



Tidings

August 2026

Continuing the work of Jesus. Peacefully. Simply. Together.



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Hagerstown Church of the Brethren is to celebrate the love of Jesus Christ and glorify the Lord by striving to live as Christ lived experiencing the power of God's healing in our lives. We seek to nurture our faith community through prayer, music and the proclaimed Word, while enthusiastically reaching out to others with compassion, respect and love for everyone so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.

VISION STATEMENT

The Hagerstown

Church of the Brethren, A Living Peace Church: A caring community gathered round the Risen Christ that

...Welcomes the stranger

...Empowers our neighbors

...Embraces the diversity among all people as we continue the work of Jesus peacefully, simply, together.

Hagerstown Church of the Brethren
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Office: Tuesday—Friday
Flexible hours
(appointments welcome/
call ahead)

Praise Worship 8:30 AM
Sunday School 9:30 AM

Worship and YouTube Live at 10:45 AM

<http://www.hagerstowncob.org>
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www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

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Pastors Pen - August 2026

Walking Together in Faith

Dear Church Family,

One of the greatest blessings of the Christian life is that we were never meant to walk alone. God has called us into a family of believers where we can worship together, pray for one another, encourage each other, and serve our community in the name of Christ.

As we move through this summer season, I encourage each of us to remain faithful in the simple but powerful practices that strengthen our walk with the Lord: spending time in Scripture, praying daily, gathering for worship, and looking for opportunities to show Christ's love to those around us. Small acts of faithfulness often become powerful testimonies of God's grace.

Life brings both joys and challenges. Some among us are celebrating answered prayers, while others are carrying heavy burdens. Let us continue to be a church that bears one another's burdens, rejoices with those who rejoice, and weeps with those who weep. When we stand together in Christ, we become a living witness of His love.

Thank you for your faithful prayers, your generous hearts, and your willingness to serve. Your commitment makes a difference not only within our church but also throughout our community. May we continue to seek God's will in all we do, trusting that He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion.

"Let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together... but encouraging each other." — Hebrews 10:24–25 pm

May the Lord bless you and keep you, strengthen your faith, and fill your heart with His peace.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Eddie Edmonds

Walk by
Faith



Sundays in August



Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Text	Greeter	Special
8/2/26	Eddie Edmonds	Diana Shepherd	"And the Winner Is..."	Genesis 32:22-31	Brenda Shane	Food Pantry Sunday/Fellowship Time
8/9/26	Eddie Edmonds	Eunice Plank	"The Grace of Serving"	Romans 15:14-19	Daryl Long	Junior Church/ Parish Nurse
8/16/26	Eddie Edmonds	Ed Beachley	"The Grace of Growing"	2 Peter 3:17-18	Doris Smith	
8/23/26	Eddie Edmonds	Rebecca Jackson	"The Grace of Giving"	2 Corinthians 8:1-7, 9:6-8	Ed & Eunice Plank	Junior Church
8/30/26	Eddie Edmonds	John Miller	"The Grace of Sufficiency"	2 Corinthians 12:7-10	Emma Lyles	



Reorganizational/Leadership Team Meeting

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

6:30 PM in the Mullendore Room and/or Fellowship Hall

Loss of a Spouse

Grieving the death of a spouse? *Or do you know someone who is?*

The death of a spouse brings a unique kind of pain. People who are widowed haven't just lost a loved one—they've lost an entire lifestyle once enjoyed with that special person. As a result, this grief is fundamentally different from other losses.

We hope you will consider joining the HCOB GriefShare Team for a special 2-hr seminar addressing the challenges of this type of loss. You may wish to bring a family member or friend so they can better understand your loss and become a greater support for you.

Date: Wednesday, August 19

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Place: Mullendore Room

Register at www.GriefShare.org

*Additionally, the fall session of GriefShare will be held September 23 - December 16 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Debbie Nycum and Twyla Rowe will be facilitating.

**Surviving the Holidays* is another special event to be hosted by the team on November 9 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**If you have questions about any GriefShare event, please contact Debbie, Twyla, or any other GriefShare Team Member: Robin Davies, Deb Long, Wilma Moore, Brenda Shane, Cinnamon & Brian Shay.



