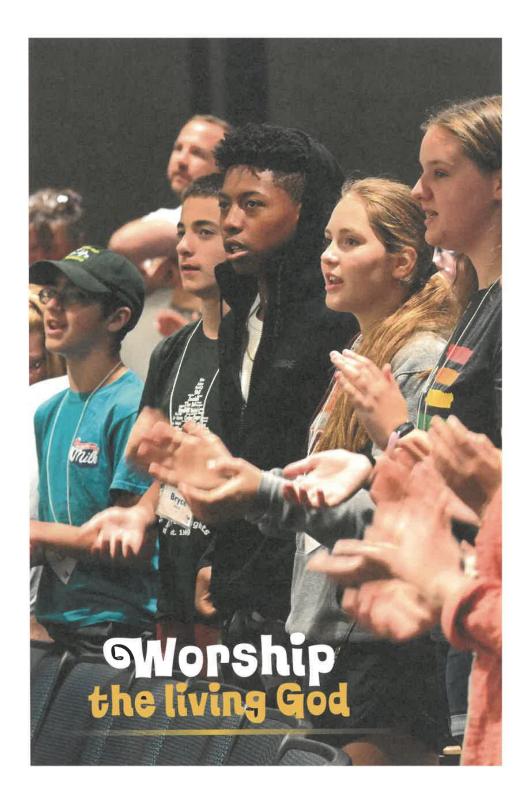
In *The Message* paraphrase, Hebrews 9:14 sounds like this: "Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God." Because of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, our job is to live "all out for God" rather than following empty, meaningless patterns we might observe around us.

What does it mean to worship the living God? What does it mean to live "all out for God"? One answer would be to introduce young people to the power of the Living God and then to walk beside them as they grow spiritually. Participants at National Junior High Conference encountered stories and songs of what it looks like in today's world to worship the living God, by seeking to live out the love and compassion which Jesus modeled. Praise God for the chance to invest in the spiritual lives of our youngest sisters and brothers!

> —Becky Ullom Naugle Gilberts, Illinois

"...[H]ow much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to *worship the living God*!" (Hebrews 9:14, *NRSVue*). Today's Bible readings from the lectionary: Ruth 1:1-18 and Psalm 146; Deuteronomy 6:1-9 and Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Hagerstown, Maryland

	per 3, 2024 ance Sunday
Remembr	ince Sunday
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMEN	TS Robin Davies, Worship Leader
WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?	
PRELUDE "For All	the Saints" (Held)
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
focused on Jesus,	e gone before us, let us keep our eyes
All: Our hearts set on God's love,	
One: Our hands ready to bind up	
All: Our feet ready to go the extra	
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where others see dead ends.	
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	: there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, nd purity.
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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! A	The Ψ_{J} Thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, rciful and mighty! God in three persons,

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God of all people, of all times, we are here in your house seeking your presence, in our time of remembrance. We honor those who have finished the race and have received their reward. But at the same time, we come here seeking you, O God, who was a constant companion, a source of strength for those we honor. We, too, need your guiding presence as we continue our race. God, we pray that your mighty presence will be felt by all who are gathered here this morning, as we are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses. Amen.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE (Gittelsohn, R. B., 1975, Gates of Prayer)

- One: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,
- All: we remember them.
- One: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,
- All: we remember them.
- One: In the opening of buds and in the rebirth of spring,
- All: we remember them.
- One: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,
- All: we remember them.
- One: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,
- All: we remember them.
- One: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,
- All: we remember them.
- One: When we are weary and in need of strength,
- All: we remember them.
- One: When we are lost and sick at heart,
- All: we remember them.
- One: When we have joys we yearn to share,
- All: We remember them. So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

MORNING ANTHEM "For all the Saints" (English Folk Melody)

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.

blessed trinity!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

As we prepare to worship God through the giving of our offerings, let us reflect on these words: Our finest offering is our attention, moment by moment and day by day, to God's purposes for our world. We join our constant efforts to be faithful with these weekly moments of giving that celebrate the love with which God surrounds us. We are God's children, committed to caring for all God's creation.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshiping with us on Facebook Live. We invite you to give by mailing your offering to the church or dropping it off at the church during the week, or by going to the church website, and using Paypal.

Offertory	"Shall We Gather at the River"	(Wood)
*Response #119	"Doxology"	

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We worship you night and day, gracious God, in the temple of your universe. So vast is your reality that our minds cannot comprehend, yet your presence is so real that we cannot help but rejoice. You are our refuge and deliverer and our hope for all eternity. May our offerings welcome many to the abundance of your love and move them to join us in proclaiming, "Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God Forever and ever! Amen."

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:1-12 NT 4

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MESSAGE	"With All the Saints"	Pastor Twyla Rowe	

*HYMN #615

"Shall we gather at the river" [Verse 1]

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows

by the throne of God.

[Verse 2]

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows

by the throne of God.

[Verse 3]

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down. Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beauti-

ful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows

by the throne of God.

