

A new song

I grew up in the church and love the harmonies that I've sung from our hymn books over the past seventy years. But the psalmist tells us to "sing to the Lord a new song . . ." (Psalm 98:1a). What does "a new song" mean? Are we simply to change from our trusty blue (or red, or . . .) hymnals to the latest praise songs projected on the wall?

Or is our new song to be our witness to God's salvation and righteousness in new ways, stretching us to "burst into jubilant song" (Psalm 98:4b) as we live and serve? Leaving the safe mooring we've always known in order to embark on a "new song" might require leaps of faith as well as some risks to our comfortable lives.

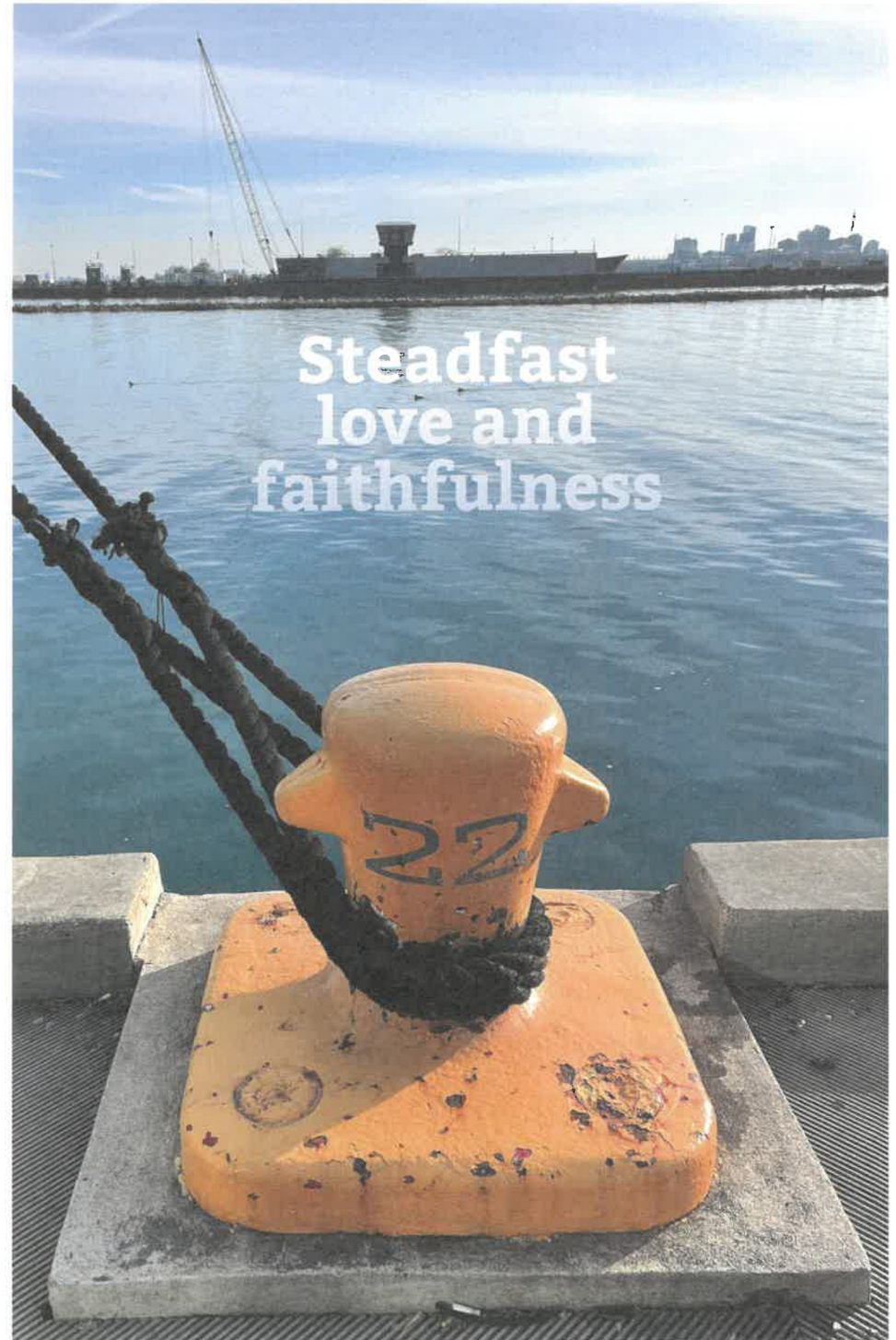
The new song may be only a gently rocking lullaby, or it might instead be wild and exhilarating. But no matter how gentle or wild the song, God's steadfast love and faithfulness back at the dock will still be a calm mooring available to us as we sing new songs attesting to God's salvation and righteousness.

