

## Tidings November 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

When November arrives, many of us start to think about Thanksgiving. Our thoughts bring to mind things like: family gatherings, turkey and stuffing, pumpkin pie, days off from work or school, pilgrims and things that we are thankful for in our lives. The idea of thankfulness is, of course, our focus for celebrating Thanksgiving.

But I wonder, is there more? Is there more to this holiday than feelings of thankfulness, and offering our gratitude to God for all that God has done in our lives and for all that God has given to us?

Recently I read a Thanksgiving dialogue out of an old book sitting on my shelf. The dialogue focused on the meaning of the holiday. An interesting point that was made in the dialogue was that all Christians are pilgrims. Like the pilgrims from the early days of our country's history that we think of on Thanksgiving, we are a wandering people. Although we are not living in a new and strange land; we are living in challenging times and seeking to journey our way through our days as disciples of Christ.

Pilgrims are everyday people caring for each other and for the needs of strangers. They are people who are faithful and willing to step out in faith to live each day without knowing exactly where God will lead them and use them; but knowing that God is with them. God's pilgrim people are trusting. They put their trust in God to provide the rain and the sunshine to help our fields and gardens flourish with food. Pilgrim people trust God for all of their needs...they recognize their need for God.

There is, indeed, something more to Thanksgiving than just saying thank you to God. It's about you and me being God's pilgrims; giving thanks...AND living thanks. We live our thanks by wandering faithfully into the familiar and unknown places of life, caring for the needs of others, and putting all of our trust in God. Pilgrims of God, have a blessed Thanksgiving.

Pastor Twyla





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Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Scripture	Greeter	Special
11/3/2024	Twyla Rowe	Robin Davies	"With All the Saints"	Matthew 5:1-12	The Ferguson's	Remembrance Sun- day/CBM/Food Pantry/Fellowship Time
11/10/2024	Pastor Ron Shank	Don Maas			Janet Goller	Parish Nurse/ Junior Church
11/17/2024	Twyla Rowe	Candice Summers	"Holiness"	Hebrews 10:11-18	Jan Young	Consecration of Deacons/Child Dedication
11/24/2024	Twyla Rowe	Amy Hardy	"Gratitude"	Psalm 126	Jack Finniff	Junior Church/ Thanksgiving Sun- day

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

## Fall Congregational Business Meeting November 3, 2024

Our Fall Congregational Business Meeting will be held on November 3, 2024 in the Fellowship Hall, following the late service worship.

We will have a covered dish carry-in-meal. Spiritual Nurture will provide chicken, drinks, and paper products. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the west entrance. Please sign-up and bring a dish to share. Thank you!

## 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 in the mail. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to the church. All pledges are private.

Please don't forget to 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.



## 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!



We are reaching out to our homebound members through phone calls, cards, or personal visits. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, please contact Mary Means.



Kathy Kelsey: 5257 Buckeystown Pike #498 Frederick, MD 21704

kelseykathy232@gmail.com 301-462-3963

Now is a good time to update your information in the church directory. Please send changes/ additions to Allysonsecretaryhcob@gmail.com or leave a note in her mailbox. The 2025 Directory will be printed the first of the year.

Thank you!

## Remembrance Sunday November 3, 2024

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



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 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.

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

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

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.



## JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will be held the second & fourth Sunday of each month. This is open to ages Kindergarten through Grade 6. We will gather in the Rainbow Room (#205) 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.

Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/ elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance.

Christian Education Ministry Team



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

## **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.



HCOB 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.



## Daily Bible Reading



## **NOVEMBER**

- Psalm 125-127
- Ecclesiastes 3-4
- Zephaniah
- $\Diamond$ Acts 11-12
- $\Diamond$ 1 Peter 1-3
- Deuteronomy 10-12
- $\Diamond$ 2 Chronicles 33-36
- $\Diamond$ Psalm 128-130
- $\Diamond$ Ecclesiastes 5-6
- $\Diamond$ 10 Haggai
- $\Diamond$ 11 Acts 13-14
- 12 1 Peter 4-5
- $\Diamond$ 13 Deuteronomy 13-15
- $\Diamond$ 14 Ezra 1-5
- 15 Psalm 131-133
- $\Diamond$ 16 Ecclesiastes 7-8
- 17 Zechariah 1-7
- 18 Acts 15-16
- 19 2 Peter  $\Diamond$
- $\Diamond$ 20 Deuteronomy 16-19
- 21 Ezra 6-10
- 22 Psalm 134-136
- 23 Ecclesiastes 9-10
- 24 Zechariah 8-14
- 25 Acts 17-18
- 26 1 John 1-3
- $\Diamond$ 27 Deuteronomy 20-22
- 28 Nehemiah 1-4
- 29 Psalm 137-139
- 30 Ecclesiastes 11-12

## 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.

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## November 2024 Schedule

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

Friday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 2
Pastor Twyla's day off