[Verse 4]

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease, soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

*BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, you may be seated. Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

*POSTLUDE

"How Firm a Foundation"

(Martin)

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

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> Twyla Rowe Pastor

Allyson McPeak Administrative Assistant

Burton Young Director of Music Ministries

Don Rowe Interior Esthetics Technician

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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 November 3, 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 Sunday, November 3 - There are so many things for which I am grateful. This week following All-Saints day, I am thinking particularly of those who have been special to me who have passed from this life into eternal life with you. There are special people whom I miss who have helped to mold me into a believer and a disciple of Christ. Through their life example and generous love, I have been a recipient of God's presence and love. I have learned from them what it means to be in a faithful relationship with Jesus; and I have been inspired to help with God's kingdom-building work. Comfort me when I remember them and once again feel the pain of grief. Remind me that one day, we will be united and will live together forevermore in the glory of God's heavenly kingdom. Amen.

Our thanks to Robin Davies for being our worship leader today. A special thanks to Rebecca Jackson for filling in for Burt while he is away.

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 arrangement on the altar this morning is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of wife and mother Donna Stockslager, parents Catharine and Charles W. Stockslager Sr., parents Doris and Whitey Bowers, and brother and uncle Jim Stockslager, by Bucky and family.

Today is Remembrance Sunday. We welcome all family members and friends who have joined us to remember and celebrate the lives of those loved ones who have passed in the last year.

Our November Congregational Business Meeting will be held today 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.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Thanks to all for your gift(s) of non-perishable food items and your continued support of this ministry to our community. All items collected will be going to our November Community Breakfast.

The Christian Education Ministry Team is looking for a volunteer to coordinate the craft for Junior Church on the 4th Sunday of each month. If you're interested or think you might be, please see any member of the Christian Education Team: Deb Long, Tracie Poteet, Tina Mills, Kay Ogilvie, or Brenda Shane. Thank vou!

Our next Community Breakfast will be held this Saturday, November 9th. We are looking for those who like to bake as a way to participate in this outreach. 12 loaves of fall breads or your specialty can be used to serve our guest. A sign up sheet has been placed in the west entrance. Please have your breads to the church by November 8th and leave in the west entrance. Thanks to all the bakers!!

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 the church. All pledges are private. Please also fill out the Gifts of the Body of Christ survey. You may mail your pledge card and survey or place them in the Offering. Thank you for your financial support of the church and its ministries.

Our church is partnering with Mt. Hope Prison Ministries again this year, to purchase \$50.00 dollars in gifts, for an inmate's child, who has been left behind with an aunt, uncle or grandparent etc. We hope to get the children's gift lists by the second week in November. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the west entrance. You will need to purchase your child's gifts and drop them off in a bag, to the church, by the end of November with your numbered ticket stapled to the bag. If you have any questions, please see someone on the Service & Outreach Team.

Save the Date! Our service week at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter is March 9 -16, 2025. For all those who have volunteered in the past or plan on volunteering in 2025, please add this week to your calendar. Thank you for your continued support!

Fellowship Time will be held today in the Mullendore Room from 10:20 am until 10:40 am. Cookies and coffee will be served. All are welcome!

College Students—The Christian Education Ministry Team needs the names of current college students. If you have a child who is a member or regular attendee of HCOB, please give his or her name to any member of the CEMT: Debbie Long, Tina Mills, Kay Ogilvie, Tracie Poteet, or Brenda Shane. Thank you!

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.

Third Ouarter 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. All statements left in the church mailboxes after today will be mailed.

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!

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.

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.

# Grief Share Our fall session of GriefShare has begun and will contin-ue 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, Nove         | mber 3                                                        |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Food Pantry Su       | unday/Remembrance Sunday                                      |
| Daylight Savin       | g Time Ends                                                   |
| 8:30 am              | Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall                        |
| 9:30 am              | Sunday School, individual classrooms                          |
| 10:20 am             | Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room                               |
| 10:45 am             | Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live                            |
| 12:00 pm             | Congregational Business Meeting Luncheon Meal/Fellowship Hall |
| Monday, Nov          | ember 4                                                       |
| Church Office        | Closed                                                        |
| 6:30 pm              | GriefShare/Mullendore Room                                    |
| Tuesday, Nov         | ember <u>5</u>                                                |
| 7:00 pm              | Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall                              |
| 7:00 pm              | Worship Meeting/Zoom                                          |
| Wednesday, N         |                                                               |
| Administrative       | Assistant/Work from home                                      |
| 12:00 pm             | Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions                |
| 6:30 pm              | GriefShare_Surviving the Holidays/Mullendore Room             |
| Thursday, No         | vember 7                                                      |
| 5:30 pm              | Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall                         |
| 6:30 pm              | Brethren Bells/Choir Room                                     |
| 7:30 pm              | Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall                                  |
| Friday, Nover        | <u>nber 8</u>                                                 |
| 8:00 am              | Bulletin preparation time/Church office                       |
| 9:00 am              | Annual Elevator Inspection                                    |
| 1:00 pm              | Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)                     |
| <u>Saturday, Nov</u> |                                                               |
| Pastor Twyla's       | 2                                                             |
| 8:00 am              | Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall                           |
|                      | (Breakfast open to the public 9-10:30 am)                     |
| <u>Sunday, Nove</u>  |                                                               |
|                      | Pastor Ron Shank/Junior Church                                |
|                      | dmonds/On Call/Pastor Twyla_Day off                           |
| 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                            |

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

You may mail your offering to 15 S. Mulberry Street, Hagerstown MD 21740 OR 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.

