



# Tidings

April 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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Office: Tuesday—Friday  
Flexible hours  
(appointments welcome/  
call ahead)

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

<http://www.hagerstowncob.org>  
[facebook.com/hagerstowncob](https://facebook.com/hagerstowncob)

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## The Pastor's Pen

*"Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth."  
(Hosea 6:3)*

As some of you may know, Don and I enjoy spending time in the beautiful sunroom of our house. It is our favorite room in the house. Our cat, Marvin also has claimed it as his favorite place to sleep and watch birds and squirrels play in the yard. It is a beautiful space where we can talk with each other, rest and watch the beauty of the seasons go by day by day. Don and I usually use the space in the morning to have a cup of coffee and do our daily devotions. Many times when I work from home, even though I have a room that is my home office, I work in the sunroom. It's a peaceful space that fosters creativity and productivity.

This time of year, we enjoy watching the grass green up and the flowers bloom after the Spring temperatures rise and the rains bring refreshment to the earth. Birdwatching from the sunroom has become a favorite past time. This year I also added finch feeders in the front of the house, which has succeeded in drawing gold finches for us to enjoy when we are in the living room.

But the sunroom is a wonderful space...a special space! After a busy day, I can go there and reflect on the day, give thanks to God and find refreshment for my soul. The atmosphere is so warm and peaceful allowing me to feel close to God during those moments, which is especially helpful if the day has been stressful.

I think we all could use places like that where we can unwind, and more importantly, hangout with God. We all need to make the time to meet with God when we find ourselves in those special places. Those places become sacred spaces as we encounter God, because it's there that we share our inner most selves with God and God shares himself with us.

Where do you spend time with God? It really can be anywhere...not just at church. Allow yourself to be surrounded by the sights and sounds that make you feel close to God. There's always an open invitation from God to join him in a sacred space...to be refreshed and renewed by His holy presence.

*Blessings, Pastor Twyla*





# Sundays in April



Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Scripture	Greeter	Special
04/07/24	Twyla Rowe	Katie Hardy	"In the Light"	1 John 1:1-2:2	Janet Goller	Food Pantry/ Fellowship Time
04/14/24	Twyla Rowe	Eunice Plank	"Greater Joy"	Psalm 4	Jan Young	Parish Nurse/ Disaster Ministries
04/21/24	Twyla Rowe	Brenda Shane	"The Good Shepherd Brand"	John 10:11-18	Jack Finniff	
04/28/24	Twyla Rowe	Susan Hughes	"This Is Love"	1 John 4:7-21	Ginny Nalley	Junior Church

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

## Community Breakfast

Saturday, April 13, 2024 from 9:00-10:30 am at Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. Our Committee will be collecting PB&J for April's Breakfast. Sandwiches made that morning for our neighbors to take with them. Thanks to Martins Dual Highway for their donation of bread.

## Congregational Business Meeting May 5, 2024

Our May Congregation Business Meeting will be held on May 5, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a pot-luck lunch after our Worship Service and then the Congregation Business Meeting will follow.

## Fellowship Time



April 7, 2024  
10:20—10:40 am  
Mullendore Room

## Brethren Disaster Ministries

There is an urgent need for an additional 4 people to join the Bush Creek COB and friends group the week of April 14 – 20, 2024 in Dawson Springs, KY. Please let Jeff McKee know ASAP if you or anyone you know is interested in going. You can contact Jeff at 443-547-5958.

Volunteers are needed for the following weeks:

Date	Group	Location
May 5 - 11, 2024	Half Group	Dawson Springs, KY
May 26 - June 1, 2024	Half Group	Dawson Springs, KY
July 7 - 13, 2024	Half Group	Dawson Springs, KY
September 1 - 7, 2024	Full Group	TBD
September 15 - 21, 2024	Full Group	TBD
December 8 - 14, 2024	Half Group	TBD

**Reminder:** For those of you scheduled to volunteer, please send me a list of your volunteers, together with their registration forms at least 3 weeks prior to your volunteer week.

