

God's great works

It has long been on my bucket list to see the northern lights. I've imagined traipsing off to the top of the globe to sit in complete darkness and wait upon the brilliant majesty of God! Unfortunately, that goal has not yet made it beyond the yearning stage.

So, I was delighted last summer when it was reported that the northern lights could be seen as far south as my home. Several nights, when the sky was clear, I crawled out of bed and into the car, driving down dark, rural roads in search of God's magnificent handiwork.

Each time, I came home disappointed.

Inevitably, pictures would show up on social media of God's great works—illustrated by a brilliantly colored sky—right in my backyard. How had I missed that?

I learned that, this far south, the northern lights were hard to see with the naked eye. But through a camera lens, they were vibrant and awesome and amazing!

Which caused me to wonder: How many other works of God's hands have I missed because I was looking through the wrong lens? How many gifts of mercy and compassion have gone unnoticed? How much spiritual food has been left, uneaten, on my plate?

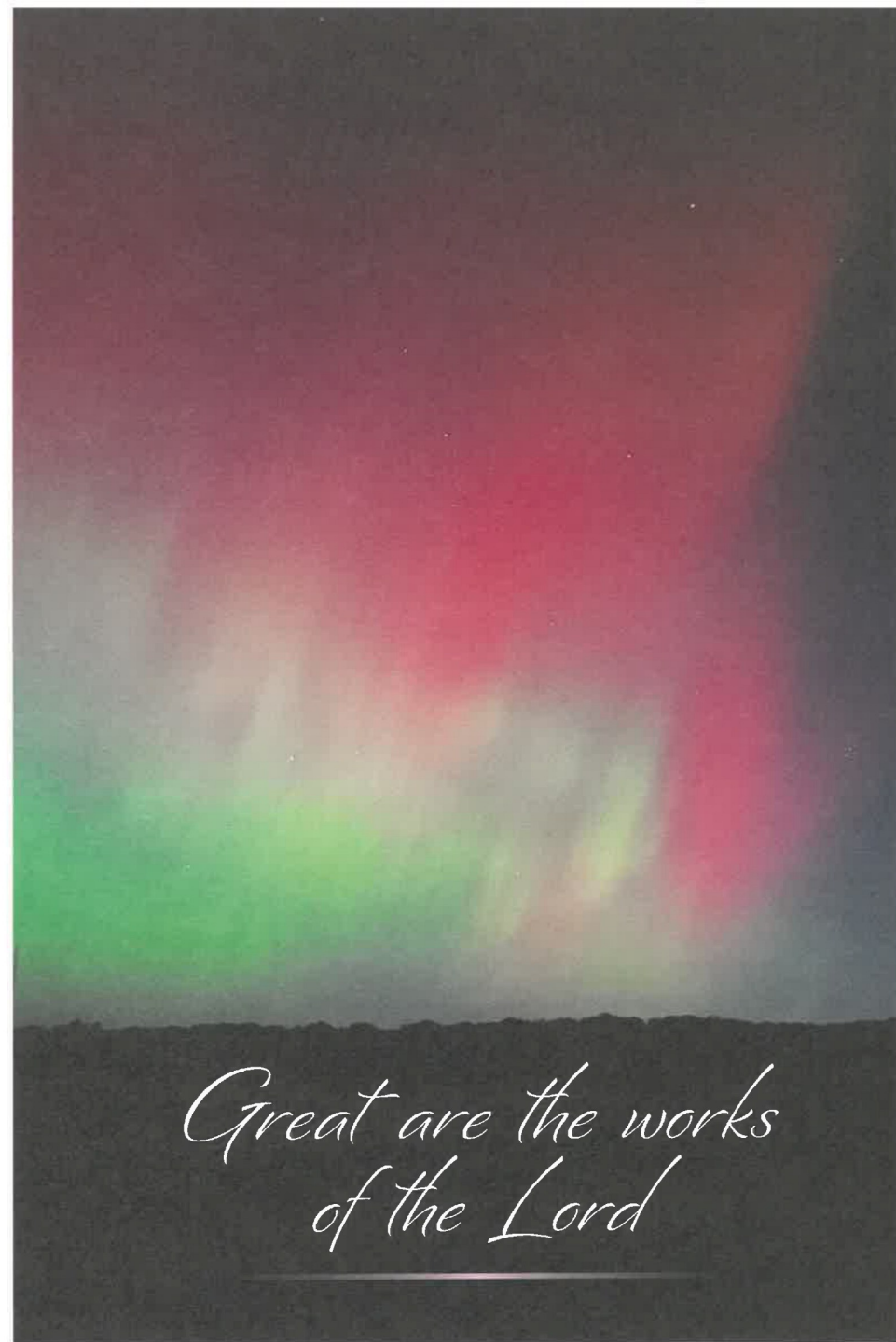
If I looked daily through the lens of gratitude, giving thanks with my whole heart, what otherwise unseen miracles might explode before my eyes?