10:00 am Deacons/Kitchen Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 3

Burt Vacation/Becky Jackson filling in

Food Pantry Sunday/Remembrance Service Sunday

8:30 am
9:30 am
Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:20 am
10:45 am
Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

12:00 pm CBM/Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 4
Church Office Closed

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, November 5

7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm Worship Meeting/Zoom

Wednesday, November 6

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

6:30 pm GriefShare Surviving the Holidays/Mullendore

Room

Thursday, November 7

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room 7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 8

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)

Saturday, November 9
Pastor Twyla's day off

8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall

(Breakfast open to the public 9-10:30 am)

Sunday, November 10

Guest Preacher\_Pastor Ron Shank/Junior Church
Pastor Eddie Edmonds/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

Monday, November 11

Church office closed/Veterans Day

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, November 12

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting

7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 13

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions 5:30 pm Service & Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room

Thursday, November 14

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room 7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 15

8:00am Bulletin preparation time/Church office 11:00 am Book Club Meeting/Set up/Fellowship Hall

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, November 16

Pastor Twyla's day off

10:00 am Book Club/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, November 17

Consecration of Deacons/Child Dedication/

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall 9:00 am Sunday School Orchestra/Fellowship Hall 9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms 10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & Facebook Live

Monday, November 18

Church office closed

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, November 19

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Mullendore Room 5:30 pm P&F Meeting/Mullendore Room

6:30 pm Christian Education Meeting/Room 302 7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 20

Administrative Assistant/Work from hom

10:30 am Caring&Sharing/Mullendore Room

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, November 21

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room 7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 22

8:00am Bulletin preparation time/Church office

1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, November 23

Pastor Twyla's day off **Sunday, November 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, November 25

Church office closed

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, November 26

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

Wednesday, November 27

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcements submissions

Thursday, November 28

Church office closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday/Thanksgiving

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room 7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 29

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

Saturday, November 30 Pastor Twyla's day off

1:00 pm Young Holiday Party/Fellowship Hall



# It's Time to Place Your Poinsettia Order

You are invited again this year to purchase a poinsettia to be placed in the church on Christmas Eve. Poinsettias are \$9.00 each and may be purchased as a Please return this completed form and your check made out to Hagerstown Church of the Brethren no later than November 24. Your order may be placed in the offering or mailed to the Church Office: Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, 15 S. Mulberry memorial, tribute, or as a thank you. St. Hagerstown MD 21740.

## ORDER IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH Payment must accompany this form. DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR

If you order a poinsettia, please make sure either you or the person you gave it to removes it from the church at the proper time. Thank you!

		Amount attached at \$9.00 each:	PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. USE ADDITIONAL FREE SLIPS IF NECESSARY.				
Your name:	Number of plants: ( ) Red ( ) White ( ) Marble varieties	Total plants:	PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY. USE ADDITIONAL FREE SLI	IN MEMORY OF:	_ IN TRIBUTE TO:	_ IN THANKS TO:	

## The Novel Bunch presents...

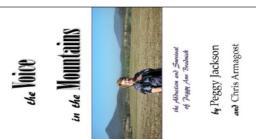
Bradnick got off the school bus with her siblings, only to be

abducted by a masked man with a shotgun. Her 8-day ordeal

sparked a multi-state manhunt and made international headlines.

In the spring of 1966, in Shade Gap, PA, 17-year old Peggy Ann

the Voice in the Mountains



grace. Peggy Ann Bradnick Jackson is a woman of great faith Even though this book focuses on a horrible crime, it is not graphic whose quiet strength will astound you.

This is Peggy's story in her own words. It is one of forgiveness and

or gory. But it is a compelling story of a former victim turned survivor. And after 50-plus years, Peggy Jackson received a

In the words of Mr. Lloyd Dell, a radio broadcaster who covered the commendation from the FBI last year. story at the time:

those like William Hollenbaugh who have wronged her through Peggy, through her speaking engagements and her life, shows mature Christian love, exhibiting mercy and grace to all, even 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 attendYES	S
Preferred contact information: Phone	OR	
Fmail		

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!



## In Remembrance 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 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





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 you!



If you watch us live on Facebook, please click the "like" button.

This will aid us in keeping attendance.

Facebook.com/hagerstowncob



The Church office will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday

## Community Breakfast

Saturday, November 9, 2024 9:00—10:30 am

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





November 3, 2024 10:20—10:40 am Mullendore Room OUT OF OFFICE Pastor Twyla will be away November 10th. If you are in need of regular pastoral care, please con-

tact your Deacon. In case of an emergency, please contact Pastor Eddie Edmonds. His information can be found in the church directory.

## 2024

## "Not Against Flesh & Blood"

## District Conference Report

The 57th annual Mid-Atlantic District Conference was held October 11-12, 2024, at the Brownsville Church of the Brethren in Knoxville, MD. The theme this year was "Not Against Flesh & Blood," based on Ephesians 6:12, which states, "For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." NRSV After we gathered to sing a few beloved hymns, Moderator Calvin Park elaborated on the theme by reminding us that Jesus calls us to practice radical forgiveness and self-sacrificial love. The degree to which we forgive determines the degree to which we can love our enemies. No one is beyond redemption.

