



Tidings

March 2024



Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.

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

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." (Luke 24:1-3)

After Jesus suffered horrific torture and death by hanging on a cross, his body was taken down and put in a cold dark tomb. A huge stone was rolled in front of it, and Pilate commanded Roman guards to stand by the tomb so no one would steal Jesus' body.

Coming from the perspective of one who is alive, being put in a tomb kind of freaks me out. I am very uncomfortable with going through underwater tunnels. My fear is, what if the tunnel breaks or collapses...there's no escape. When we travel, Don avoids them if possible. I also am fearful of going into caves...even the tourist attractions like Luray Caverns. I wonder, what if I no longer have light, what if I get lost and can't find my way out, what if I would fall into some opening. My imagination comes up with too many "what ifs" to appreciate the beauty of a cave. That's just me; I'm glad others can appreciate them.

But Jesus was dead when he was put into that cold dark tomb. Putting the body of someone who died into a tomb was a common practice at that time. Because Jesus died, he had no concerns or fears about being put in a tomb. Reflecting on that reality reminds us of the finality of death; but it also, makes what happened three days later even more amazing. We might ask ourselves, what if...Jesus never conquered death; and what if he never escaped the sealed and guarded tomb?

Obviously, we would not celebrate Easter. It's possible we would still acknowledge the sacrifice Jesus made for our salvation; but the awesome power of God likely would not have been revealed to humanity. God revealed himself to us through his Son...in human form. God did not stop with that. God revealed his power and glory through the resurrection of Jesus. Through the resurrection, God also gave us evidence for His promise of life everlasting. God gave us inspiration for our faith and a reason for hope that when we come to the end of life as we know it now...we will also have new life in God's eternal heavenly kingdom.

Therefore, we have reason to celebrate Easter. Christ is risen! Hallelujah! Christ is risen indeed!

*Have a Blessed Easter,
Pastor Twyla*

*He is not here;
he has
Risen!*

Luke 24:6



Sundays in March



Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Scripture	Greeter	Special
03/03/24	Twyla Rowe	John Miller	"Rebuilding the Temple"	John 2:13-22	Don & Roberta Maas	Food Pantry/ Fellowship Time/ Lent 3
03/10/24	Twyla Rowe	Linda Baker	"If I Believe..."	John 3:14-21	Mary Means	Parish Nurse/ Lent 4
03/17/24	Twyla Rowe	Ed Beachley	"Was that Thunder I heard?"	John 12:20-33	Kathy Kelsey	Junior Church/ Lent 5
03/24/24	Twyla Rowe	Kathy Kelsey	"Look Who's Coming"	Mark 11:1-11	Karolyn Martin	Junior Church/ Palm Sunday
03/31/24	Twyla Rowe	Don Rowe	"Where is He?"	Mark 16:1-8	John & Jenny Ferguson	Easter Sunday

Both services follow same sermon & text. All information subject to change without notice.



- Our Lenten Services will be held on March 6th and 13th at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker on the 6th will be Nicole Hood and on the 13th, Kathy Kelsey.



- Maundy Thursday/Love Feast will be held on March 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm
- Good Friday Service will be held on March 29th in the Sanctuary at 7:00 pm
- Easter Sunday Service is on March 31st



We grieve many things in life, but the loss of a loved one is probably the most devastating. Mourning is the process of dealing with and healing from that loss and often can last our lifetime. However, the world-wide, faith-based GriefShare ministry helps to put grief into context in an understandable, life-affirming and manageable process, even if the loss is not recent.

Our spring session of GriefShare has begun and will continue each Tuesday afternoon through May 21, but you may join the program at any time during the 13 weeks. If you were a previous participant in the GriefShare program and would like to repeat, we encourage you to do so.

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Mullendore Room

If you or someone you know has lost a loved one and you are interested in this program, register at griefshare.org. GriefShare has a brand new edition, and we are offering it this spring. The program has been updated and has a new format that addresses many more topics than before. If you have questions, see Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.



MARCH FOOD PANTRY

Our regular Food Pantry collection in March will be going to the guests of the March 9th Community Breakfast. 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. Thank you!