## MAD Disaster Response Benefit Dinner & Auction

The Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Benefit Dinner will take place on Saturday, April 6th at 6:00 pm and will be held at the Bush Creek COB in Monrovia, Maryland. The cost is \$35.00. On the menu: Fruit cup, Meat Loaf, Fried Shrimp, Vegetarian Pasta Casserole, Candied Carrots, Scalloped Potatoes, Oven Roasted Vegetables, Homemade Breads, Rolls & Assorted Desserts. If you're interested please contact Daryl Long. There will also be a baked goods auction. Come for an evening of good food and conversation with friends, old and new alike.

The Mid-Atlantic District Disaster Response Auction will be held this year on Saturday, May 4, 2024 at the Shipley Arena at the Carroll County Ag. Center in Westminster, MD and will start at 9:00 am.

## Let's help get our college students across the finish line!!

It's that time again. The Christian Education Ministry Team is asking for donations that we will assemble into care packages for our college students. We are preparing for 4 +/- students. The care packages are our way of showing love and support to our students as they prepare (or cram, perhaps!) for final exams as the fall semester comes to a close. We are asking for donations of non-perishable, pre-packaged, single serve items. (PLEASE...no homemade goods. Save those for when the kids come home at the end of the semester.) We are looking for items that would include chips, Doritos, cookies, crackers (again, single serve bags or packages, please), bottled water, granola bars, candy, gum, mints, microwave popcorn, etc. We know studying for finals can be stressful and we want to ease the stress as much as we can. So please use your imagination and add items like bubbles, Play Doh, a stress ball, etc as you see fit. There will be a specially-marked box in the lobby area of the West Entrance. Please have all donations to the church by Sunday, April 14th. If you have any questions, please direct them to any member of the Christian Ed Ministry Team (Diana Shepherd, Jack Finniff, Brenda Shane, Debbie Long, or Katie Hardy). Thanks for your help!



**Older Adults  
Sunday  
May 5, 2024**



Thank you to everyone who helped put the kitchen back in order. Your hard work was greatly appreciated! - *Spiritual Nurture Team*

Thank you to HCOB and everyone who has reached out to me, whether that being in person, email, text, or call, or even just giving me a hug (I needed them!) regarding my family and the recent events that have taken place. My husband, Colin, is doing well and healing from his accident. Our baby girl, Berkley is doing well. She is happy, healthy, and back to her normal self. What a blessing! Thank you all for the many prayers, we have definitely felt them in our time of need. We are so blessed to serve such an amazing God, who is with us every step of the way.

- *Allyson McPeak*

I want to thank my church friends, especially Pastor Twyla, the Ordinary People Class, and the Service & Outreach Team for all their prayers and support during this hard time of losing my dear Sonny. You make me feel so loved. - *Janet Goller*

The Service & Outreach Team cannot thank Sandy Clipp enough for coordinating our REACH week again. We would also like to thank everyone from our congregation who volunteered to help. Everyone is amazing!!



### Junior Church

Junior Church will be held on the 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 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."

### NEEDED

New Flower & Altar Coordinator

This job would entail decorating the church for each season (we have the decorations), ordering the Christmas and Easter flowers, and making sure each month has a volunteer to take care of doing altar flowers and dedications. Suzie Wolfe is happy to train you and answer any questions if you take this job. We also need someone to help with Flower & Altar Committee, by taking a month or two, to do altar flowers and dedications. If you're interested in either of these jobs, please see Heather Kees.



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 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.

Attendance & Offering	3/3/2024	3/10/2024	3/17/2024	3/24/2024
8:30 AM Worship	21	22	18	22
Sunday School	54	46	52	57
10:45 AM Worship	86	80	100	105
Facebook Live views	177	229	160	144
7:00 PM Ash Wed./Lenten	48	50		
Altar Flowers				\$58.50
Building Fund	\$15.00	\$269.00		
Book Club			\$50.00	
Cash for Causes Cards	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Christian Lifestyles SS Class	\$118.00		\$50.00	
Contemporary Christian Conversations SS	\$89.00	\$91.00	\$71.00	\$71.00
Easter Flowers			\$24.00	
Foltz			\$40.00	
General Fund	\$11,026.00	\$4,428.00	\$2,864.00	\$3,435.00
General Fund/PayPal	\$50.00	\$750.00	\$150.00	\$50.00
GriefShare			\$50.00	
Joe Corbis - Softball			\$29.00	\$56.00
Kitchen Fund			\$100.00	
MAD Disaster Relief	\$20.00			\$133.00
MAD Auction Dinner/Donation			\$90.00	
Memorials		\$100.00	\$100.00	
Met-Life				\$17.68
Special - Logo T-shirts		\$67.00	\$152.00	\$124.00
Sunday School- CCC				
Softball Fund	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$180.00	\$230.00
Vacation Bible School		\$24.00		
Totals	\$11,743.00	\$5,954.00	\$4,150.00	\$4,175.18

