

Jellied calves

I'm not afraid of heights. I'm afraid of edges. That made it hard the week my spouse, Jennie, and I spent a week at the Outer Banks, a string of barrier islands along the North Carolina coast, because we pledged to climb all the lighthouses.

I love the idea of lighthouses—beautiful, rock solid, maintained for the pure purpose of saving lives. But my calves turned to jelly each time I tackled interior steps with a sheer drop to my side. Then, once outside standing on the platform, my hands gripped the railing hard enough to leave fingerprints. The smile on my face was forced, I admit. However, I knew in my heart I was perfectly safe the whole time, and the climb was well worth the view of waves crashing on the shoreline, rolling hills, and the sunlight glaring off the frothing waves.

It's not clear if the hills to which the singer's eyes are lifted in Psalm 121 are real or symbolic, and we don't know if the path's edges induced jellied calves in some pilgrims climbing Mount Zion, but the dangers were heartfelt. Heights were considered ominous places. And if the threat of getting moonstruck was largely imaginary, the fear of the sun's intense rays was genuine.

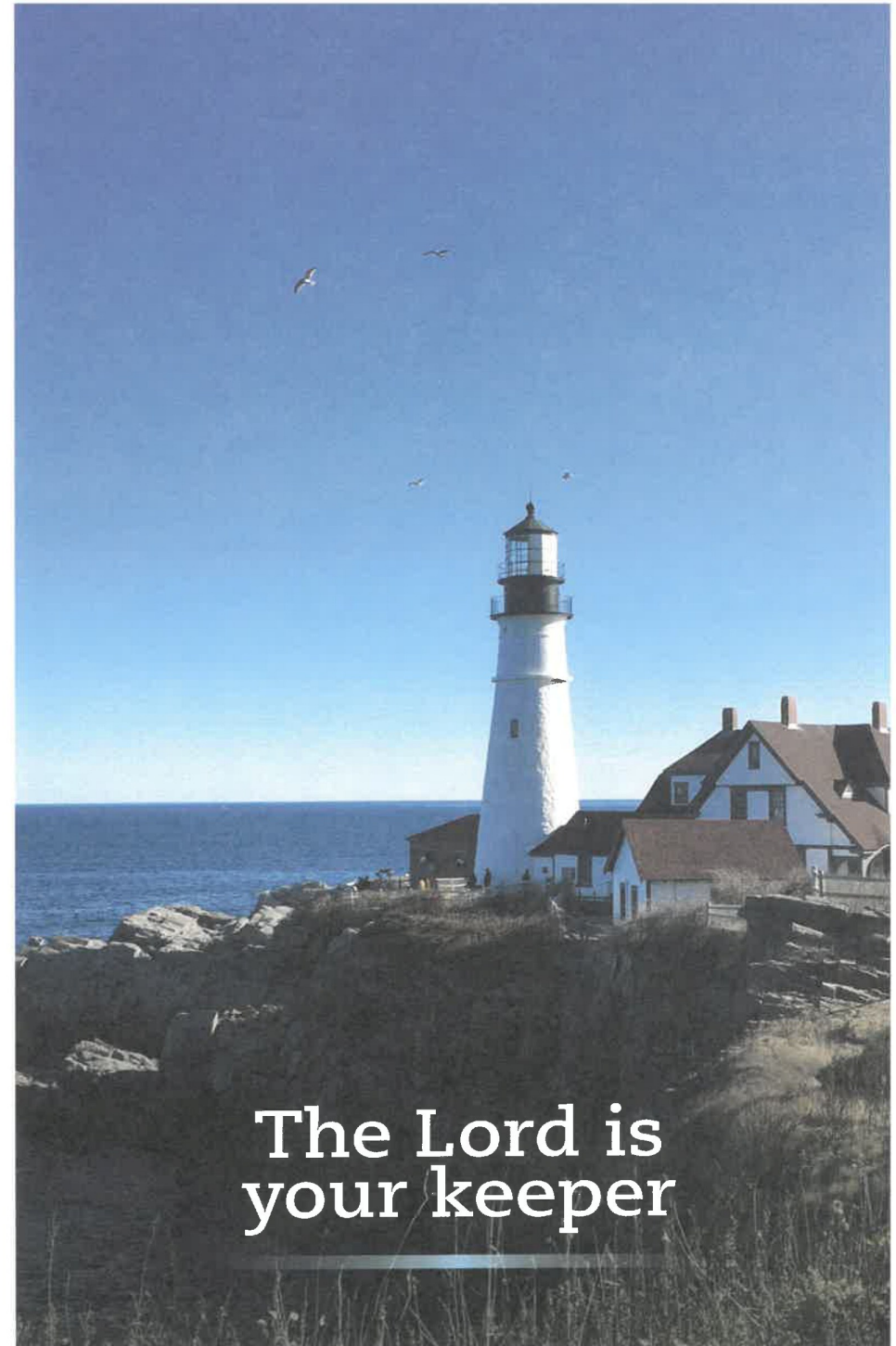
Psalm 121:4 begins with a word left untranslated in most versions. *Hineh!* Look! Behold! See! God is in charge. God never sleeps. God shades us from moon, sun, and all evils, real or imagined.