Dear God, help us to sing a new song of love for you. Give us the courage to slip the mooring lines that have kept us immobilized from stepping out in faith with you. May we join with the rivers, mountains, and seas in bursting into jubilant songs of thanks and praise for your salvation and righteousness for all the people and nations in your beautiful creation. Amen.

—Norm Waggy
Goshen, Indiana

"He has remembered his *steadfast love and faithfulness* to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God" (Psalm 98:3, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Malachi 4:1-2a; Psalm 98; 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

November 16, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE “Finlandia” (Arr. Hughes)

CALL TO WORSHIP Jan Young, Worship Leader

One: When the world seems to crumble and nothing stands secure,

All: We gather in the name of the One who endures forever.

One: When wars and conflicts threaten, when earthquakes shake the ground,

All: We will not be terrified, for these things must take place.

One: When nations rise against nations, when famine and plague spread,

All: We hold fast to the One who holds us secure.

One: Even in persecution, even when betrayed,

All: We will testify to the truth we have been given.

One: Jesus promises: “Not a hair of your head will perish.”

All: By our endurance, we will gain our souls.

One: This is not the end, but the beginning.

All: We will not be shaken, for our hope is in the Lord.

One: Come, let us worship God, who strengthens us for the journey.

All: We place our trust in Christ, our firm foundation.

HYMN #299 “New Earth, heavens new”

[Verse 1]

New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;

new seed, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;

new man, woman new, image of God moving.

[Refrain]

Sing a new song to the One who has said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

[Verse 2]

New love, mercies new, Spirit of God moving;

new strength, hopefulness new, Spirit of life moving;

new hearts, spirits new, image of God moving.

[Refrain]

Sing a new song to the One who has said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

[Verse 3]

New minds, wisdom new, Spirit of God moving;

new law, covenant new, Spirit of life moving;

new name, nature new, image of God moving.

[Refrain]

Sing a new song to the One who has said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

[Verse 4]

New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving;

new birth, creatures new, Spirit of life moving;

new men, women new, image of God moving.

[Refrain]

Sing a new song to the One who has said, “Behold, I make all things new.”

OPENING PRAYER

Gracious and Holy God,

We gather this day in hope and wonder, knowing that You are the God who makes all things new. You have promised us new heavens and a new earth, where the former troubles will be forgotten and sorrow will be no more.

We come before You with grateful hearts, knowing that You hear us when we call. Even before we speak, You know our needs; even as we are speaking, You answer us with grace.

Lord, we thank You for Your vision of a world restored—where joy replaces weeping, where peace overcomes violence, where the work of our hands bears fruit, and where creation itself flourishes in harmony.

Though we live in a world still marked by pain and brokenness, we trust in Your promise. Help us to be people of hope, pointing toward the day when Your kingdom comes in fullness. Shape us into a community that reflects Your heart—where young and old are cherished, where each person finds their home, where all can eat the fruit of their labor.

Meet us in this time of worship. Open our hearts to receive Your word, our minds to know Your truth, and our spirits to feel Your presence.

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who brings heaven to earth.

Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE A CHILD

SERVICE OF GIVING

Call to Giving

We have the opportunity to give thanks through our offering of ourselves and our possessions to the work God calls us to do. We cannot repay God for our lives, our minds, the beauty of the earth and sky, the abundance of resources that we enjoy. But we can respond with acts of gratitude and kindness, with generosity and thanksgiving.

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 "Trust in His Steadfast Love" (Moore)

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We rejoice, O God, in the new world you are creating around us and within us. We give thanks for the joy we find in the church as we draw water from the wells of salvation. It is our intention to share the joy, to proclaim your Word among all nations, to work quietly and enthusiastically for a world where your love reigns. To these ends, we dedicate our offerings. Amen.

MORNING ANTHEM "Bring What You Have" (Berry)
Temple Choir

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN #301 "Joys are flowing like a river"
[Verse 1]

*Joys are flowing like a river since the Comforter has come,
who abides with us forever, makes the trusting heart a home.*

[Refrain]

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me how the billows cease to roll!*

[Verse 2]

Bringing life and health and gladness all around, this heav'nly Guest

banished unbelief and sadness, changed our weariness to rest.