### 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.



## Home Communion & Anointing

Persons desiring a pastoral visit, home communion, spiritual direction, or a service of anointing, are invited to call the church office at 301-733-3565.

Anointing with oil for the healing of body, mind or spirit is offered upon request. Please contact the pastor to receive this ministry of healing and faith commitment.

Intercessory Prayer is an important ministry of our congregation. If you have a prayer request, contact Judy Dahlhamer at 301-797-1326.

Our Birthday & Anniversary lists are a work in progress. Every effort is made to have correct information, but we depend on your input to make that happen. If you were left off a list, or your information is incorrect, please call the office with the correct information. Please keep in mind that we must have the YEAR for the computer to accept your birthday and anniversary information.

### April Anniversary

Bob & Judy Long	04/01
Chris & Kristal Bricker	04/03
Misty & Jeremy Caldwell	04/07
David & Carolyn Motz	04/10
Allan & Nicole Platou	04/11
Eddie & Alice Edmonds	04/14
Bev & Steve McConnaughey	04/21
Beverly & Mitch Gearhart	04/22

### Daily Bible Reading



#### APRIL

- ◆ 1 1 Corinthians 11-12
- ◆ 2 Exodus 1-4
- ◆ 3 1 Samuel 16-20
- ◆ 4 Psalm 39-41
- ◆ 5 Job 27-28
- ◆ 6 Jeremiah 7-11
- ◆ 7 Mark 7-8
- ◆ 8 1 Corinthians 13-14
- ◆ 9 Exodus 5-8
- ◆ 10 1 Samuel 21-25
- ◆ 11 Psalm 42-44
- ◆ 12 Job 29-30
- ◆ 13 Jeremiah 12-16
- ◆ 14 Mark 9-10
- ◆ 15 1 Corinthians 15-16
- ◆ 16 Exodus 9-12
- ◆ 17 1 Samuel 26-31
- ◆ 18 Psalm 45-47
- ◆ 19 Job 31-32
- ◆ 20 Jeremiah 17-21
- ◆ 21 Mark 11-12
- ◆ 22 2 Corinthians 1-3
- ◆ 23 Exodus 13-16
- ◆ 24 2 Samuel 1-4
- ◆ 25 Psalm 48-50
- ◆ 26 Job 33-34
- ◆ 27 Jeremiah 22-26
- ◆ 28 Mark 13-14
- ◆ 29 2 Corinthians 4-5
- ◆ 30 Exodus 17-20

### April Birthday

Rachel Fowler	04/01
Mallory Rudy	04/03
Dawn Lowenhaupt	04/05
Don Maas	04/05
Alice Edmonds	04/05
Allan Platou	04/06
Nicole Platou	04/07
Thomas Neisser	04/09
Nancy Rhoderick	04/12
Anne Jessop Winters	04/13
Bob Martin	04/13
Marjorie Poling	04/13
Amy Clipp	04/20
Harold Jones	04/22
Nora Cramer	04/26
Diana Shepherd	04/27
Linda Ebersole	04/29
Bucky Stockslager	04/29

### Prayer Concerns



Suzie Buhrman, Alice Edmonds, David Fisher, Pamela Frusher, GriefShare Ministry, Nicole Hood, Betty Hutzel, Jenny & Steve Jamison, Bella Johnson, David Kirby, Steve McConnaughey, Carol Miller, Daris Phillips, Ed Poling, Kathy Stump, Jodi Bennett (daughter of Jan Young), Jan Young, Grant Wetzel.