HCOB T-Shirts

The Service & Outreach Team are still taking orders for church T-shirts. In order to obtain the price of \$20 each, we need to order at least 20 T-shirts. A sign-up sheet has been placed in the west entrance and fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please see any member of the Team.



The Service & Outreach Team will be collecting the large tissue boxes (9"x4½"x3") for the residents of Fahrney Keedy. We ask that you wrap the tissue boxes in spring colors (no bows or ribbons needed). The Team will take the tissues to Fahrney Keedy on Saturday, April 27th when we host their birthday party. There will be a box for the tissues in the west entrance from March 24th to April 21st. Pastor Twyla says "the residents love tissues."

Fellowship Time



March 3, 2024
10:20—10:40 am
Mullendore Room



Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at or gave monetary donations for our week of service at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter. Each night, we served approximately 50 guests and they expressed their gratitude to us regularly. Whether you served one day or all week, your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Thank you to HCOB and everyone who kept my family in prayer this past week. I am happy to say that Berkley Grace is feeling much better and she is almost back to her normal happy self.
—Allyson McPeak

HCOB received several thank you letters this past month:

- Church of the Brethren for donation to core ministries
- Holly Place - for canned goods and cereal that was donated to Holly Place



PLEASE HELP US EXPAND JUNIOR CHURCH!!

Volunteers are needed to lead Junior Church so that we can offer this experience two Sundays per month. No prior teaching experience necessary. The curriculum will give you all you need to prepare. If you love children and have a desire to help them learn to know God and his son, Jesus Christ, you are perfect for the job!! If you are interested or just want to know more, please speak to any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team (Deb Long, Diana Shepherd, Katie Hardy, Jack Finniff, or Brenda Shane). Thank you!



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. Your gift will be given to **the guests of the March 9th Community Breakfast**, a home for older adults.

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.

Attendance & Offering	2/4/2024	2/11/2024	2/14/2024	2/18/2024	2/25/2024
			Ash		
8:30 AM Worship	24	24	Wed.	18	18
Sunday School	19	40		48	43
10:45 AM Worship	82	**		87	94
Facebook Live views	363	198		227	237
7:00 PM Ash Wed./Lenten			53		60
Building Fund				\$70.00	\$150.00
Cash for Causes Cards	\$200.00				
Christian Lifestyles SS Class	\$76.00				
Childrens Ed.					\$20.00
Contemporary Christian Conversations SS	\$78.00	\$75.00		\$62.00	\$66.00
Deacon Fund		\$50.00			
Easter Flowers	\$71.00	\$126.00		\$718.00	\$165.00
HCA Sing for Rent					\$104.00
Foltz		\$30.00			
General Fund	\$9,681.57	\$4,111.00		\$3,122.00	\$4,568.50
General Fund/PayPal	\$450.00			\$550.00	\$50.00
MAD Disaster Relief	\$1,070.00	\$35.00			
Memorials	\$100.00	\$50.00		\$550.00	
Micah's Backpack	\$120.00				
Misc. Office		\$25.00			
Totals	\$11,846.57	\$4,502.00		\$5,072.00	\$5,123.50

2023/2024 Shelter Needs List

Help us gear up for the upcoming cold weather season!

Donations are accepted Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm.

Thank you for your continued generous support!

Personal Care

Women's Underwear (xsm-lg)
Mens Underwear (Boxer Briefs M-XL)
Deodorant
Belts (Any Size)
Hand/Toe Warmers
Winter Gloves (Not Mittens)
Chapstick
ALL Travel Size Toiletries
(Shampoo/Conditioner/Lotion/Toothpaste)
Hair Care (Brushes, Combs, Hairbands)

Miscellaneous

LG or XL Food Storage Containers
Washcloths

Food & Drink

Breakfast/ Snack Bars
Decaf Coffee
Regular Coffee
Coffee Creamer
Sugar
Oatmeal Packets

Cleaning Supplies

45 Gallon Trash Bags
13 Gallon Trash Bags
Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
Napkins
Tissues
Ziplock bags (Sandwich, snack,
gallon)

***Due to an abundance of supply: No Bar Soap Please**

****Due to limited storage space, we cannot accept clothing donations unless specifically noted on the list. Please take clothing donations to Trinity Lutheran Clothing Bank (Potomac & Randolph).**

We are still collecting donations of the items on the list above through March 10th. A donation box has been placed in the west entrance. Donations will be taken to REACH during our week at the shelter. Any donations will be greatly appreciated! Please contact Sandy Clipp at 240-291-8753 if interested in serving at REACH or if you have any questions.

