



Tidings

January 2025



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

Have you been thinking about the coming year, 2025? It's a brand-new year and we are programmed to think about our goals and dreams for the year? Are there things that you plan to change? Are there places you plan to visit and people you want to see? Have you made plans for things you want to accomplish? Do you have goals or dreams for your relationship with Christ and the work of the church? I would not be surprised if you have been doing some dreaming for the New Year. I have a few dreams and goals for 2025 of my own.

It is a good thing to have some goals and dreams. It gives us some direction for our lives. Martin Luther King Jr. was someone we all know about, who had dreams for equality, respect and love for all people. Even God has a dream that all of us will one day want to have a great loving relationship with Him and with each other.

Sometimes we are required to make some tough sacrifices to accomplish our goals. There are many examples of the kinds of sacrifices people make for their dreams. For example, Martin Luther King was not popular with everyone. He suffered ridicule and even lost his life as he worked to bring his dreams to life. And how can we overlook that Our Father God gave his Son...Jesus giving his life...as a sacrifice for our sins so that we could understand the depth of His love for us; and so, we might choose to have an intimate relationship with his Son and Himself.

I have some dreams and goals for the coming year. A personal goal of mine is to take better care of myself. I have goals for my continuing work at the church.

I hope that some of your goals and dreams involve the church and the ministries that we do together. Our commitment to Christ and to each other will make it possible to bring some of them to life. God needs us to dream for the church, and God needs us to work with each other.

So go ahead, dream and set goals for the New Year. Nurture all of your dreams... personal and church ministry goals...through a solid prayer life. Seek God's guidance and invite the Holy Spirit to empower you through the challenging steps of fulfilling a dream. May God bless you and all of your dreams for the New Year.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, Pastor Twyla



A Friendly Reminder

Meritus is encouraging the community to keep in mind that this is the season when the flu and viruses are easily spread. The hospital is currently seeing an influx of people with a very contagious virus. This reminder is not to alarm anyone, but to ask us all to keep in mind that if we become ill; or if we feel like we are coming down with something; or if you know you have been exposed to something contagious...please take care of yourself at home and worship with your church family on Sundays using Facebook Live. They also suggest avoiding hugs and handshakes during this season. Worshiping God is central to our life together. May we do so, even as we care for each other by following these preventative guidelines.

Sundays in January

Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Scripture	Greeter	Special
01/05/2025	Twyla Rowe	Kathy Kelsey	“God’s Plans”	Ephesians 3:1-12	Amy Clipp	Fellowship Time/Epiphany
01/12/2025	Twyla Rowe	Jan Young	“What’s in a Name?”	Isaiah 43:1-7	Amy Hardy	Junior Church/Parish Nurse
01/18/2025	Twyla Rowe	Linda Baker	“Change”	John 2:1-11	Tina Mills	
01/26/2025	Twyla Rowe	Chris Stockslager	“Revelation of God”	Psalm 19	The Gingrich Family	Junior Church

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

2025 Pocket Directory

The 2025 Pocket Directory will be available on or before January 31, 2025. Copies will be available on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary & Fellowship Hall.

Please check your information and advise the church office if any changes need to be made.

Updates to the directory will be published in the monthly newsletters so you can update your copy of the directory.

2025 Communion Dates

Bread & Cup

June 2025
December 2025

Love Feast

April 17, 2025— Maundy Thursday
Love Feast & Communion/Feet washing

October 5, 2025 — World Communion
Sunday
Love Feast & Communion/Feet washing

HCOB Website Update

Our new website is live! You can go to hagerstowncob.org to check it out. If you find any information incorrect or missing, contact Mary Early at her email listed below. Also, if you have photos that you think could improve any of the pages, you may send them to Mary as well.

Website: hagerstowncob.org
Email: webmaster@hagerstowncob.org

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION



If inclement weather is forecasted be sure to:

- Check your email—we will send out a group email as quickly as possible if the decision to cancel in-person worship is made.
- Check our Facebook page—Hagerstown Church of the Brethren (facebook.com/hagerstowncob) we will post updates there as well.

If we do hold in-person worship, and if you are uncomfortable driving in bad weather, please join us on Facebook Live. Be safe first and check your email!

Community Breakfast

There will be no Community Breakfast held the months of January and February. The next Community Breakfast will be held in March. Thank you for your continued support to this wonderful ministry!



Saturday, February 8, 2025

The Service & Outreach Team will be having our annual Prayer Walk on Saturday, February 8, 2025. We will be preparing 160 bagged meals which we will be distributing to our neighbors in the downtown area. We are in need of hats, gloves, socks, blankets and small personal-care items. If you would like to donate any of these items, a box will be available in the west entrance. Thank you!