Holy and awesome God, open our eyes daily to your wonders and your righteousness, which endure forever. Open our mouths nightly to sing your praise! And fill us with hearts of gratitude for the great works of your hands. Amen.

—Angela Finet
Mount Wolf, Pennsylvania

"Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them" (Psalm 111:2, NRSVue). Today's Bible readings from the lectionary: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

October 12, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Praise Ye the Lord" (Hughes)

CALL TO WORSHIP Candice Summers, Worship Leader

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you people!

All: With shouts of joy, we celebrate the good news of God's love.

One: Open your hearts to the warmth of God's redeeming love.

All: God has poured such wonder into our lives!

One: Come, let us worship God with hearts and souls and voices!

All: Let our praise ring to the rafters and ascend to the heavens!

HYMN #49 "From all that dwell below the skies"

[Verse 1]

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung through ev'ry land by ev'ry tongue.

[Verse 2]

In ev'ry land begin the song, to ev'ry land the strains belong.

In cheerful sounds all voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

[Verse 3]

Your lofty themes, O mortals, bring, in songs of praise divinely sing.

The great salvation loud proclaim, and shout for joy the Savior's name.

[Verse 4]

Eternal are your mercies, Lord. Eternal truth attends your word.

Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

OPENING PRAYER

For the healing love you have offered to us; for the patience you have with us; for your presence that will never fail, we give you thanks, O Lord. Bring our hearts and spirits to you that we may grow in our faith and service to you by serving others. We ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE A CHILD

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

Bring gifts of gratitude to honor God. Give thanks for God's awesome deeds. Praise God for salvation in Jesus Christ. May our offerings express the full measure of our thankfulness.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual offering plate to those worshiping with us on YouTube 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 Hagerstowncob website.

Offertory "Autumn Meditation" (Laky)

***Doxology #119** "Praise God from whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We bring the first fruits of our labors, the best of all we have, a portion of the bounty you entrust to us. Accept our gifts, gracious God, as a symbol of our renewed commitment. We give thanks for the wholeness you offer us amid a fragmented world. We are grateful for meaningful tasks in the midst of chaos and meaningless suffering. We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to your faithful service. Amen.

SHARING OUR JOYS, CONCERNS, AND HOPES

Please remember our worship is also on YouTube 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.

PRAYER HYMN #379 "O Christ, the healer"

[Verse 1]

O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.

How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?

[Verse 2]

From ev'ry ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed, yet in our hearts we would confess what wholeness is our deepest need.

[Verse 3]

In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills. Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?

[Verse 4]

Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach and prosper human kind.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

MORNING ANTHEM “In His Presence” (Arr. Mayfield)
Temple Choir

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 17:11-19 NT 80

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

MESSAGE “The Tenth Leper” Pastor Twyla Rowe

HYMN #110 “Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing”
[Verse 1]

*Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

[Verse 2]

*Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
’tis music to the sinner’s ears, ’tis life, and health, and peace.*

[Verse 3]

*He speaks, and list’ning to his voice new life the dead receive, the mournful,
broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*

[Verse 4]

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread through
all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

[Verse 5]

*Glory to God and praise and love be ever, ever giv’n by saints below and
saints above, the church in earth and heav’n.*

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE “Sing the Glad Song” (Ritter)

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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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*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 October 12, 2025

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 for the week beginning with Sunday, October 12 - *(Be prepared with your prayer concerns so you can offer them in some moments of silence later in the prayer.)* O Lord, hear my prayer as I come before you now. Many things weigh heavy on my mind causing me to be anxious and to worry. I feel many things in my heart that cause sadness and concern. You know all of these things...even the ones I cannot put into words. Thank you, Compassionate and Guiding God, for receiving all my prayers for myself, loved ones and the world, that I lift to you now *(moments of silence to offer your personal prayers)*. Thank you for listening to these prayers and the ones that I will offer throughout the day. I know I can count on you to not only hear my prayers but also...using your wisdom and timing...you will answer them. With faith for answered prayer...I offer you my praise. Amen.

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.

Our thanks to Candice Summers for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Chris and Julie Herman's 12th wedding anniversary today.

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. **We will gather in the Rainbow Room (Room #205) or The Children's Sunday School Room (Room #203).** (Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going.) Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Brenda Shane. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

Ministry Team Chairs! Your reports for the Congregational Business Meeting are due to the church office no later than this Wednesday, October 15th.

Newsletter Deadline—All articles should be submitted to the Administrative Assistant **on or before October 15th.** You can submit articles by email or leaving a note in Allyson's mailbox. Thank you!