# Hagerstown Church of the Brethren November 2023 - October 2024



### **Our Members**

Frances Ann Fox July 21, 1934—December 7, 2023

Sherry Gay Craig May 29, 1943—December 21, 2023

*Kenneth Williams July 12, 1935—December 25, 2023* 

Robert "Bob" M. Brown October 26, 1931—January 21, 2024

Calvin Merritt Mahaney February 2, 1929—February 23, 2024

Thomas Eugene Mullendore October 7, 1937—March 22, 2024

Richard C. Martin December 29, 1930—March 29, 2024

> Pat Young March 7, 1940—June 4, 2024

> *Glenn A. Young, Jr. July 24, 1946—June 25, 2024*

> Nora Lee Cramer April 26, 1926—July 14, 2024

Virginia "Jenny" LaRue Delauter June 13, 1948—August 17, 2024

Michael Earl Buhrman June 23, 1955—September 5, 2024

Steven Allen McConnaughey July 20, 1954—September 29, 2024

# Family & Friends

May Elizabeth Hoffman February 9, 1955—November 23, 2023 Wife of Andy Hoffman

Vivian Ruth Aldridge January 30, 1928—November 16, 2023 Mother/Mother-in-law of Gary & Susan Wright

> David "Sonny" Valentine March 1, 1946—March 3, 2024 Significant other of Janet Goller

> Ronald Lee Cox July 19, 1948—March 30, 2024 Husband of Beverly Harshman

Donald Loy March 20, 2024 Grandfather/Grandfather-in-law of Kevin & Holly Loy

Elianna Mae Kennedy Graves May 4, 2024 Great-granddaughter of Gene & Kay Ogilvie

Phyllis Marsh June 12, 2024 Mother/Mother-in-law of Wendy & Dennis Browne

Brian Eugene Karn December 29, 1960—July 9, 2024 Brother/Brother-in-law of Suzie and Bob Wolfe

Marvin "Red" Earl Buhrman September 28, 1933—July 9, 2024 Father/Father-in-law of Mike & Suzanne Buhrman

Burgess "Buddy" Worrell October 31, 1960—August 27, 2024 Brother/Brother-in-law of Heather & Larry Kees Lois Romaine Yantosik May 16, 1941—September 27, 2024 Sister/Sister-in-law of Mary & John Means

> John Glosser Jr. July 19, 1946—October 26, 2024 Brother of Jean Glosser

# **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." - I 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

- \_\_\_\_ Worship Leader
- \_\_\_\_ Usher
- Pianist
- Church Choir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Handbell Choir
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sound Technician
- \_\_\_\_ Drama Participant

- \_\_\_\_ Skit Creator/Writer
- \_\_\_\_ Praise Band
- \_\_\_\_ Making Banners and/or
- Worship Centers
- \_\_\_ Advent Wreath Lighting
- and/or Reading
- \_\_\_\_ 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

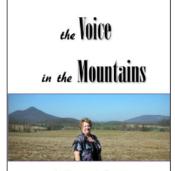
- \_\_\_\_ Prayer Chain
- \_\_\_\_ Kitchen helper
- \_\_\_\_ Parish Nurse
- \_\_\_\_ Greeter (Sunday School/Worship)
- \_\_\_\_ Caring and Sharing
- \_\_\_\_ Women's Circles
- \_\_\_\_ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- \_\_\_\_ Card or Letter Ministry

# 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 Abduction and Survival of Peggy Ann Bradnick

by Peggy Jackson and Chris Armagost

#### 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.

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**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



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 blindside 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 <u>www.griefshare.org</u>. 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.

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| ORDER<br>YOUR<br>POINSETTIAS                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | memorial, tri<br>completed fo<br>Church of the<br>order may be<br>Office: Hager | re <u>\$9.00 each</u> and may be pur<br>bute, or as a thank you. Pleas<br>rm and your check made out to<br>e Brethren no later than <b>Novemb</b><br>placed in the offering or mailed t<br>rstown Church of the Brethren, 15<br>rn MD 21740. | e return this<br>Hagerstown<br>per 24. Your |  |
| DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR<br>ORDER IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH<br>Payment must accompany this form.<br>If you order a poinsettia, please make sure either you or the person you<br>gave it to removes it from the church at the proper time. Thank you! |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                             |  |
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