If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, are hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastors, please notify the church. The only way we can be sure to learn of those needing pastoral care is if someone tells us. We also ask that in an emergency, Monday through Friday during office hours, please call the Church Office at 301-733-3565. In the evenings or on weekends, or if the secretary is on vacation, it's okay to call a pastor's cell phone.



It's a girl! Congratulations to John & Marsha Boring and Nancy Hovis on the birth of their great-granddaughter, Juna Leira Gaines, daughter of Lexa Boring and Ty Gaines born on February 7, 2024.



Our sympathy is extended to Janet Goller on the passing of her significant other, David Valentine who passed on March 5th.

Our sympathy is extended to Carolyn Rotz and the Mullendore family on the passing of Tom Mullendore. Tom passed away early Friday morning, March 22nd.

Check out the church calendar at [www.hagerstowncob.org](http://www.hagerstowncob.org) Click the calendar tab!

# April 2024 Schedule

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

## Monday, April 1

Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, April 2

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room  
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

## Wednesday, April 3

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

## Thursday, April 4

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

## Friday, April 5

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

## Saturday, April 6

Pastor Twyla's day off

6:00 pm MAD Disaster Response Dinner/Bush Creek COB

## Sunday, April 7

Food Pantry Sunday  
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, April 8

Church Office Closed

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Mullendore Room

## Tuesday, April 9

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

## Wednesday, April 10

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions  
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Fellowship Hall

## Thursday, April 11

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

## Friday, April 12

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

## Saturday, April 13

Pastor Twyla's day off

8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall

## Sunday, April 14

8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening  
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall  
9:30 am Learning Session - Disaster Ministries/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, April 15

Church Office Closed

12:00 pm Newsletter deadline

## Tuesday, April 16

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Altruistic Room  
1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

## Wednesday, April 17

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

## Thursday, April 18

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

## Friday, April 19

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

## Saturday, April 20

Book Club/Meeting  
Pastor Twyla's day off

## Sunday, April 21

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

## Monday, April 22

Church Office Closed  
Earth Day

## Tuesday, April 23

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room  
5:30 pm Service & Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room

## Wednesday, April 24

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

## Thursday, April 25

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

## Friday, April 26

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

## Saturday, April 27

Pastor Twyla's day off  
2:00 pm Fahrney-Keedy Birthday Party

## Sunday, April 28

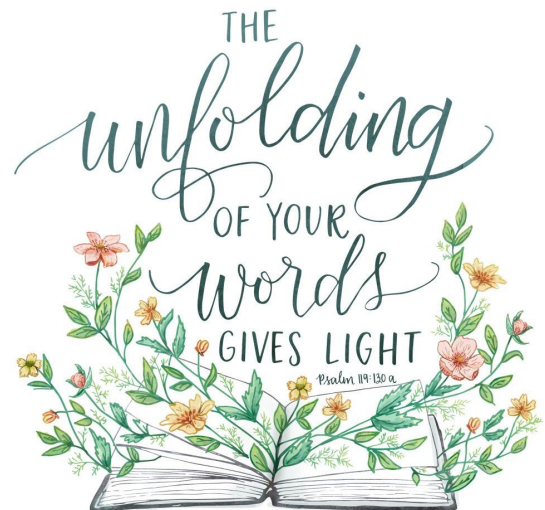
Junior Church  
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall  
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms  
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

## Monday, April 29

Church Office Closed

## Tuesday, April 30

1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room  
6:30 pm Leadership Team/Room 302





**CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN MINISTRY TEAM MEMBERS**  
**September 1, 2023- August 31, 2024**