[Refrain]

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me how the billows cease to roll!*

[Verse 3]

*Like the rain that falls from heaven, like the sunlight from the sky,
so the Holy Ghost is given, coming on us from high.*

[Refrain]

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me how the billows cease to roll!*

[Verse 4]

*See, a fruitful field is growing, blessed fruit of righteousness,
and the streams of life are flowing in the lonely wilderness.*

[Refrain]

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me how the billows cease to roll!*

[Verse 5]

*What a wonderful salvation, where we always see God's face!
What a perfect habitation, what a quiet resting place!*

[Refrain]

*Blessed quietness, holy quietness what assurance in my soul!
On the stormy sea speaking peace to me how the billows cease to roll!*

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 21:5-19 NT 85

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray, for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified, for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes and in various places famines and plagues, and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be

brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance, for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and siblings, by relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

MESSAGE “What Time Is It?” Pastor Twyla Rowe

HYMN #499 “Lord, speak to me”
[Verse 1]

*Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone.
As thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.*

[Verse 2]

*O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wand’ring and the wav’ring feet.
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed thy hung’ring ones with manna sweet.*

[Verse 3]

*O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the Rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the trouble sea.*

[Verse 4]

*O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart,
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.*

[Verse 5]

*O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o’er flow in kindling
thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.*

[Verse 6]

*O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.*

BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

Please continue in a spirit of worship as we listen to the Postlude music.

POSTLUDE “Lord of Life” (Paxton)

*(Call to Worship and Opening Prayer are resources from LectionaryLink.com,
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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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Technician

*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 November 16, 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 beginning on Sunday, November 16- God, you are bigger than life... and I long to see you throughout my day. I know it is not luck that brings me into your presence; but my determination to be faithful to you, and my desire to trust your love for me...it sends my spirit to heights above the mire and muck of the day...to where I can see you. Oh, the joy that fills my soul when I find you! I am so blessed to be loved by you... faults and all. I give this day to you...guide me...use me...so others may see you and know your love for them too. 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 Jan Young for being our worship leader today and to the Temple Choir for our morning anthem.

The flower arrangement on the altar this morning is given to the glory of God and to my family in heaven by Judy Dahlhamer.

The Flower & Altar Committee has an opening on November 30th if you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory, celebration, or honor of a loved one. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca Jackson at 703-863-7284 or at rebecca.jackson0314@gmail.com

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 your church mailbox. If you do not have a church mailbox, it will be mailed to you. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to the church. All pledges are private. Please also 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. Extra surveys and pledge cards can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary and in the Fellowship Hall.

The Hanging of the Greens will be held next Sunday, November 23rd after the late service worship. Please join us for some fun fellowship as we decorate our worship space for the Advent Season. Pizza will be provided for all volunteers.

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 fill a bag for an adult or child. Suggested items are hats, gloves, socks, thin scarfs, hand cream, chap stick, toiletry items, children's books, coloring books, small toys, adult puzzle books and cards, granola bars, packaged cookies, snacks, and candy. We would be happy to receive small throw blankets which will not fit into the bags but will be distributed with the bags. Any items you wish to make our guests feel special would be great. Sample bags are on the table in the west entrance. A box is available in the west entrance to place your bags in and should be placed there by the end of November. We thank you in advance for your support.

Our Advent Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 30th following the 10:45 service. Sign-up sheets are available in the west entrance and fellowship hall. Come celebrate with us!

The Mary Martha Circle has been working on a holiday craft and will be offering handmade holiday door hangers for sale beginning Sunday, November 23rd in the west entrance. The price of the door hanger is to be determined within the next couple of weeks. All proceeds will support one of our church ministries.

The Breakfast Team is asking for donations of winter coats and clothes for men, women, and children. Gently used Christmas Trees, ornaments and holiday items, as well as gently used kids toys for the Christmas Community Brunch on December 13th. Large Christmas items can be placed on the stage off the fellowship hall, please label the large items "for community". A box will be in the west entrance for smaller items.

Friends in Faith (Widows & Widowers) —Tuesday, December 2nd at 12pm we will be meeting for a pot luck lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a fun time in fellowship with friends. A sign-up sheet will be in the west entrance and fellowship hall. Any questions, please contact Robin Davies, Suzie Wolfe, Ann Platou, or Mary Means.

A “Happy Birthday Jesus” Party will be held on Saturday, December 6th from 10AM—2PM in the Fellowship Hall. All children are invited and encouraged to bring a friend! There will be lots of fun and food. We will be decorating and baking cookies starting at 10AM. If you have any questions, please contact Tina Mills or any member of the Christian Education Ministry Team.

SAVE THE DATE! HCOB’s week to volunteer at the REACH Cold Weather Shelter is March 8-15. For those of you who plan to volunteer, please make a note of these dates. More info to come in the new year. Thanks!

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!

We’re entering the season for high heating costs. We remind everyone to please keep doors closed to the sanctuary, fellowship hall, church entrances, hallways, and church office. All classroom doors (2nd and 3rd floor) should stay open. Thank you for your awareness and cooperation.

The search committee has created a survey to aide in completing our church profile for the district. The profile will be used for Pastors to review and inquire about applying for the open position. There is a lot of different information that is collected to create this profile, and the survey is the piece that will help us make sure your voice is represented. There will be a link emailed to everyone on our email list for an electronic version to complete online, a PDF copy attached as well as a paper copy available at early and late service on the credenzas.