Roman's 14:10-13

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. 11 For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." 12 So then, each one of us will be held accountable. 13 Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister.

Conference Emblem by CJ Bowman

2026 Mid-Atlantic

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

October 9 & 10

CAMP MARDELA

301 Deep Shore Rd., Denton, MD 21629-3408

FRIDAY NIGHT CAMPFIRE

Campfire Songs • Inspirational Stories • S'mores!

More information to follow as available

SAVE THE DATES

56th Annual Dunker Church Service
Sunday, September 20, 2026 at 3PM
Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg MD

Sunday School Orchestra
Sunday, November 1st
No early service/Combined worship service at 10:45 AM

Fall Congregational Business Meeting
November 8, 2026

THANK YOU

HCOB received a thank you letter from Fahrney Keedy for your generous \$700.00 contribution to the Fahrney Keedy Benevolent Fund.



Allyson 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 Allyson as soon as possible so your order can be placed before her leave.

If you have any questions, please contact Allyson at secretaryhcob@gmail.com or 301-733-3565. Thank you!



Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings

Our Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings are held the second Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall before the 8:30 AM Morning Praise Worship Service and in the Mullendore Room before the 10:45 AM worship.



Remember to check out our Facebook and give us a like or follow!

[Facebook.com/hagerstowncob](https://www.facebook.com/hagerstowncob)

Check out our YouTube Channel and subscribe by going to:

www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

Check out the church calendar at www.hagerstowncob.org
Click the calendar tab!



JUNIOR CHURCH

Junior Church will be held the second & fourth Sunday of each month. This is open to ages Kindergarten through Grade 6.

We will gather in the Children's Church Room (Room #203) for a special time together.

Parents may, of course, opt to keep their child in worship with them especially if the child is uncertain about going, or parents may accompany them.

Parents/grandparents should pick up their children afterward at the stair/elevator area outside the sanctuary in the west entrance.

Christian Education Ministry Team



The first Sunday of every month is Food Pantry Sunday. Bring in your gift(s) of non-perishable food items, place them on the cart as you enter the west entrance, and a volunteer delivers the food.

We thank everyone for their continued support of this ministry to our community!

Just a reminder - all items should be either dry, boxed, or in cans. Please do not bring in anything in a glass jar that could break and injure a recipient or our volunteers.

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). If you can't pick them up on a Sunday, we can make arrangements to leave cards in a church mailbox or snail mail them to you.



AUGUST

- 1 Isaiah 64-66
- 2 2 Kings 20-21
- 3 2 Chronicles 32-33
- 4 Nahum
- 5 2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chron. 34-35
- 6 Zephaniah
- 7 Jeremiah 1-3
- 8 Jeremiah 4-6
- 9 Jeremiah 7-9
- 10 Jeremiah 10-13
- 11 Jeremiah 14-17
- 12 Jeremiah 18-22
- 13 Jeremiah 23-25
- 14 Jeremiah 26-29
- 15 Jeremiah 30-31
- 16 Jeremiah 32-34
- 17 Jeremiah 35-37
- 18 Jeremiah 38-40, Psalms 74, 79
- 19 2 Kings 24-25, 2 Chronicles 36
- 20 Habakkuk
- 21 Jeremiah 41-45
- 22 Jeremiah 46-48
- 23 Jeremiah 49-50
- 24 Jeremiah 51-52
- 25 Lamentations 1-2
- 26 Lamentations 3-5
- 27 Ezekiel 1-4
- 28 Ezekiel 5-8
- 29 Ezekiel 9-12
- 30 Ezekiel 13-15
- 31 Ezekiel 16-17

Second Quarter Contribution Statements

All statements have been emailed. If you do not have an email on file with the church office, your statement will be mailed or placed in your church mailbox. If you do not have an email on file with the church office and wish to receive your statement via email, please contact Allyson:

secretaryhcob@gmail.com or
301-733-3565 and she will add your email to the list.



Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 17th.
We will need your help with
this event. More details to follow
in the near future.