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 extend a welcome to our new member, Karen Miller. We welcomed Karen to the HCOB family on December 6th during our Early Service Worship.





Daily Bible Reading



JANUARY

- 1 Genesis 1-3
2 Genesis 4-7
3 Genesis 8-11
4 Job 1-5
5 Job 6-9
6 Job 10-13
7 Job 14-16
8 Job 17-20
9 Job 21-23
10 Job 24-28
11 Job 29-31
12 Job 32-34
13 Job 35-37
14 Job 38-39
15 Job 40-42
16 Genesis 12-15
17 Genesis 16-18
18 Genesis 19-21
19 Genesis 22-24
20 Genesis 25-26
21 Genesis 27-29
22 Genesis 30-31
23 Genesis 32-34
24 Genesis 35-37
25 Genesis 38-40
26 Genesis 41-42
27 Genesis 43-45
28 Genesis 46-47
29 Genesis 48-50
30 Exodus 1-3
31 Exodus 4-6

Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Patron Ad.

It's time to sign up for a Patron ad for in the 2025 Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response auction booklet. Patron ads are for those individuals who want to support disaster relief.

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.



Fellowship Time Sunday, Jan. 5th

We're in need of volunteers to provide goodies for Fellowship Time, held the first Sunday of each month from 10:20 am—10:40 am. Goodies may be your favorite recipe or a delicious store bought treat.

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.

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.

January 2025 Schedule

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

Wednesday, January 1

New Year's Day/Church office closed
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, January 2

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

Friday, January 3

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

Saturday, January 4

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, January 5

Food Pantry Sunday
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, January 6

Church Office Closed/Epiphany

Tuesday, January 7

7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall
7:00 pm Worship Team Meeting/Zoom

Wednesday, January 8

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, January 9

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

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, January 12

Junior Church
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, January 13

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 14

5:30 pm Spiritual Nurture Meeting/Mullendore Room
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 15

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
12:00 pm Newsletter deadline
5:30 pm Service & Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room

Thursday, January 16

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

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, January 19

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

Monday, January 20

Church Office Closed/Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 21

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Mullendore Room or Altruistic Room (if work is completed)
5:30 pm P&F Meeting/Mullendore Room
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Room 302
7:00 pm Hag. Choral Arts/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 22

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, January 23

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

Friday, January 24

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

Saturday, January 25

Pastor Twyla's day off

Sunday, January 26

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, January 27

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

Administrative Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, January 30

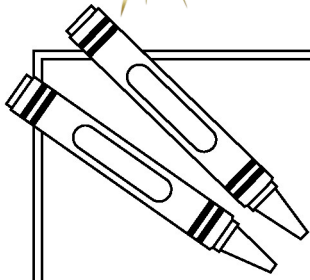
5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room
7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 31

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



The Puzzle Page for January 2025



Just for KIDS

New Year's Resolutions

Use the code to read some important words to live by.

CODE:	A=1	D=4	H=8	L=12	P=16	T=20	X=24
	B=2	E=5	I=9	M=13	Q=17	U=21	Y=25
	C=3	F=6	J=10	N=14	R=18	V=22	Z=26
		G=7	K=11	O=15	S=19	W=23	

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1 14 4 13 15 20 8 5 18

4 15 14 20 13 9 19 21 19 5

7 15 4 19 14 1 13 5

11 5 5 16 20 8 5 19 1 2 2 1 20 8

8 15 12 25

12 5 1 18 14 20 8 5 20 5 14

3 15 13 13 1 14 4 13 5 14 20 19

Answer: Have no other gods before me. Honor your father and mother. Don't misuse God's name. Keep the Sabbath holy. Learn the Ten Commandments.



Start your new year by keeping a journal of your life.

You will need:

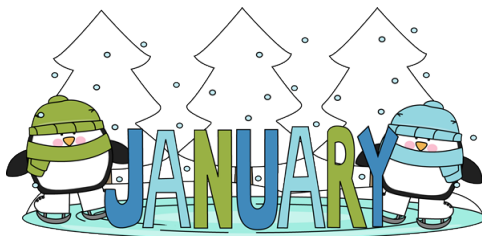
- ✎ a spiral notebook
- ✎ contact paper
- ✎ permanent marker



How to make and use your journal:

- Use the contact paper to cover the front of the notebook.
- Put your name and a name for the journal on the cover.
- Decorate the cover with drawings or stickers.
- Each day (or once a week) write down your thoughts, prayers, poems, dreams and the date. You can also make drawings to go along with your writings.

Happy New Year



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