

Show and tell

Gather 'round for Show and Tell! Remember when we children gathered in a circle to share-a picture of a humongous spider web in the garden, a chance to see baby lambs. Oh, the telling was grand!

Children are refreshing. When I was a teacher librarian, I read stories to children as a part of each lesson. Even before I finished the introduction, whether about a scary thunderstorm or a frog prince, there were hands waving, children wanting to share. Stories bubbled out and the telling was so important that it was impossible to contain.

Do adults contain their enthusiasm for the lush green of new crops emerging, the glow of a mother cradling her new baby, prayers answered, joy so full it cannot be contained? How can we not tell it! How can we not proclaim God in our midst?

Together we are a community who shares joys, but we also carry one another's burdens. The sharing continues with a hug or a gentle smile, a card, phone call, prayer or visit.

We proclaim in our speaking but I believe we tell the story with the most integrity when we tell it with our living, sharing the message that calls attention to the God that we glorify.

Songwriter Brian Wren wrote a song about singing with our lives:

How shall I sing to God and tell my Savior's story:

Passover bread, life from the dead? I'll sing with my life.

Witnessing and giving, risking and forgiving.

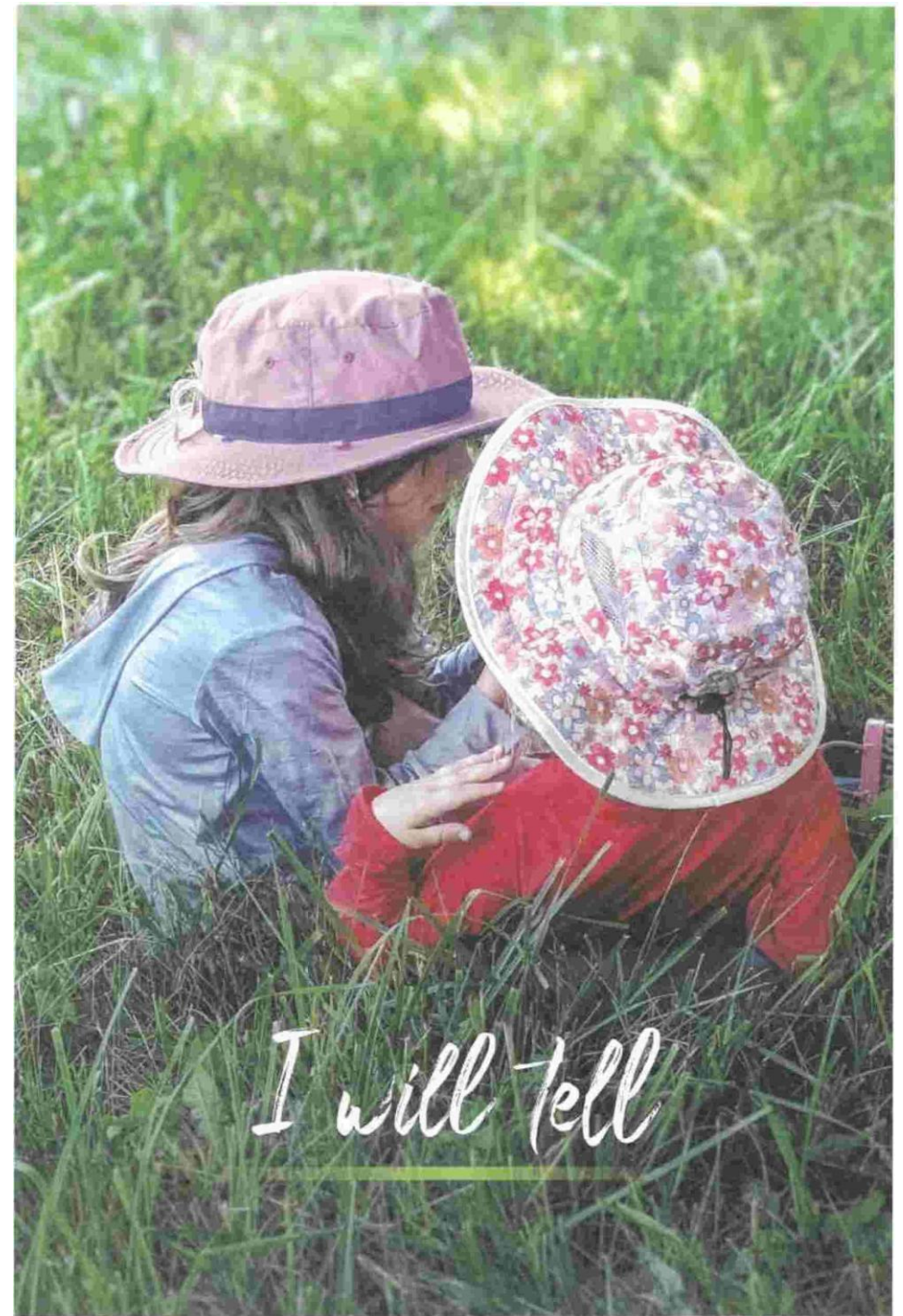
This is my song, I'll sing it with love." (Hymnal Supplement #1019)

The psalmist proclaims it. The scriptures abound with stories of people filled with the spirit, witnessing and giving, telling God's love story. What is your story? How will you show and tell it?