Hagerstown COB - August 2026 Edition

Community Breakfast

Our next Community Breakfast will be held Saturday, August 8th in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 - 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

The breakfast planners are collecting school supplies for children that come to the breakfast. We are in need of donations of: crayons, bookbags, pencils, wide ruled spiral notebooks, markers, dry erase markers, small size hygiene products (deodorant, hair brushes, mini toothpaste & toothbrushes). There will be a box made available in the west entrance. We thank you for your support. - Jan Young

Prayer Concerns



If you or a loved one has surgery scheduled, are hospitalized, or would like a visit from the pastors, please notify the church. The only way we can be sure to learn of those needing pastoral care is if someone tells us. We also ask that in an emergency, Monday through Friday during office hours, please call the Church Office at 301-733-3565. In the evenings or on weekends, or if the secretary is on vacation, it's okay to call the pastor's cell phone.

Home Communion & Anointing

Persons desiring a pastoral visit, home communion, spiritual direction, or a service of anointing, are invited to call the church office at 301-733-3565.

Anointing with oil for the healing of body, mind or spirit is offered upon request. Please contact the pastor to receive this ministry of healing and faith commitment.

Intercessory Prayer is an important ministry of our congregation. If you have a prayer request, contact Jan Young at 240-310-4101

August 2026 Schedule

Please check the weekly bulletin and the online calendar for changes as they happen. Our schedule is subject to rapid changes.

Sunday, August 2

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
(www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Monday, August 3

Church office closed

Tuesday, August 4

10:30 am Meeting/Church office/Maternity Leave Prep
6:30 pm Worship Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, August 5

Admin. Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
5:30 pm P&F Meeting/Mullendore Room

Thursday, August 6

Pastor Eddie's in office day/Call ahead to schedule an appointment
5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 7

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

Saturday, August 8

8:00 AM Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall
(Doors open to the public 9-10:30AM)

Sunday, August 9

Junior Church
8:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
8:30 am Morning Praise Worship/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:15 am Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Screening
10:45 am Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube
(www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)
2:00 pm Special Event/Altruistic Room

Monday, August 10

Church office closed

Tuesday, August 11

5:30 pm S&O Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, August 12

Admin. Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, August 13

Pastor Eddie's in office day/Call ahead to schedule an appointment
5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 14

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

Saturday, August 15

Assumption of Mary
12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Sunday, August 16

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 17

Church office closed

6:30 pm Deacon Meeting/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, August 18

12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Room 208
6:30 pm CE Meeting/Room 302

Wednesday, August 19

Admin. Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin submission announcements
6:30 pm Loss of a Spouse/Mullendore Room

Thursday, August 20

Pastor Eddie's in office day/Call ahead to schedule an appointment
5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 21

Jablonski/Brewer Wedding/HCOB
8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3PM)

Sunday, August 23

Junior Church
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 24

Church office closed

Tuesday, August 25

6:30 pm Leadership/Reorganizational Meeting/Mullendore Room or Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 26

Admin. Assistant/Work from home
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, August 27

Pastor Eddie's in office day/Call ahead to schedule an appointment
5:00 pm Praise Band Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall

Friday, August 28

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

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/Deadline for Scholarship Fund application

INVALID EQUIPMENT REPORT

July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026

LENT to 323 individuals:

47	wheel chairs
29	transport chairs
42	rollators
37	walkers
73	shower chairs
45	potty chairs
17	canes
5	pr crutches
68	other
363	items

RECEIVED From: 87 donors & 79 returners:

45	wheel chairs	16
13	transport chairs	15
40	rollators	11
38	walkers	13
54	shower chairs	13
36	potty chairs	21
40	canes	4
8	pr crutches	1
57	other	12
331	donated	106 items returned

DONATED to:

Funkstown Elem. Wheel Chair
Wash. CO. Com. On Age Adult Diapers
CASA Rollator/Cane

Spent \$ 1,014.25 @ Auctions & parts

Spent \$ 17.93 on receipts books & Labels

Total Spent \$ 1,032.18

Lions Club funded \$ 0

Received in cash donations \$ 445

Wheels for the World (114 items):

