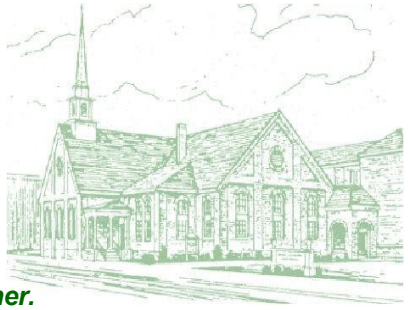
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November 2026



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.

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

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www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob

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Pastors Pen - November 2026

A Special Thank You to Our Temporary Office "Angels"

We extend our sincere appreciation to the temporary office staff who recently supported our church operations. Their flexibility, professionalism, and willingness to step in wherever needed helped keep our daily operations running smoothly. During Allyson's maternity leave, "The Angels" took over her responsibilities and performed flawlessly. From assisting with administrative tasks and answering phones to organizing records and supporting special requests, their contributions made a meaningful difference. They quickly adapted to our workplace, brought a positive attitude each day, and became valued members of the team. Thank you for your hard work and dedication. We are grateful for the time and talent you shared with us.

The "Angels" modeled commitment to God and the church. Commitment means placing faith at the center of daily life. It includes praying, studying Scripture, worshiping regularly, serving others, supporting the church community, and living according to Christ's teachings. This commitment is not merely attending services; it is faithfully loving God and others through one's choices, actions, and relationships.

May God continue to deepen the relationships built with the "Angels" during their time of service.

"The Angels"

Wendy Brown – Rebecca Jackson – Sue Wright – Suzanne Buhrman



Fall Congregational Business Meeting
November 15, 2026

Our Fall Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 15th. We will have a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall following the 10:45 AM service and the Business Meeting will follow. Sign-up sheets can be found 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!

Sundays in November

Date	Pastor	Worship Leader	Sermon	Text	Greeter	Special
11/1/26	Eddie Edmonds	Jan Young	"Investing in Eternity"	Luke 16:1-9	Jan Young	Food Pantry/ Fellowship Time/ Remembrance Sunday
11/8/26	Eddie Edmonds	Clair Baker	"No Time for Phubbing"	Matthew 22:34-36	Eileen Smith	Junior Church/ Parish Nurse
11/15/26	Eddie Edmonds	Eileen Smith	"Unexpected Angels"	Judges 4:1-7	Don & Roberta Maas	
11/22/26	Eddie Edmonds	Robin Davies	"The View From the Tower"	Ephesians 1:15-23	Emma Lyles	Junior Church
11/29/26	Eddie Edmonds	Sandy Clipp	"The First Christmas"	Matthew 1:18-25	Tina Mills	

Special Congregational Business Meeting

November 29, 2026

A special Congregational Business Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 29th immediately following the 10:45 AM service. The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.

2027 Church Directory

Now is a great time to update your information for the 2027 Church Directory. If you have recently changed phone numbers or emails, please send any changes/updates/additions to the administrative assistant at: **secretaryhcob@gmail.com** or leave a note in her mailbox.

THANK YOU

Esther & Lester Boleyn wish to thank everyone for remembering their 90th birthday with cards, calls, hugs and lots of love.

Thank you to the ladies who filled in for me while being on maternity leave. I appreciate you all more than you know! Also, a special thank you to the P&F guys that worked on getting the church office painted and adding some upgrades. It looks great and refreshing! Thank you to everyone who sent cards, gifts, phone calls, emails, and texts during my leave. And thank you to Pastor Eddie for being a light for me while in the final days of my pregnancy (they were rough). For praying for me and my family through those days, meeting Eloise at the hospital and for checking in on me while on leave. I am so thankful for the time I got to spend with my family and our newest little one. But I have missed you all and grateful to be back! - *Allyson McPeak*

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 by email. We ask that you prayerfully consider making a pledge to the church. All pledges are private.

