

We walk in faithfulness

Responsive reading

One: How do we respond to life's anxieties and stresses?

All: We will walk in faithfulness to the Lord.

One: God is bigger than the problems we face, and so:

All: We will walk in faithfulness to the Lord.

One: Do we always know what that means?

All: Sometimes it's hard to know, even just for myself.

One: May God help us let go of obsessing about our neighbor's faithfulness,

All: May it be so, even as we continue relying on and showing up for each other.

One: And when the next step is all that we can see,

All: We will take that one step in faithfulness to the Lord.

One: Our journey taking shape with each passing step,

All: Even as God sometimes asks new, unexpected directions.

One: So, we agree: Even when the world feels darker, the next faithful step feels tenuous, or the Spirit's call deepens or shifts:

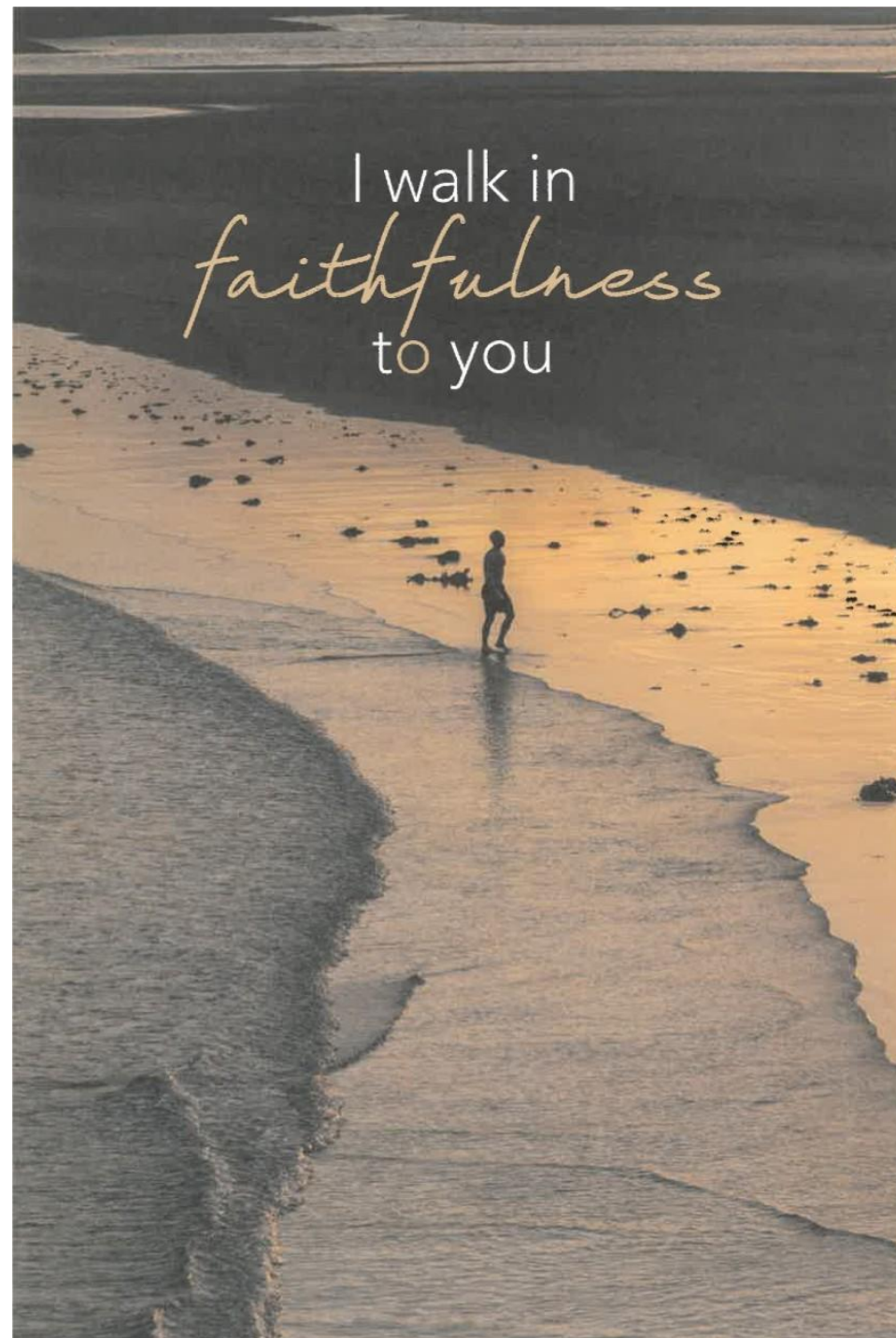
: All: We will walk in faithfulness to the Lord, giving and receiving support in community, following the example of Jesus-peacefully, simply, together.