3 Wheel Chairs
20 walkers
14 pr crutches
4 potty chairs
73 Canes

fixed 10 pieces of equipment for others

Total Out: 477 items

Total In : 437 items

<u>Year End</u>	<u>Individuals</u>	<u>Equipment</u>
6/2017	160	211
6/2018	195	259
6/2019	181	254
6/2020	213	296
6/2021	256	346
6/2022	398	479
6/2023	395	509
6/2024	340	491
6/2025	278	394
6/2026	323	363



Andy Hoffman, Lions Club



2026 Church of the Brethren
Annual Conference
Fort Wayne, Ind.

WrapUp



Don Fitzkee, 2026 moderator, washes the feet of Dennis Beckner, 2027 moderator (at left). The dove of peace is brought into worship (at right). Photos: Glenn Riegel



Elections and appointments

Annual Conference moderator-elect: **Amy Gall Ritchie** of Manchester Church of the Brethren in North Manchester, Ind.

Program & Arrangements Committee: **Natasha Beaumont**, Mount Wilson Church of the Brethren, Lebanon, Pa.

Pastoral Compensation & Benefits Advisory Committee: **Chad Whitzel**, Easton (Md.) Church of the Brethren

Mission & Ministry Board, Area 3: **Terri Welch Luzynski**, Montezuma Church of the Brethren, Dayton, Va.; Area 5: **Gretchen Zience**, Seattle (Wash.) Olympic View Community Church of the Brethren; at large (affirmed): **Adelia A. Lucatorio**, Good Samaritan Church of the Brethren, Pa.

Bethany Seminary trustees, affirmed: **Leslie Bolser**, Richmond, Ind.; **Drew Hart**, Harrisburg (Pa.) First Church of the Brethren; **Keri Ladouceur**, Raleigh, N.C.; **Steve Longenecker**, Bridgewater (Va.) Church of the Brethren; **Dominick Peruso**, Huntingdon, Pa.; **Jeff Sheridan**, Richmond, Ind.; **Ben Walters**, Cincinnati (Ohio) Church of the Brethren

Eder Financial board, affirmed: **Kevin Boyer**, Plymouth (Ind.) Church of the Brethren and Etna Green Church of Christ; **Eunice Culp**, West Goshen, Ind.; **Randy Yoder**, Stone Church of the Brethren, Huntingdon, Pa.

On Earth Peace board, affirmed: **Susuyu Lassa**, Troy, N.Y.; **Anesu Makufa**, Leeds, the United Kingdom; **Emmett Witkovsky-Eldred**, Spruce Creek, Pa.

Resolutions on weapons transfers, 'Walking Together' with immigrants headline agenda

Two resolutions—"Walking Together: Immigration, Peacemaking, Conscience, and Supporting our Neighbors" and "Resolution on Weapons Transfer"—headed up the Conference agenda. Also on the agenda were elections, an Eder Financial report on its transition of services, and adjustments to ministerial leadership polity, among other business.

Weapons transfers: The delegates adopted the "Resolution on Weapons Transfer" with a solid majority vote.

The paper cites Matthew 5:44b-45, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. . .," calling the church to "examine and respond to the impacts of the arms industry." Reaffirming the Church of the Brethren commitment to peace "as God's will and the call of Christ" it states "opposition to the US manufacturing and sale of weapons and urges the US government to halt the sale

of arms to other countries."

One section addresses the global impact of the US arms trade, noting that "the United States is currently the world's largest exporter of weapons." Another addresses the Church of the Brethren's historic opposition to war and the defense industry, noting stated opposition to particular types of weaponry including nuclear weapons and drones.

A closing section offers recommendations for action ranging from educating about the US arms trade and the biblical call to peacemaking, to divesting from the arms industry, to public advocacy.

The resolution was adopted by the Mission and Ministry Board in March 2025, but because of the heavy business agenda of the 2025 Annual Conference it was held over to 2026.

'Walking Together': The Mission and Ministry Board brought this resolution, which was adopted with a very strong majority.