Remember that the next time you have calves of jelly, for whatever reason. We do not face our fears alone. In life and in death God is at our side. "The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore."

—Frank Ramirez
Nappanee, Indiana

"The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand" (Psalm 121:5, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.

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your keeper

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

October 19, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

CALL TO WORSHIP Linda Baker, Worship Leader

One: We gather to honor our covenant with God. We gather to worship
the God who has covenanted with us.

*All: Our help comes from God who made heaven and earth. Our wisdom
comes from the one who meets us here.*

One: Open your eyes to meet God face to face. Open your ears to hear
God's instruction.

*All: God takes us by the hand to lead us. The Word of God is written on
our hearts.*

One: Come to taste God's Word, which is sweeter than honey. Come to
touch the reality of God's presence.

*All: Surely God will welcome us and protect us. We will walk with new
understanding of truth.*

HYMN #11 "Sweet hour of prayer"

[Verse 1]

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne make all my wants and wishes known;
in seasons of distress and grief, my soul has often found relief, and oft escaped the
tempter's snare, by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!*

[Verse 2]

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, the joys I feel, the bliss I share, of those
whose anxious spirits burn with strong desires for thy return!*

*With such I hasten to the place where God my Savior shows his face, and gladly take
my station there, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

[Verse 3]

*Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my petition bear to him
whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless. And since he bids me
seek his face, believe his word and trust his grace, I'll cast on him my ev'ry care, and
wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!*

OPENING PRAYER

Sow your seed in our midst, O God, for we are prepared to receive what
you offer. We want to know you and to bear fruit for your reign among us. We
want to meditate on your law and keep your commandments. Draw us into
the new covenant you have fashioned for us in Jesus Christ so that we may
fulfill our ministry. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE A CHILD

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

We do not lose heart amid all the problems that compete for our at-
tention. We have the resources to make a difference in our work of evan-
gelism, teaching, and outreach. What we dedicate here is a symbol of our
larger commitment of time and talents to the work of ministry.

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 "He Hideth My Soul"

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

With thanksgiving for your presence in all our coming and going,
through all our work and leisure, in our times of faithfulness and when we
break covenant, we bring our offerings. May these resources help your people
to know you more fully and serve you more effectively. Equip us for every
good work, that your church may witness boldly and influence profoundly.
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.

CALL TO PRAYER #348 *“O Lord, hear my prayer”*
(first time – Pastor Twyla; second time – the choir; **third time – everyone sings**)

*O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
When I call, answer me. O Lord hear my prayer.
O Lord hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SOLO *“In Jesus Name (God of Possible)”*
 Julie Herman

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 18:1-8 NT 81

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

MESSAGE *“Don’t Be Discouraged”* Pastor Twyla Rowe

HYMN #573 *“What a friend we have in Jesus”*
 [Verse 1]

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev’rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry ev’rything to God in prayer.*

 [Verse 2]
*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—take it to the Lord in prayer!*

 [Verse 3]
*Are we weak and heavy laden, ‘cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee—thou wilt find a solace there.*

BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE *“Trumpet Voluntary”*

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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 19, 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.