Please don't forget to fill out the Gifts of the Body of Christ survey! You may mail your pledge card and survey or place them in the Offering. Extra copies of pledge cards and surveys can be found on the Fellowship Hall and on the credenza in the wing of the sanctuary.

Thank you for your financial support of the church and its ministries.



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 **$10.00 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 22, 2026. 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 22, 2026
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 (6 inch)
( ) Red
( ) White
( ) Marble (white edge and pink center)

Total plants: _____ Amount attached at $10.00 each: _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.
USE ADDITIONAL FREE SLIPS IF NECESSARY.

__ IN MEMORY OF: _____

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__IN TRIBUTE TO: _____

_____

__ IN THANKS TO: _____

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Ministry Team Chairs! DEADLINE!

Your reports for the Congregational Business Meeting are due to the church office no later than Sunday, November 9th. Please make sure they are in Word format.

Come Grow WITH US

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

FOOD PANTRY

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! All items collected will be going to the November Community Breakfast.

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.



NOVEMBER



1	Matthew 20-21
2	Luke 19
3	Mark 11, John 12
4	Matthew 22, Mark 12
5	Matthew 23, Luke 20-21
6	Mark 13
7	Matthew 24
8	Matthew 25
9	Matthew 26, Mark 14
10	Luke 22, John 13
11	John 14-17
12	Matthew 27, Mark 15
13	Luke 23, John 18-19
14	Matthew 28, Mark 16
15	Luke 24, John 20-21
16	Acts 1-3
17	Acts 4-6
18	Acts 7-8
19	Acts 9-10
20	Acts 11-12
21	Acts 13-14
22	James
23	Acts 15-16
24	Galatians 1-3
25	Galatians 4-6
26	Acts 17
27	1 & 2 Thessalonians
28	Acts 18-19
29	1 Corinthians 1-4
30	1 Corinthians 5-8



The Hagerstown Church of the Brethren GriefShare team is planning a special event Surviving the Holidays on Monday, November 9, from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. You do not need to have been part of a previous 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 Debbie Nycum, Twyla Rowe, or any member of the GriefShare team. *Light refreshments will be served .*

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

The Novel Bunch - "Waiting on Christmas"

The Novel Bunch will meet Saturday, November 7 at 10:00 in the fellowship hall. The book for November is Waiting for Christmas by Lynn Austin.



November 2026 Schedule

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

Sunday, November 1
Food Pantry/Remembrance Sunday
9:00 am Sunday School Orchestra/Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Sunday School, individual classrooms
10:20 am Fellowship Time/Mullendore Room
10:45 am Combined Worship, Sanctuary & YouTube (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Monday, November 2
Church office closed

Tuesday, November 3
Election Day

Wednesday, November 4
Church office closed/Admin. Assistant available by phone & email
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
12:00 pm Friends in Faith/Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 5
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, November 6
8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Sunday, November 8
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 (www.youtube.com/@hagerstowncob)

Monday, November 9
Church office closed/Ministry Team Chair Report DEADLINE
6:30 pm Surviving the Holidays/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, November 10
6:30 pm Worship Team Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, November 11
Veterans Day
Church office closed/Admin. Assistant available by phone & email
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions
7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting/Mullendore Room

Thursday, November 12
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, November 13
8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Saturday, November 14
8:00 am Community Breakfast/Fellowship Hall (Doors open to the public from 9-10:30AM)

Sunday, November 15
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)
12:00 pm Fall Congregational Business Meeting/Fellowship Hall & Luncheon
12:00 pm Newsletter Deadline

Monday, November 16
Church office closed
7:00 pm Search Committee Meeting/Mullendore Room

Tuesday, November 17
12:00 pm Mary Martha Group/Room 203
6:30 pm CE & Fall Teacher Meeting/Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 18
Church office closed/Admin. Assistant available by phone & email