It reiterates that "care for immigrants and refugees is an essential part of the Christian and Church of the Brethren ethic of service and peacemaking" and cites biblical foundations and Annual Conference statements. Undergirding statements show the denomination's long history of caring for immigrants and refugees and involvement with civil disobedience.

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Photos by Donna Parcell & Lauren Flora





2026 Church of the Brethren Annual Conference Fort Wayne, Ind.



A keynote presentation (far left) featured Angelo Mante and youth from Alive Community Outreach. **The preachers** (from left): moderator Don Fitzkee, Beth Jarrett, James Washington, Becky Zapata, Caleb Kragt. Photos: Glenn Riegel & Keith Hollenberg

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Noting that “Church of the Brethren history and traditions include radical discipleship, conscientious objection, and participation in civil disobedience,” the resolution indicates that in addition to serving the needs of immigrants and refugees, and doing advocacy on their behalf, more may be needed.

The resolution states, “In cases where government policies are unjust or conflict with biblical teachings, the Church of the Brethren has supported individuals to follow their conscience and in some cases, has encouraged open, nonviolent civil disobedience to such laws.”

A list of calls to action is included for individuals, congregations, districts, and the denomination. In addition, a landing page of resources to help individuals, small groups, and congregations study the resolution and concerns surrounding it is at the webpage www.brethren.org/walking-together.

Eder Financial transition: Eder Financial presented the decision and the process for moving employee retirement and organizational investing services to Everence Financial.

The move will take some months but will leave Eder with only ancillary insurance services and benevolence programs. Most of the Eder staff will lose their jobs. But because Everence is a much larger organization, pensions and investments will be well cared for, the delegates were

assured. When the Eder board and leadership realized that the demographics of the church made long-term operations precarious, they began looking for new partners and Everence was a good fit.

Everence, previously named Mennonite Mutual Aid, has grown to serve more than 84,000 clients from many historic peace church denominations and others, and is no longer an agency of the Mennonite Church. For years, the Church of the Brethren Pastor’s Housing Fund has been administered by Praxis, a part of Everence. Consistent with shared Anabaptist roots, Everence follows similar investing values as Eder.

The transition should be completed by April 2027. The Eder board has stated its intention to bring a plan for Eder to continue as an Annual Conference agency, and the Standing Committee of district delegates has named a subcommittee to help work on a new agency covenant.

The Eder staff were recognized as the Conference acknowledged that this marks the end of an era for Eder and its predecessor organizations, which have served the Church of the Brethren for 83 years.

Adjustments to ministry leadership polity: Two adjustments to a 2014 Ministry Leadership paper were approved with the two-thirds majority required for polity. One pertains to licensed and the other to commissioned ministers.

One adjustment defines licensing as a

“provisional credential.” This is important because many states require ministers to be “credentialed” to be able to perform weddings. The change also grants more flexibility for the length of licensing being extended beyond 10 years.

The second adjustment simplifies the process for a commissioned minister to seek ordination. In Church of the Brethren polity, a commissioned minister is credentialed to serve in a particular congregation or geographical location. An ordained minister may serve any church across the denomination.

Review and Evaluation Committee:

The Church of the Brethren has undertaken a periodic review every decade to evaluate the denomination’s organizational structures and procedures, with a committee assigned to bring recommendations to Annual Conference for possible changes. This decade’s Review and Evaluation Committee, elected in 2025, presented its first interim report.

The committee is seeking feedback from various groups in the church. Districts may contact the committee to set up meetings. Individuals may email reviewandevaluation@brethren.org.

For more: www.brethren.org/news/coverage/ac2026. The Press Team: Jan Fischer Bachman, Lauren Flora, Keith Hollenberg, Daniel Murrell II, Russ Otto, Donna Parcell, Frank Ramirez, Alane Riegel, Glenn Riegel, Frances Townsend, Cheryl Brumbaugh-Cayford editor.