Hymn: "Guide My Feet" (*Hymnal: A Worship Book* #546)

- Matt Rittle
Arlington, Virginia

"For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and *I walk in faithfulness to you*" (Psalm 26:3, NRSVue). Today's Bible readings from the lction.ur, Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28.

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CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN
Hagerstown, Maryland

MORNING WORSHIP

10:45 AM

August 30, 2026

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHERE HAVE YOU SEEN GOD?

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” (Hughes)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Why have we gathered on this holy day?
 What has drawn us to this time and place?
*All: We have been drawn to a flame burning here.
 We sense the glory of God in this place.*
One: God calls us to this time of worship.
 The place where we are standing is holy ground.
*All: Give thanks to God: sing praises.
 Give attention to the voice of God.*
One: Out of a burning bush, God spoke to Moses.
 In the rhythms of worship, God speaks to us.
*All: We will listen for God's message to us.
 Surely God's strength will supply our needs.*

***HYMN #521** “Come, Thou Fount”

***INVOCATION**

A MOMENT TO BECOME LIKE CHILDREN

TEACHER APPRECIATION / BIBLE PRESENTATION

OFFERTORY INVITATION

OFFERTORY “Day by Day” (Hughes)

***DOXOLOGY #119** “Praise God From Whom”

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

SPECIAL MUSIC “The Old-Time Religion” (Thompson)

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 #395** “Here I Am, Lord”

SCRIPTURE READING 2 Corinthians 12:6-10 NT 185

MESSAGE “The Grace of **Sufficiency**”
 Pastor Eddie Edmonds

***HYMN #150** “Wonderful Grace Of Jesus”

***BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE “Sing a New Song” (Broughton)

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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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CALENDAR

Sunday, August 30

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, August 31

Church office closed

Wednesday, September 2

Admin. Assistant available by email & phone/Church office closed

12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, September 3

Pastor Eddie's in office day/Call ahead to schedule an appointment

5:30 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm Brethren Bells/Choir Room

7:30 pm Temple Choir/Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 4

8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office

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

Sunday, September 6

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 & YouTube

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Remember our weekday schedule is subject to rapid change.

You may mail your offering to
15 S. Mulberry Street,
Hagerstown MD 21740
OR

you can make a secure offering
donation on our website using
Breeze www.hagerstowncob.org

The church calendar is online at
www.hagerstowncob.org.
Click the calendar tab.



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Office: Tuesday—Friday
Flexible hours
(appointments welcome/
call ahead)

Morning Praise Worship
at 8:30 AM
Sunday School at 9:30 AM
Worship and YouTube Live at
10:45 AM

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Allyson McPeak
Administrative Assistant

Burton Young
Director of
Music Ministries

James "Jamie" Prather
Interior Esthetics
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 August 30, 2026

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" - August 30, 2026—We confess, God of truth, that we have subscribed to the falsehoods that surround us. We have given our heart to the call for vengeance that rises up out of our culture in opposition to peace and justice. We have repeated half-truths and outright lies about others and about other peoples. Yet you call us to return good for evil, to give food and drink to our enemies, to bless those who curse us. You challenge us to turn the world upside down by shining the bright light of love at the core of darkness that enshrouds so many. Forgive us for having ignored you. Inspire us to listen and live your written word, and your living word, Jesus. 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 John Miller for being our worship leader today.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gregory Snyder on his birthday, given by his wife, Marie and children, Tina, Kevin, Marsha, Matt and Jack.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT—Allyson (the church Administrative Assistant) will begin her maternity leave in early September. If you have any supplies, Sunday school curriculum, or other materials that are ordered through the church office, please contact her as soon as possible so your order can be placed before her leave.

Announcements for the bulletin and worship leader need to be emailed to hcobofficehelp@gmail.com STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. This email is for this purpose only. All other emails can go to the secretaryhcob@gmail.com.

If you would like an insert added to the bulletin while Allyson is on maternity leave, you will need to have it formatted the way you would like and printed for the ladies in the office to include in the bulletin. If you have questions, please contact the church office and speak to Allyson before her leave. Thank 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!

MUSIC PROGRAM—Music rehearsals will begin this Thursday September 3rd with Praise Band at 5:30, Brethren Bells at 6:30 and Temple Choir at 7:30. If you're thinking about joining, or have a musical gift to share, this would be a great time to get started! See Burt with any questions.

Our Food Pantry items collected next Sunday, September 6, 2026, will be delivered to Holly Place. **Possible items to donate are:** Cereal, canned vegetables, canned fruit, dry pasta and rice. Also appreciated are individual sized puddings, apple sauce, and Jello. Also needed are nutritional support items, toiletry items and hygiene products. Please no glass bottles. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry to our community!