The Service & Outreach Team will once again be having our large community event—Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat— this Saturday, October 18th from 1 to 4PM. We need many helpers. We will have bingo, children's games, and crafts for the children. We will have hotdogs, baked beans, chips, popcorn, water, snow cones, and cotton candy. There will be a cake walk. We will have a costume parade for the kids and of course, Trunk or Treat. Do you love to meet new people and share the good news about our Lord and Savior? Here's your opportunity. We also need adult and children's prizes for bingo. If you have any appropriate items, you no longer use, please donate them for this event. We also need cakes for the cake walk, and cookies and candy. If you would like to participate in the Trunk or Treat, let us know. There are sign-up sheets available in the west entrance and fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please contact any member of the Service & Outreach Team.

Growing Hope Global family fun Harvest Festival, near Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, will be held at the Grossnickle Farm, at 11720 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, Md., TODAY. The annual festival, which is in its 20th year, will begin at 2:30 p.m. with hay wagon rides leaving the barn. Then, beginning at 3 p.m., there's to be an outdoor worship and dedication program, followed by plenty of delicious foods, all at no charge. There will be American as well as special dishes made with recipes from Sierra Leone, one of the African countries where our fundraising will help communities learn to grow and store food for lean times of the year. The afternoon will also feature time for children to make scarecrows and to learn games that children play in Sierra Leone. And, for all, there will be a lot of sweet, sweet fun in the day's prime fundraising event: the live and silent auctions for cakes and other baked goods made by members of area churches supporting Growing Hope Globally!! For more information and/or rides to/from Harvest Festival, call Arn Platou at 301-790-3498.

Our Fall Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 2nd. We will have a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 AM service and the business meeting will follow. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the west entrance and fellowship hall. Spiritual Nurture will provide chicken, drinks, and paper products. Please sign up so we know how much chicken to buy and bring a dish to share. Thank you!

Remembrance Sunday—November 2, 2025—Please join us for a special Service of Remembrance Worship Service on Sunday, November 2nd, as we remember and celebrate the lives of those loved one who have passed in the last year.

Third Quarter Contribution Statements can be found in the church mailboxes. If you do not have a church mailbox, your statement will be mailed. If you're new to HCOB and have been using an envelope and didn't receive a statement, please email or call the church office.

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.

Please remember to keep the administrative assistant updated on when and where meetings/events are being held. Please email or call the Administrative Assistant with information that needs added to the church calendar. **301-733-3565 or secretaryhcob@gmail.com.** Thank you!

Offering drop-off box is located in the west entrance by the double doors. This box can be used to drop off your offering or order forms. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Offering envelopes are located in the pew racks and at other convenient locations around the church. To assist our financial secretary, we ask that you use an envelope and please put your name and envelope number on the outside. Here's a tip - take a few envelopes home and stick one of those return address labels we all get on the outside. Then all you need to add is your number. Having your name and number on the outside of the envelope is a huge help to our offering counters. Thank you!

When you leave items at the mailboxes for someone else to retrieve, please call or email them to alert them the item is there. Remember you may need to follow up with them to make sure they've gotten the item. Thank you!

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 12

Junior Church

8:15 am	Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings
8:30 am	Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am	Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am	Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings
10:45 am	Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
2:30 pm	Growing Hope Global Family Fun Harvest Festival/Grossnickle Farm

Monday, October 13

Church office closed/Columbus Day

12:30 pm Funeral Luncheon/Linda Ebersole

Wednesday, October 15

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

Ministry Team Chair Reports Deadline

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Thursday, October 16

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 17

8:00 am Bulletin preparation/Church office

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

Saturday, October 18

Pastor Twyla's day off

1:00 pm Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat/HCOB

Sunday, October 19

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall

9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms

10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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Please take note of the date change

The Novel Bunch presents...



The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post

by Allison Pataki

This book is historical fiction and reimagines the life of Marjorie Merriweather Post, heiress to the Postum Cereal Company, which eventually became General Foods. The book explores Post's life journey from her beginnings of gluing cereal boxes as a young girl to help her father, to becoming the very wealthy and influential businesswoman, socialite, and philanthropist whose legacy as a presidential hostess helped to shape the political scene in Washington, DC. It also delves into Post's personal life, her four marriages, and her professional challenges as she built her own influence. The novel is set against the backdrop of early 20th century America, and it examines the complexities of wealth, power, and changing roles for women. Pataki's story chronicles Post's rise to become one of the wealthiest women in the United States, her inheritance of a vast fortune, and it

also highlights Post's acquisition of Russian art and jewelry that now forms the core of the much-visited Hillwood Museum outside of Washington.

NOTE: New Date

Date: Saturday, November 15

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Place: Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments 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 attend _____ YES

Preferred contact information: Phone _____ OR Email _____

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



GRIEF SHARE

SURVIVING the HOLIDAYS

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 blindsides 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 Hagerstown Church of the Brethren GriefShare team is planning a special event entitled ***Surviving the Holidays*** on Monday, November 3, 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. For more information, contact Pastor Twyla or Debbie Nycum.

Light refreshments will be served.