March 2024 Schedule

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

Friday, March 1

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

Saturday, March 2

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, March 3

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

Monday, March 4

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 5

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room
5:30 pm P&F Meeting/Mullendore Room
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting/Zoom

Wednesday, March 6

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
7:00 pm Lent Service/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 7

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

Friday, March 8

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

Saturday, March 9

Pastor Twyla's day off

8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 10

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, March 11

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 12

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 13

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
7:00 pm Lent Service/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, March 14

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

Friday, March 15

8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
12:00 pm Newsletter deadline
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, March 16

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, March 17

Junior Church

St. Patrick's Day

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

Monday, March 18

Church Office Closed

6:30 pm Deacon Meeting/Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, March 19

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Altruistic Room
1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room
5:30 pm Service & Outreach Meeting/Room 302
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 20

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, March 21

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

Friday, March 22

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

Saturday, March 23

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, March 24

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, March 25

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, March 26

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room
6:30 pm Leadership Team/Room 302
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 27

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, March 28

Love Feast

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service/Love Feast
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 29

8:00 am Bulletin preparation time/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot
7:00 pm Good Friday Service/Sanctuary

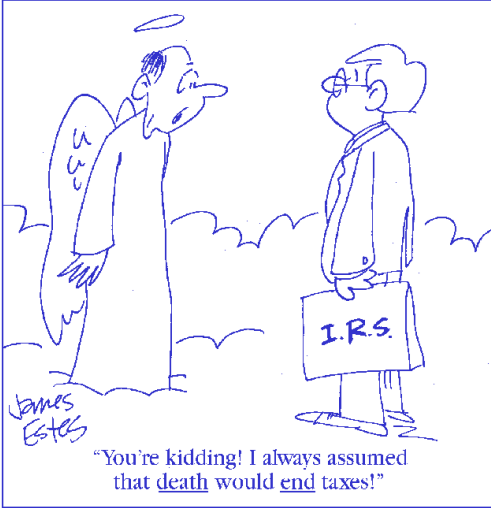
Saturday, March 30

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, March 31

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





"April Showers Bring May Flowers"

Find out about some other showers below. First, write a word to fit the definition. Then transfer the letters to the numbered lines below.

- ① Rain falls from them 1 2 3 4 5 6
- ② They form on the ground during rain 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
- ③ Worn on feet to keep them dry 14 15 16 17 18
- ④ Loud, booming noise during storm 19 20 21 22 23 24 25
- ⑤ Colorful, comes at end of a rain storm 26 27 28 29 30 31 32
- ⑥ Wet, soft, sloppy dirt 33 34 35
- ⑦ Grows and blooms 36 37 38 39 40 41
- ⑧ A color of rain clouds 42 43 44 45
- ⑨ Noah's home during the rain 46 47 48
- ⑩ Opposite of light in weight 49 50 51 52 53
- ⑪ Something fun to do in puddles 54 55 56 57



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36 28 2 37 6 45 3 4 25 20 12 27 25 17 6 32 28 19 20 54 3 45
God sends us (Acts 14:17)
18 20 38 39 12 41 13 31 36 14 37 40 6 13 28 29 42 18 !

God sends us showers of blessings!

Acts 14:17

"He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons. He provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy."



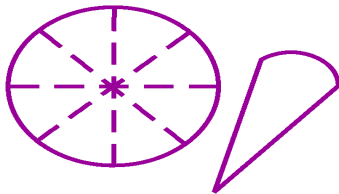
Put on an old shirt and cover your work area with newspaper.

You will need:

- ✿ bottles of food coloring
- ✿ a round coffee filter
- ✿ black marker
- ✿ cups or bowls

1. Put a few drops of food coloring in a cup or bowl – one color per cup.

2. Fold the coffee filter into wedge shape.



3. Dip sections of the filter in different colored food coloring.

4. Unfold and let dry.

5. When the filter is dry, write the words from Acts 14:17 on it with a marker.

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