

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

February 2018

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER & ALL-CHURCH TALENT SHOW Sunday, February 18th

Please come and join in great fellowship and a scrumptious **spaghetti dinner** on Sunday, February 18, after church followed by first class entertainment during the **talent show** featuring fellow church members.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The spaghetti dinner is made by the youth and is a fundraiser for their National Youth Conference trip this summer. You will enjoy unlimited spaghetti, salad, and garlic bread. There will be meat sauce, and vegetarian sauce for all, so come with an empty belly and let us fill you up!



TALENT SHOW

The Talent Show was such a hit last year that the Deacons are having this fun event again and, as usual, are looking for some talent. Anyone who wants to share their talent – from singing to dancing to skits to poems to acting or playing instruments to whatever – just plan to come and show us your talent and enjoy the talents of others in our church family. We are also looking for some of you to “show & tell” some of your “hidden” talents, such as a skill or craft that you are gifted with. Young and old and everyone in between can share and/or just come. Get your acts together now and sign up in the narthex or contact Jeff Hurwitz (301-293-2214) or Doris Grossnickle (301-293-2814) by February 11th to let them know that you want to participate.



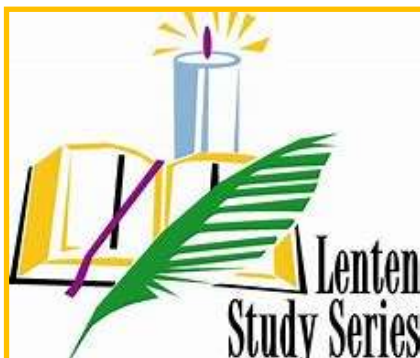
Please plan now to come to the spaghetti dinner and stay for the show!

The Outreach Commission invites you to participate in the **Souper Bowl of Caring** offering after the service on February 4th. Locally, your donations help to fund the Centennial Meals program in Frederick. Additionally, any surplus generated beyond the Centennial budget will be donated to the Nigeria Crisis Fund's ongoing work of recovery and rebuilding.



2018 LENTEN STUDY GROUP

The 2018 Lenten Study Group begins Thursday, February 15 and continues Thursday evenings through March 22. We gather in the Parish Hall at 7:00 p.m. Our study this year will be, **"Plenty Good Room."**



This study combines Scripture, a bit of American history and six African American Spirituals – "Every Time I Feel the Spirit – A Mountaintop Experience," "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley – A Time of Temptation," "Bow Down On Your Knees – A Time of Repentance," "Plenty Good Room – Preparing the Guest Room," "Ain't A Dat Good News – Shouldering the Cross," "Were You There? – A Collective Memory."

Each evening will involve the playing of these songs, Bible study, sharing, video, music, Power Point and reflection. These evenings are open to anyone and all are welcome!

Please watch for registration in the bulletin and take time to register for purposes of ordering books and preparing. Pastor Tim leads these evenings, so questions may be directed to him; timritmart@gcob.org. Come join in!

2018 CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE



Preparations for a 2018 Church Directory are underway. If you have had a change of address and/or phone number since the Spring 2016 Directory was printed, please provide the current information to the church office no later than Wednesday, February 28.

This is the time also to submit other updates. So please take a minute to look through the 2016 Directory for other information that may have changed since the current Directory was printed and/or may be listed incorrectly. This may include spelling errors, membership status updates, changes to your family status (births, deaths, children have moved out, etc.), landline phone numbers that no longer exist,

etc. Please note that cell numbers will be listed only if there is no landline available.

Information can be emailed to kathie.tucker@gcob.org or delivered to the church office (please print clearly). Contact the church office if you have questions.

2018 FREDERICK SCHOOL OF RELIGION Learning for Life for Laity and Clergy

Classes on six Mondays and Tuesdays
February 12 – March 20

Classes will meet at:
Brook Hill United Methodist Church
8946 Indian Springs Road
Frederick, MD 21702

www.frederickschoolofreligion.org

Information also posted on bulletin board in entry hall.

KIDS KLUB

A mid-week group for Grades K-5

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

February 7, 14, 21, 28

Contact the church office, 301-293-9516,
for more information.

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT DISASTER RESPONSE PATRON ADS AND AUCTION DONATIONS



Sign up during February to place a Patron Ad in the 2018 Disaster Response Auction booklet. Your support will enable our District's disaster ministry to provide assistance to disaster victims. Individual or family "patron ads" may be placed by Grossnickle COB members and friends. "Patron" contributions start at \$10. Names of contributors will be listed in the booklet. A sign-up sheet will be located on the table in the entry hallway. Please sign up by Sunday, February 18 so we can meet the February 23rd deadline. Make checks payable to: Grossnickle COB, "for auction patron". Questions? Contact the church office, 301-293-9516, or speak with one of the pastors.

Also, you can help disaster victims by contributing auction items such as antiques, valuable crafts, framed artwork, collectible toys, gift baskets, and fine woodworking. To donate, call John, 443-974-0228 or email a photo with description to auktionbooklet@comcast.net. Please contact by February 23rd to have your donation published in the booklet.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



Spaghetti Dinner - Youth please join us on Sunday, February 18, at 9:30 to prepare salad, spaghetti and garlic bread for our church members. This is a fundraiser for NYC so please come and participate. Also please bring a dessert to share with your church family.

Talent Show - Please consider sharing your talent with the church family.

Upcoming events - The Silent Auction is our biggest fundraiser so please be talking to people about what they might want to donate to the auction.