All present were then invited to participate in feet washing. Hand washing was also available. To begin the business sessions, we joined in a Dedication of Delegates responsive reading, followed by a prayer. Next, a slate of names to fill various district offices and positions was presented and approved.

Sadly, per District Leadership Team recommendation, the delegate body voted to disorganize four congregations – Welsh Run, Pleasant Ridge, Stone Bridge, and Pipe Creek. This was in response to separate requests from each congregation to withdrawal from the denomination in late 2022 and early 2023. The District Leadership Team worked with each congregation in an attempt to achieve a healthy resolution; however, each congregation ultimately voted to depart, and the District Leadership Team continued per their wishes as required by polity, bringing the recommendations to this year's conference. On another sad note, the delegate body approved closing of the Myersville church. The Myersville congregation voted in September 2023 to close after the end of 2023 due to declining membership and exhaustion on the part of the remaining few.

A query prepared by the Arlington, VA Church of the Brethren was presented and discussed. The query asks what can be done about the outdated language, science, and recommendation in three cited Annual Conference statements in order to help the denomination make progress toward the goal of respecting and preserving one another's humanity, dignity, and deeply held spiritual convictions in our collective statements and practices. The delegate body voted to refer the query to Annual Conference.

In between business sessions, a variety of workshops were held – Bible Stories for Adults; Fighting Problems, Not People; The Places We Meet: Using Storytelling to Build Bridges, not Barriers; and Fresh Expressions, and a good lunch was provided to all with time for fellowship and review of various district, denominational, and related agency exhibits.

The District Budget was presented and approved. Informative reports were provided from the District Leadership Team, the Standing Committee, Susquehanna Valley Ministry Center, Bethany Seminary, Bridgewater College, Shepherd's Spring, Camp Mardela, and On Earth Peace. District Executive Minister Doug Veal was unable to attend due to a death in the family. However, a report from Doug was included in the conference materials along with a report from the District Interim Executive Minister Team, reports from other district ministry teams, and reports on disaster response, the meat canning project, and Fahrney Keedy.

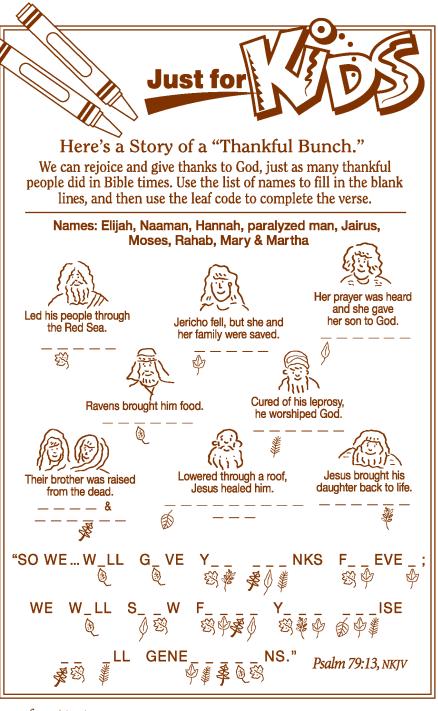
Mid-Atlantic District congregations are encouraged to nominate gifted individuals for denominational offices on next year's Annual Conference ballot. Detailed information about the offices open for nominations and a link to submit online nominations are provided at www.brethren.org/nominations.

The Church of the Brethren LEAD (Listen – Equip – Adapt – Disciple) Conference is scheduled for November 15-17, 2024, at the Ephrata, PA Church of the Brethren. Online registration is available at www.brethren.org/dlf/lead-conference.

Youth attending District Conference shared their activities for the day. A bread and cup communion service was held with communion bread provided by various congregations throughout the district. Conference ended with the consecration of new district leadership and passing of the gavel to new District Moderator, Sharon Linton.

Our congregation's representatives at this year's District Conference were: Julie Herman, Chris Herman, and Amy Hardy. Please contact us if you are interested in additional details. The 2025 District Conference is planned to be held at the Frederick, MD Church of the Brethren. The dates will be announced.

## The Puzzle Page for November 2024



"SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER; WE WILL SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAIN 39:13, NKJV

Answers: Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Marrha, paralyzed man, Jairus.





## "Thankful Garland"



- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- pencil, marker or crayons
- yarn, ribbon or raffia
- scissors
- hole-punch
- spray bottle filled with water
- (optional) real leaves
- (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole



## What to do:

- 1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
- 2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
- 3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
- 4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
- 5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
- 6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
- 7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
- 8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
- 9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.















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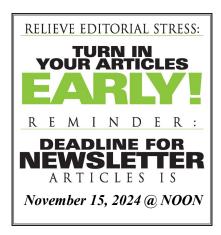
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