- Pearl Miller
McPherson, Kansas

"Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will **tell** what he has done for me" (Psalm 66:16, NRSVue). **Today's Bible readings from the lectionary:** Acts 17:22-31; Psalm 66:8-20; 1 Peter 3:13-22; John 14:15-21.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

May 10, 2026
Mother's Day

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathy Kelsey, Worship Leader

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE "The Master's Love Undying" (Koury)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come and draw near to God.

People: We come to praise God and to learn.

Leader: Praise the God who is one and unchanging.

People: We praise God and ask to be made again in his image.

Leader: God's Spirit is among us and within us.

People: May we allow God's Spirit to work in and through us now and forever.

***HYMN #41** "Come, Thou Almighty King"
[Verse 1]

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing, help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious, come, and reign over us, Ancient of Days.

[Verse 2]

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword, our prayer attend. Come, and thy people bless, and give thy word success; Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

[Verse 3]

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in ev'ry heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.

[Verse 4]

To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore. Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.

***OPENING PRAYER**

O God, who dwelt so richly in Jesus of Nazareth, grant that we may faithfully allow his Spirit to dwell in and through us so that your salvation may be made known to all; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

SERVICE OF GIVING

When we give, we're not just meeting a budget or funding a program — we're participating in God's work here on earth. Every dollar, every act of generosity, becomes a seed planted in the Kingdom. It helps feed the hungry, clothe the needy, share the Gospel, and bring hope to those who feel forgotten.

As we pass the offering plate here in the sanctuary, we also pass a virtual plate to those worshiping with is 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 Hagerstown website.

OFFERTORY "A Mother's Prayer" (Ritter)

***DOXOLOGY #119** "Praise God From Whom"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of abiding love, your mercies are new each morning. Your abundant grace springs up to sustain us with your generosity as you provide for the needs of every living creature. Help us to see our place within your creation, as your friends and as stewards of all that you have made. We offer our lives to your service, and dedicate these gifts to your purpose. Use us and all that we bring to care for others, to carry forth your mission, and to share in your redeeming love for the world, through Jesus Christ, our friend and savior. Amen.

MORNING ANTHEM "A Home of Grace" (Martin)
Temple Choir

SHARING OUR JOYS AND 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 #48 "All Creatures of Our God and King"
[Verse 1]

*All creatures of our God and king, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, silver moon with softer gleam,
O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

[Verse 2]

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, alleluia! alleluia! Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening find a voice;

O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[Verse 3]

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia! alleluia! Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light.

O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[Verse 4]

Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, alleluia, alleluia!

The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show.

O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[Verse 5]

And all ye folk of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, alleluia, alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care!

O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[Verse 6]

And thou most kind and gentle death, waiting to hush our latest breath, alleluia, alleluia! Thou ledest home the child of God, and Christ our Lord the way hath trod.

O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

[Verse 7]

Let all things their creator bless, and worship God in humbleness, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!

O sing ye, O sing ye, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

John 14:15-21

NT 109

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

MESSAGE

"This Spirit Is Not Spooky"

Pastor Eddie Edmonds

*HYMN #389

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

[Verse 1]

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

[Verse 2]

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

[Verse 3]

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

[Verse 4]

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

[Verse 5]

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

[Verse 6]

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

*BENEDICTION

After the Benediction, you may be seated.

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

POSTLUDE

"We Are One in the Spirit"

(Scholtes)

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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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Administrative Assistant

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Don Rowe
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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 **May 10, 2026**

Happy Mother's Day!

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 Sunday, May 10. Holy God, your truth challenges us to see the reality of who we are in our sinfulness. Our thoughts are not your thoughts, nor our ways your ways. We adapt too easily to the broad way of the world rather than the narrow way of Christ. Because we fail to keep clear the difference between being loyal citizens of an earthly nation and citizens of your realm, we easily lose the perspective of Jesus, go along with the world, and worship at the wrong throne! You call us to be salt and leaven, to speak and live the gospel we confess. Empower us and encourage us to take our place among the believers and join in ministry in our church and beyond. Forgive, O God, our failure, to be your courageous, truth-telling and truth-living prophets. May this be our prayer this week. 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 Kathy Kelsey for being our worship leader today, to Pastor Eddie Edmonds for being with us today while Pastor Twyla is on vacation 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 loving memory of Edward and Susan Hultsch by Cinnamon and Brian Shay.