Thursday, November 19
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, November 20
8:00 am Bulletin prep/Church office
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Sunday, November 22
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, November 23
Church office closed

Tuesday, November 24
6:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting/Mullendore Room

Wednesday, November 25
Church office closed/Admin. Assistant available by phone & email
12:00 pm Deadline for bulletin announcement submissions

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day/Church office closed

Friday, November 27
Black Friday/Church office closed/Admin. Assistant Day off
1:00 pm Islamic Center/Use of Parking Lot (1-3pm)

Sunday, November 29
Advent Dinner/First Sunday of Advent
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)
12:00 pm Special Congregational Busniess Meeting/ Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 30
Church office closed

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November 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters of HCOB,

As we enter this season of Stewardship, I want to express appreciation for your faithfulness over the past year, and generous giving of tithes and offerings. Let us celebrate that the hand of God is upon this congregation. You have been great stewards, sharing many gifts with this community and this body of Christ.

We refer to our financial gifts to this body as Stewardship and although we intently focus on this topic only one month out of the year, your gifts, or tithing, sustain this body the entire year. Financial contributions are vital to sustain the growing programs of the church, and to keep our maintenance of the building in check.

As we come to the beginning of a new year and take a moment to glance back at all the events and happenings throughout the year, it is so reassuring to know that we serve a God who is unchanging, who will be our guide in 2027. There are many ways to be a good steward. How and where will God lead you to serve? Do you have time to volunteer for one of the ministry teams, one event, church maintenance projects, or something new? The list is long, and there is a place for you to serve!

James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

This month as you complete your tithing pledge card and your Gifts for the Body of Christ, remember, we must use what God has blessed each of us with, to serve one another. Let us all be a part of delivering Christ's message through ministry.

In Christian Love,

Ed Plank

Property & Finance Ministry Team

The Hagerstown Church of the Brethren
A Living Peace Church

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

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GIFTS FOR THE

BODY OF CHRIST

2027

"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." - I 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

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

Brethren Disaster Ministries
___ Mission Trips
___ Auction help (once a year)

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

Kid's Page for November

Just for KIDS

Here's a Story of a "Thankful Bunch."

We can rejoice and give thanks to God, just as many thankful people did in Bible times. Use the list of names to fill in the blank lines, and then use the leaf code to complete the verse.

Names: Elijah, Naaman, Hannah, paralyzed man, Jairus, Moses, Rahab, Mary & Martha



Led his people through the Red Sea. _ _ _ _ _



Jericho fell, but she and her family were saved. _ _ _ _ _



Her prayer was heard and she gave her son to God. _ _ _ _ _ _



Ravens brought him food. _ _ _ _ _



Cured of his leprosy, he worshiped God. _ _ _ _ _



Their brother was raised from the dead. _ _ _ _ & _ _ _ _ _



Lowered through a roof, Jesus healed him. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _



Jesus brought his daughter back to life. _ _ _ _ _ _

"SO WE ... W_LL G_VE Y_ _ _ _ NKS F_ _EVE _ ;

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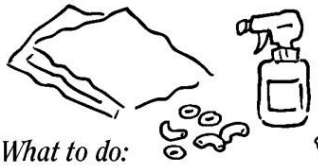




Make a "Thankful Garland"

What you need:

- construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- pencil, marker or crayons
- yarn, ribbon or raffia
- scissors
- hole-punch
- spray bottle filled with water
- (optional) real leaves
- (optional) wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.) or any dried pasta with a hole



What to do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the construction paper sheets flat and spray the paper with water from the spray bottle until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the crumpled paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or one thing for which you are thankful.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the thankful leaves, beads, cereal and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Answers:
Moses, Rahab, Hannah, Elijah, Naaman, Mary & Martha, paralyzed man, Jairus.

"SO WE ... WILL GIVE YOU THANKS FOREVER; WE WILL SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAISE TO ALL GENERATIONS." Psalm 79:13, NKJV



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