Leadership Team Chair: Ron Hardy	2025 (1)
Leadership Team Vice Chair: Julie Herman	2026 (1)
Church Clerk: Doris Smith	Appointed
Church Moderator: Calvin Park	2025 (1)
Treasurer: Charles Stockslager, Jr.	Appointed
Assistant Treasurer: Chris Stockslager	Appointed
Financial Secretary: Heather Kees	Appointed
Deacon Coordinator: Eunice Plank	2024 (1)
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION</b>	
Jack Finniff	2024 (1)
Diana Shepherd	2024 (1)
Katie Hardy	2025 (1)
Debra Long	2025 (1)
Brenda Shane, Chair	2025 (1)
<b>PROPERTY AND FINANCE</b>	
Ed Plank	2024 (1)
Larry Kees, Jr., Chair	2024 (2)
Daryl Long	2026 (1)
John Ferguson	2025 (1)
Don Maas	2025 (1)
<b>SERVICE &amp; OUTREACH</b>	
Liz Ashby	2025 (2)
Janet Goller	2024 (2)
Karolyn Martin	2026 (2)
Suzie Wolfe, Chair	2025 (2)
Ann Parker	2025 (1)
<b>SPIRITUAL NURTURE</b>	
Cinnamon Shay	2026 (1)
Brian Shay	2026 (1)
Jenny Ferguson, Chair	2025 (1)
Ginny Nalley	2026 (2)
Christine Ellis	2026 (1)
<b>WORSHIP</b>	
Eunice Plank	2024 (1)
Heather Kees, Chair	2024 (2)
Ron Hardy	2025 (1)
Don Rowe	2025 (1)
Elaine Smith	2025 (1)

**DEACON BOARD**  
 Eunice Plank, Coordinator  
 Don Maas, Secretary

	Term	Cluster
<b>CLASS of 2024</b>		
Sandy Clipp	(2)	7
Robin Davies	(2)	13
Jack Finniff	(1)	4
Ed & Eunice Plank	(1)	8

<b>CLASS of 2025</b>		
Don & Roberta Maas	(1)	1
John & Jenny Ferguson	(1)	9

<b>CLASS of 2026</b>		
Chris & Kristal Bricker	(1)	15
Jan Young	(1)	2
Ginny Nalley	(1)	14

<b>Cluster Leaders:</b>		
Janet Goller		3
Lisa Bussard		6
Suzie Wolfe		10
Mary Means		11
Nancy Hovis		12
Gloria Hutzell		5

**Brethren Disaster Ministry  
 Learning Session**

You are cordially invited to attend a special Learning Session on Sunday, April 14th in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (9:30 - 10:30 AM). Daryl Long and Arn Platou will show an informative video about our denomination's Brethren Disaster Ministry and Children's Disaster Ministry. Daryl & Arn will give a brief talk and answer your questions following the video. These ministries are a vital service outreach project of the Church of the Brethren. The Christian Education Ministry Team would LOVE to have all adult Sunday School classes attend and they encourage everyone to be present, whether or not you regularly attend Sunday School. All are welcome!!



## Hygiene Kits Are Needed

The Service and Outreach Ministry Team and Sue Vanderveer are asking for supplies for Hygiene Kits. Kits are put together and delivered to Church World Service which will then send them to areas of need in the United States and other parts of the world.

Items needed are:

### Hygiene Kits – you will need:

- ◆ One hand towel measuring approximately 15" x 28" to 16" x 32" (no fingertip or bath towels)
- ◆ One washcloth
- ◆ One wide-tooth comb removed from the package (Must be sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth, no pocket combs or picks, rattail and combs without handles are acceptable)
- ◆ One nail clipper removed from the package
- ◆ One bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- ◆ One toothbrush (in original packaging)
- ◆ Ten standard size Band-Aids®

Place all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure, remove excess air from bag, and seal. Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit. Tubes of toothpaste that have an extended expiration date will be added by others to the Hygiene Kit just prior to shipment. Items may be placed in the collection container in the West Entrance. Contact Sue Vanderveer if you have questions.

**Hygiene Kit value: \$15**  
**Processing/Shipping Cost: \$2 per Kit**  
**Thank you!**

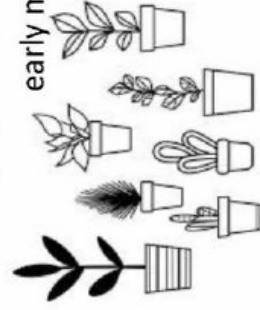
**Watch for a collection box in the west entrance, or contact Sue Vanderveer if you want to donate items.**

## Plant sale petal power!



This spring, let's harness the good in God's earth to help families who lose their homes to wildfires and other disasters. By planting a few extra perennials or annuals, or veggie, herb, berry and other plants, or groundcovers, trees, and shrubs, each of us can **GROW** money for Brethren Disaster Ministries!