We need these completed and turned in no later than the end of late service on November 16th (TODAY) for the paper copies and end of day for the electronic copies. The Survey is for all members and non-members that regularly attend or participate in church activities.

Please contact Co-Chair Heather Kees with any questions or clarification needed to complete the survey. Keesvolleyball@verizon.net or 301-331-2481

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 16

Congregational Survey Deadline

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
1:00 pm Antietam Quilt Guild/Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 17

Church office closed

Tuesday, November 18

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Mullendore Room
5:30 pm Service & Outreach Meeting/Mullendore Room
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Room 302

Wednesday, November 19

Administrative Assistant/Work from home

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

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

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

Saturday, November 22

Pastor Twyla’s day off

Sunday, November 23

Junior Church/Poinsettia Order Deadline

8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
12:00 pm Hanging of the Greens/HCOB

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GIFTS FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST

2026



"Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be Glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen." - 1 Peter 4:10-11



Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

As a Christian, I would like to give of myself to be used by God, through active participation in the life and ministry of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren. The following are opportunities for me to give of myself and by checking, I commit to the importance of my participation:

- through corporate worship.
- through stewardship of financial resources.
- through prayer.
- through evangelism which shares the life and ministry of this congregation with others in the larger community.
- through fellowship with others on the journey of faith.

Through ministry in other areas of service in our church and community, I express interest in giving my time and talent helping with (check all that interest you):

SERVE ON A MINISTRY TEAM

- ___ Worship
- ___ Christian Education
- ___ Property and Finance
- ___ Service and Outreach
- ___ Spiritual Nurture
- ___ Special Committee
- ___ Delegate to District or Annual Conference

WORSHIP

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| ___ Worship Leader | ___ Praise Band |
| ___ Usher | ___ Making Banners and/or |
| ___ Pianist | Worship Centers |
| ___ Church Choir | ___ Advent Wreath Lighting |
| ___ Handbell Choir | and/or Reading |
| ___ Sound Technician | ___ Flower & Altar Committee |
| ___ Drama Participant | ___ Help decorate for |
| ___ Skit Creator/Writer | special days |

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ☐ Sunday School Teacher
- ☐ Sunday School Helper
- ☐ Vacation Bible School Teacher
- ☐ Vacation Bible School Helper
- ☐ Nursery/PreK Attendant
- ☐ Sending cards/notes to college students
- ☐ Church Librarian
- ☐ Library Assistant
- ☐ Youth Club Teacher or ☐ helper ☐ organizer
- ☐ Children's Church Helper (once each month)

CHURCH PROPERTY

- ☐ Painting
- ☐ Small Repair Jobs
- ☐ Parking Lot maintenance
- ☐ Cleaning (storage rooms, kitchen, pew racks, walls, woodwork, Altar, etc.)
- ☐ Lawn Care
- ☐ Shrubbery & Flowers

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

- ☐ REACH Cold Weather Shelter volunteer
- ☐ Community Breakfast
- ☐ Community Picnic
- ☐ Micah's Backpack
- ☐ Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat
- ☐ S&O Bulletin Board
- ☐ Other Outreaches

SPIRITUAL NURTURE

- ☐ Prayer Chain
- ☐ Kitchen helper
- ☐ Parish Nurse
- ☐ Greeter (Sunday School/Worship)
- ☐ Caring and Sharing
- ☐ Women's Circles
- ☐ Prayer Shawl Ministry
- ☐ Over 80 Birthday
- ☐ Kids Birthday Cards
- ☐ Friends in Faith (Widow/Widowers)
- ☐ Book Club

OFFICE

- ☐ Making copies
- ☐ Collating bulletins
- ☐ Folding
- ☐ Running errands (Post Office, office supply store)
- ☐ Answering phone
- ☐ Labeling/Stuffing envelopes
- ☐ Administrative Assistant Substitute (cover for vacation days)

OTHER WAYS I CAN HELP



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 **\$9.50 each** and may be purchased as a memorial, tribute, or as a thank you. Please return this completed form and your check made out to Hagerstown Church of the Brethren no later than **November 23**. Your order may be placed in the offering or mailed to the Church Office: Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, 15 S. Mulberry St. Hagerstown MD 21740.

DEADLINE TO PLACE YOUR ORDER IS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

Payment must accompany this form.

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!

Your name: _____

Number of plants:

- ☐ Red
☐ White
☐ Marble varieties

Total plants: _____ Amount attached at \$9.50 each: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

USE ADDITIONAL FREE SLIPS IF NECESSARY.

___ **IN MEMORY OF:** _____

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___ **IN THANKS TO:** _____