Mailboxes are now labeled for the incoming Deacons. Deacon mailboxes are located going back the hall to the church office on the right hand side. Please check your mailbox weekly.

Mission Trip—John & Jenny Ferguson will be leaving for a two week mission trip to Kentucky on Sept 26. They would appreciate your good thought and prayers for everyone's safety. If you would like to help them financially for gas, food and building material. You can write your check to Mt Nebo UMC. On the memo write Mission Fergusons. You may place it in the offering plate. Thank you HCOB for all your love and support. - *John & Jenny*

Non-Delegate Registration forms can be found on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary or in the fellowship hall for those wishing to attend the 2026 District Conference on October 9th & 10th. The church office does not register non-delegates. The deadline to submit your registration form is **September 17th**.

56th Annual Dunker Church Service will be held on Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3:00 PM at Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Maryland.

Save the Date—Our Fall Festival and Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 17th. More details to come.

Our Fall Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15th. We will have a potluck lunch in the fellowship hall following our Worship, then following lunch, we will have our Congregational Business Meeting. **Ministry Team Chairs! Your reports for the Congregational Business Meeting are due to the church office no later than Sunday, November 1st.**

If anyone has little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, soap, or lotion that are from hotels or ones that you have that are unopened, would you consider putting them in the box at the west entrance, marked hygiene to be handed out at the community breakfast. If you have questions, please call Jenny Ferguson 301-964-1779. -*Thank you, Spiritual Nurture Team*



The grief journey after losing a loved one is very painful, difficult, and lonely. Since everyone grieves differently, there is no magic endpoint to the grieving process. Fortunately, HCOB offers GriefShare, an international, faith-based 13-week seminar offering support after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend, no matter how recent. The GriefShare ministry team provides a safe, welcoming space where people understand the heavy emotions of grief. As a participant, you will receive valuable tools to help you navigate your personal path, as well as gain support from others also on their grief journeys. If you or someone you know has lost a loved one, please share this information with them and consider attending. We encourage you to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you.

Our fall session of GriefShare will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 23, and continue each Wednesday evening through Dec. 16, from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Mullendore Room. Debbie Nycum and Twyla Rowe will be facilitating. There will be no class on November 25 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. You may join the class at any time during the 13 weeks, but we ask that you commit to attending at least 3 consecutive weeks. Cost is free, but we gladly will accept a \$10 donation toward materials.

We also will offer a special 2-hr evening seminar entitled Surviving the Holidays on Monday, November 9, from 6:30 – 8:30.

Register at www.griefshare.org. If you have any questions about the program, see Debbie, Twyla, or any other GriefShare Team Member: Robin Davies, Deb Long, Wilma Moore, Brenda Shane, Cinnamon & Brian Shay.

**Please mark your calendars and plan to join us
for the 2026 Harvest Festival
Sunday, Oct. 11 @ 2:30 p.m.
at our Growing Project Farm
11720 Wolfsville Road, Myersville, MD.**

Join in the fun as we gather to celebrate our **21st year**
working to reduce world hunger with this year's program
in **Baie-de-Henne in Haiti!!**



The Haiti Baie-de-Henne program focuses on increasing the resilience of families to climate, security, and economic shocks, through the diversification of livelihoods.

Training on soil conservation techniques helps increase the availability of safe water and agricultural production.

Providing small loans to farmers helps families diversify and earn enough during drought or between farming cycles to buy food, pay school fees, and invest in seeds.



"Field of Hope"
Growing Hope Globally Sponsor Form

I/We will sponsor _____ acres at the
donation rate of \$250 per acre (1/2 acre \$125, 1/4 acre
\$62.50).

Signature

Others joining me in this pledge are _____.

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Total pledge\$

Pledges are due by October 31. Please make checks payable to: Hagerstown Church of the Brethren, designated "Field of Hope" and put in the offering plate.

Participants:

**Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Christ Reformed United Church of Christ
Edgewood Church of the Brethren
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
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Manor Church of the Brethren
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Third Street Church of God (Washington, D.C.)
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Our special thanks to:

Donnie and Donna Grossnickle, farmers



Kay Ogilvie	Brenda Shane
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Roberta Maas	Jenny Ferguson
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Bob Long	Kristal Bricker
Janet Goller	Nancy Gingrich
Wanda Winner	Mary Means
Jan Young	Wilma Moore
Tina Mills	Suzie Wolfe
Debbie Long	Chris Herman
Julie Herman	

***Thank you to all of our Teachers!
You are appreciated and loved!***