Please pot and label each plant, and, include a photo of it at maturity, if you have one. Bring all to the **Plant Sale** at our Mid-Atlantic District COB's Disaster Response fundraiser at Carroll County Ag Center Friday morning, May 3, or early morning Saturday, May 4.



And, **stay awhile!** You may find new plants, as well as quilts and crafts to love and take home!!

**Questions? Email Arn Platou at [Arnwrite@myactv.net](mailto:Arnwrite@myactv.net)**

## The Novel Bunch

### Surviving Savannah

by Patti Callahan was inspired by the true and tragic story of the 1838 sinking of the luxury steamship *Pulaski* with Savannah's elite families on board. The *Pulaski* is now known as the "Titanic of the South." Everly Winthrop, a history professor grieving the death of her best friend, is asked to curate an exhibit at a new museum, focusing on artifacts recovered from the *Pulaski* 180 years after it sank. As Everly works with the diver credited with finding the ship's remains and recovering its artifacts, and her best friend's fiancé who runs the museum, her research leads her to attempt to solve the mysteries and myths surrounding the devastating explosion, particularly those of several women who were onboard the *Pulaski*. This is a moving story "of what women will do to endure in the face of tragedy, the role fate plays, and the myriad ways we survive the surviving."



**Join us on Saturday, April 20, 2024**

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

Light refreshments will be served following the book discussion.

NOTE: Participants should provide their own books (the book is \$13.89 at Amazon). If you have any questions or need assistance acquiring the book, call Jenny Ferguson at 301-964-1779. If you need help ordering, you can pay her and she will order for you. Please return the section below if you plan to attend.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ I plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_ YES

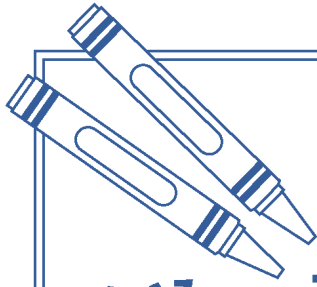
Preferred contact information:

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ OR Email \_\_\_\_\_

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



# The Puzzle Page for April 2024



## Just for KIDS

### Thank God for Rain

Each spring the Lord sends April showers to water the earth. Without rain to nourish our trees, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, there would be a poor growing season and very little to harvest. Thank God for rainy weather!

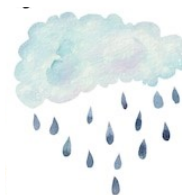
Write the words from the raindrops on the numbered lines below. Read the Bible verse.

Words in raindrops: 1 gives, 2 storm, 3 the, 4 in, 5 Lord, 6 field, 7 men, 8 clouds, 9 He, 10 Ask, 11 is, 12 to, 13 everyone, 14 who, 15 makes, 16 the, 17 plants, 18 rain, 19 Lord, 20 showers, 21 and, 22 the, 23 rain, 24 to, 25 of, 26 springtime, 27 the, 28 for, 29 it, 30 the, 31 of.

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Zechariah 10:1 (NIV)

Answer: "Ask the Lord for rain in the springtime; it is the Lord who makes the storm clouds. He gives showers of rain to men, and plants of the field to everyone." Zechariah 10:1



### Save for a Rainy Day

Any day is a good day to start saving money for a rainy day. Make your own "Rainy Day Fund" bank.

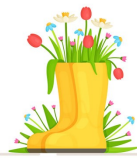
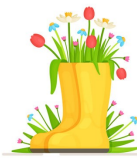
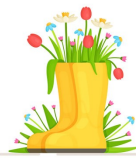
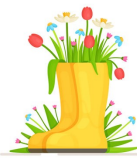
Here's what you'll need:

- A clean plastic jar (peanut butter jars work well)
- Scissors
- Felt
- White glue
- Permanent marker



Here's how to make it:

1. Clean and remove the label from the plastic jar.
2. Cut out an umbrella shape from felt and glue it to the side of the jar.
3. Use the marker to write "Rainy Day Fund" on the jar.
4. Cut a slot in the lid (you may need an adult to help).
5. When you get your allowance or earn money doing something for someone, put the money in the lid's slot.
6. Save the money for something special or important. Spend money wisely and remember to give an offering to your church or Sunday school.



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