This week please join us in praying for members of our congregation. Please pray for Gene & Kay Ogilvie; Debbie Nycum; Brad, Beth, Andrew, and Thomas Neisser; Ginny Nalley; and Nancy Mullinex

"Take A Moment" Let this be our daily Take a Moment Prayer beginning Sunday, Oct. 19 - I welcome this new day in which my pilgrimage involves seeking you, O God. As I draw close to you, I find joy in your love pouring over me. With openness, I seek direction for my life, and in doing so I sense within my soul your guiding Spirit opening doors for me to walk through. I lift my thoughts and prayers to you for those whose pilgrimage is stressful and painful...those fighting illness...those needing comfort...those treated unjustly...those lost and seeking guidance. I ask you to meet them in their need to give them healing, hope, comfort, justice and guidance. I give you my praise and thanksgiving, knowing you hear and answer my prayers...and knowing you walk with me every moment through this...my journey of life. 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 Linda Baker for being our worship leader today and to Julie Herman for special music. A special thanks to Cheryl Wilson for being with us today as she fills in for Burt.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of my husband, Robert Brown, given by Julia Brown and family.

Pastor Twyla will be away on vacation October 20th through October 26th. If you are in need of regular pastoral care, please contact your Deacon. Pastor Eddie Edmonds will be on call for emergencies. His information can be found in the church directory.

On behalf of the Deacons, we would like to thank all those who prepared a delicious dish, soup, salad, or dessert for Linda Ebersole's funeral meal. So appreciated.—Jan Young

Junior Church will be held next Sunday, October 26th for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. We will gather in the Rainbow 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.) If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Tina Mills. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

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.

The Service & Outreach's Christmas project this year is called "Holiday Care Package". If you would like to fill a one-gallon zip plastic bag with care items, we will distribute them to our December breakfast guests. You can pick a man, woman, girl or boy. Suggested items are hats, gloves, socks, personal-care items, granola bars, Christmas cookies and a Christmas card. Any items you wish to make our guests feel special would be great. A box will be available to place your bags on the last Sunday in October and should be placed there by the end of November. We thank you in advance for your support.

Fellowship Time—We are in *need of volunteers* to provide goodies for Fellowship Time, held the first Sunday of each month. Goodies may be your favorite recipe or a delicious store bought treat. Suggestions include cookies, muffins, or doughnuts (3-4 dozen of whatever you choose) and may be dropped off in the Mullendore Room (the room behind the wing of the sanctuary) that morning. Beverages and paper products are provided. Please sign up on the sheet located in the west entrance, or contact Kristal Bricker or Amy Hardy. Thank you for helping to make Fellowship Time possible!

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 Donnie Maas (240-866-1077). 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!

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!

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.

Church mailboxes. Everyone is welcome to use the mailboxes. If you would like to be added or taken off the list, please contact Mary Means. If you have a mailbox, we ask that you be willing to monitor it. Any mail that is left in the mailboxes after a three-month period will be disposed of. The mailboxes are located in the hallway of 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!

We are now streaming our services through YouTube! If you have not done so already, subscribe to HCOB's YouTube Channel and share it with others. You can do so by going to: www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

Printed copies of Leadership and Ministry team meeting minutes are available in the west entrance. The holders are located on the wall beside the bulletin board.

CALENDAR

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

Monday, October 20

Pastor Vacation/Church office closed

Tuesday, October 21

Pastor Vacation

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Mullendore Room
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Room 302

Wednesday, October 22

Pastor Vacation/Administrative Assistant/Work from home

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
6:30 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Thursday, October 23

Pastor Vacation

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

Friday, October 24

Pastor Vacation

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

Saturday, October 25

Pastor Vacation

10:00 am Birthday Party/Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 26

Pastor Vacation/Junior Church/Pastor Steve Robison_Guest Preacher
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube
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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.