Pastor Twyla will be on vacation May 10th through May 16th. If you are in need of regular pastoral care, please contact your Deacon. Pastor Eddie Edmonds will be on call for emergencies, his contact information is 304-671-4775 / edmonds.eddie@comcast.net.

Junior Church will be held today for children ages Kindergarten through the sixth grade. **We will gather in the Children's Church 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 Tina Mills. **Junior Church is held the second and fourth Sunday of each month.**

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

World Vision Global 6k water walk/ run will be held on Saturday May 16th at Paramount Elementary School starting at 9:00AM—if you would like to participate or make donation you can go to: <https://global6k.worldvision.org/> and select teams 39506 or contact Mary Means.

 **morial HARC walk/run** will be held on Saturday May 30th at Wil-Lutheran Church. If you would like participate or make a donation you can go to: harccoalition.org/hike/ or contact Mary Means.

HCob is going to a Flying Boxcars game on Friday, May 22nd. There will be a sign-up sheet in the west entrance and fellowship hall for those who wish to attend. We need at least 20 people to go to this game for the price to be \$10.00 per person.

The Service & Outreach Team is organizing our Community Picnic which will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2026, from 11:30 am to 1 pm. We will need many of our members and friends to help us with this. We need help to set up on the parking lot at 8:30 am and take down at 1 pm. We need help with food servers, hospitality, welcome table, and a photographer. We also need 6 to 7 crockpots full obaked beans. They can be store-bought beans. We have decided not to have the clothing giveaway but if anyone would like to take on this task, that is okay with us. Sign-up sheets will be available on May 3rd. We appreciate all you can do to make this a special day for our neighborhood.

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VBS—This year’s VBS will be held from June 15th through the 19th and our theme is Tropical Trek.

Would you like a truly fun and meaningful few days away with your family this summer? The Family & Grand Camp retreat, one of Shepherd's Spring's newest weekend adventures, is filled with faith-based fun for all ages. This camp, from Friday afternoon, July 31, through Sunday afternoon, Aug. 2, offers strong Scriptural teaching with lots of family-building activities -- from making your family's own t-shirts, to swimming and hiking together, gathering at campfires and much more -- while staying amid 220 acres of God's forested beauty, bordering the C&O Canal and the Potomac River!! All this, while staying in Shepherd's Spring's very own lodge, its Poplar Village cabins, or setting up your own tent and enjoying breakfast, lunch and dinner in the lodge's beautiful dining room. It's all here -- intergenerational, even! Yes, BRING Grandma and Grandpa!! Build the meaning of having Christian FAMILY!!! And, there's no charge for bringing your littles, ages 5 and under!! So, how 'bout it? Right now, family meeting!! Begin your adventure at: <https://www.shepherdsspring.org/> and click on "Summer Camp". -- Arn Platou

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.

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.

The Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings will be held today. The screenings take place in the Fellowship Hall before the 8:30 AM Morning Praise Worship Service and in the Mullendore room before the 10:45 AM worship.

Warm, sunny weather is here! We want to take this opportunity to remind you that in the warm weather many of the neighborhood children ride bikes, trikes, skateboards, and scooters, on our parking lot. They’re often low to the ground and moving fast so please be on the lookout for them when you visit the church. When on foot, please also be on the lookout for cars speeding through the parking lot to “beat the light” at the corner.

Annual Conference will be held June 28—July 2 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The theme this year is “Imagine!”. The June Tidings will include a statement from conference moderator Don Fitzkee.

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!

CALENDAR

Sunday, May 10

Pastor Twyla Vacation/Pastor Eddie Edmonds_Guest Preacher/Mother’s Day/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 Live (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Monday, May 11

Pastor Vacation/Church office closed
 1:00 pm GriefShare/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, May 12

Pastor Vacation

Wednesday, May 13

Pastor Vacation/Admin. Assistant_Work from home
 12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

Pastor Vacation/Admin. Assistant_Work from home/Church office closed
 12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline
 1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Saturday, May 16

Pastor Vacation
 9:00 am World Vision Global 6k walk/run/Paramount Elementary School
<https://global6k.worldvision.org/teams> 39506

Sunday, May 17

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)

Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

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Statistics	
General Fund total	\$10,220.03
2026 weekly average needed	
53 Sundays:	\$6,934.39
8:30 AM attendance	**
Sunday School.....	36
10:45 AM attendance.....	95
YouTube views	45
The General Fund offering <u>does not</u> include monies given for any designated fund. For total offerings, please review the financial statement provided by the Assistant Treasurer.	

The Class of 2026!

It is our tradition to recognize our graduating high school seniors and those receiving college degrees in our immediate church family (yourself, spouse, child).

Please help us determine the members of the graduating class by filling out and returning this form to the church office no later than **May 20**.

Please observe the deadline so we can include the list in the June Tidings.



Name of Graduate:

School graduating from:

College attending next year and major, if decided:

For college or doctorate. No abbreviations, please. No one likes to guess at what ATPC might mean.