By the numbers

1,675 people registered including 389 delegates and 1,133 nondelegates onsite plus 153 virtual attendees

1 fellowship was welcomed:

- **Iglesia Cristiana Elohim** in Las Vegas, Nev., Pacific Southwest District

1 new church project was welcomed:

- **The Sanctuary** in rural Indiana, Northern Indiana District

\$54,458.29 total offerings:

- **\$13,605.63** for the **Witness to the Host City** to benefit Alive Community Outreach, with an additional **4 pallets** of material goods donated

- **\$24,334.64** for **Annual Conference** including \$14,268.05 in support of Annual Conference operations and \$10,066.59 for children and youth programming

- **\$16,518.02** for the **Core Ministries of the**

Church of the Brethren including \$9,409.70 received in an offering focused on Global Mission and \$7,108.32 in an offering focused on Discipleship and Leadership Formation

\$14,759 raised by the Silent Auction to undergird the operating budget of Annual Conference

110 units collected by the Blood Drive

4.2 percent increase in cost of living adjustment to minimum cash salary table for pastors

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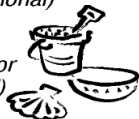


Footprints IN THE SAND

Try this craft at the beach, at the park or in your own sandbox at home. It will remind you whose footprints we should follow.

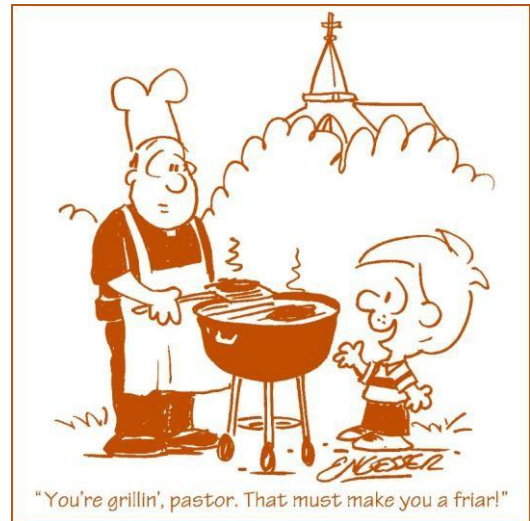
What you need:

- Plaster of Paris
- Sand (beach, park or sandbox)
- Small shells (optional)
- Water
- Small bowl
- Stick, toothpick or skewer (optional)

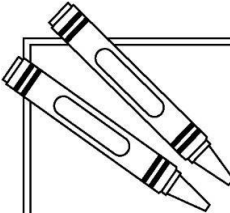


What you do:

1. Find some moist sand by digging down a little.
2. With a bare foot, make a footprint in the sand.
3. (Optional) Place shells face down on the toe imprints as toenails.
4. Follow the plaster of Paris directions for mixing the dry plaster with water in bowl.
5. Fill the footprint with the plaster and smooth the surface.
6. (Optional) Using a stick, toothpick or skewer, write "Direct my footsteps" (Psalm 119:133) or "Follow Me" (John 10:27).
7. When dry, place the foot in your garden, yard or room.
8. Remember to turn the foot over to remind yourself of whose footprints we should follow, and that we are never alone.



"You're grillin', pastor. That must make you a friar!"



Just for KIDS

Unique Creations

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. (The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)



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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."

Hidden books

How many books of the Bible can you find in the paragraph below? There are 15 books from the Old and New Testaments. We 'll give you the first one.

I once made some reMARKs about hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu - kept some people looking so hard for facts and studying for the revelation that they were in a jam. Especially since the books were not capitalized. But truth finally struck numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy to spot. Others require judges to determine. We must admit it usually takes a minute to find one, and there will be loud lamentations when you see how simple it is. One woman says she brews tea while she puzzles her brain. Well, get to work if you want to complete it. Good luck!

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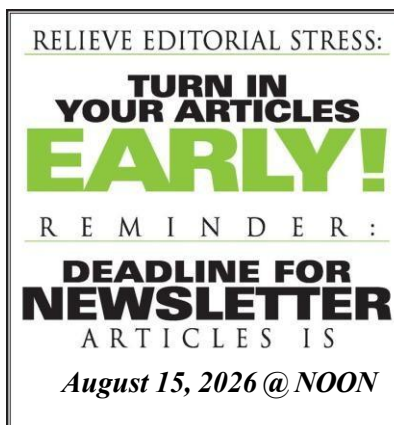
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