National Youth Conference 2018

July 21-26, 2018

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado

For youth who have completed 9th grade through 1 year of college (or the age equivalent)

Registration opened Thursday **January 18, 2018**.

The registration fee is \$500. A non-refundable deposit of \$250 must be paid at the time of registration. The balance is due by April 30th, 2018.

Questions? Contact one of the Youth leaders, Doris or Scott Grossnickle or Kelly or Danny Rumpf. Additional information available at <http://www.brethren.org/yya/nyc/>.



REACHING OUT TO HELP OTHERS ... OUR OUTREACH EFFORTS

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren serves the needs of its community and beyond in a variety of ways.

NEW WINDSOR WORKDAY Volunteers are needed to assist SERRV in New Windsor on Thursday, February 1. Please consider sharing your time to help this worthwhile cause that assists those in need. To volunteer, contact Robert Delauter at 301-293-2720 by the Tuesday evening prior to the Thursday workday. Mark your calendar now for remaining 2018 Workdays: March 1, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6.

SENIOR SERVICE CIRCLE Senior Service Circle would like to welcome all seniors to join our next meeting on Tuesday, February 6th from 9-11am in the Parish Hall. Our mission is to be of service to those in need in our local community. Please join us for monthly fellowship and service opportunities. For further information please call Wanda Rudman or Pattie Hughes. We hope to see you there.

"YOUNG AT HEART" MEALS ON WHEELS The next delivery for this monthly outreach effort (deliveries only) will be Saturday, February 10 around lunch time. Reminder cards will be mailed the end of January. *If you do not receive a reminder card* and you wish to receive the February meal of **Turkey Noodle Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwiches, Chips, Celery/Carrot Sticks, and Cherry Delight** or *if you received a reminder card and do not want the meal*, please call the church office, 301-293-9516, by Monday, February 5. To volunteer, speak with Kathy Gaver (kitchen help) at 301-416-8339 or Debbie Bussard (drivers) at 240-409-8061.

ADOPT-A-ROAD Mark your calendars for March Adopt-a-Road! Saturday, March 1st we'll be doing our part to keep Meeting House and Harp Hill roads clean. Interested in volunteering to help? Please contact MK Barnet at mawyle@gmail.com or 404-723-8739.

CENTENNIAL MEAL Dates have been set for GCOB to prepare and serve meals during 2018 – March 24, May 26, July 28 and November 24. Groups within our Church are encouraged to volunteer to prepare and serve a meal. Interested? Speak with a member of the Outreach Commission or Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629.

**NEW WINDSOR
SERRV
WORKDAY**



**SENIOR SERVICE
CIRCLE**

YOUNG-AT-HEART







CENTENNIAL MEAL



PIG ROAST & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, March 17, 2018

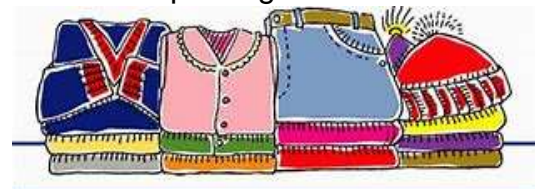
Donations of items of high-quality will be needed for the Silent Auction. Please start thinking now of items you can donate. Examples include quilts, wall hangings, paintings, hand-made crafts, wood crafts, lawn ornaments, gifts for gardeners, household décor, gift certificates, and services to be provided.

If you would like to donate an item for this event please call or text Doris Grossnickle at 301-471-8199. Thanks in advance for your much appreciated items.

SPRING CLOTHES DRIVE

Spring Cleaning is just around the corner! Bring your gently loved clothing to the spring clothing drive, to be collected March 18th.

Donations will be taken to the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. Drop off donations in the truck/trailer in the church parking lot.



PRAISING GOD TOGETHER... WORSHIP, MUSIC AND MORE



Join us each Sunday...
 9:30 am – Sunday School (nursery through adult)
 10:30 am – Worship

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP



The 2018 Flower Chart has been posted on the hallway bulletin board. If you can provide flowers for Sunday morning worship during the coming year, please sign-up now.

Contact the church office, 301-293-9516, with any questions.


FEBRUARY 2018 WORSHIP INFORMATION & HELPERS					
DATE	SERMON / SCRIPTURE	MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
04	“Something to Eat” Mark 6:30-44	Tim Ritchey Martin	Emily Doney	Charles & Vicki Grossnickle	TBA
11	“Peter Gets It Right” Mark 8:27-9:8	Tim Ritchey Martin	Donna Grossnickle	Paul & Grace Reeder	TBA
18	“Alive Again!” Mark 6:21-43	Donna Ritchey Martin	Ryan Harshman	Randy & Kathy Gaver	TBA
25	“Greatest in the Kingdom” Mark 10:32-45	Donna Ritchey Martin	Gene Gaver	Marilyn Gaver & Carson Levitt	TBA
FEBRUARY DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Sheila & Dale Delauter and Sharon & Marion Leatherman					

Planning for **Junior High Sunday** is underway. Come join us for worship on March 4 to experience first-hand the message our Junior High Youth will present during this special time of worship.



NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE
 February 2018

04 – Katie Rudman
 11 – Traci Hanser
 18 – Angi Cornell
 25 – Christy Kehlbeck



To volunteer and for information, please contact Carol Schroyer, 301-367-6393 or carsch57@live.com.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

We are hoping Sunday mornings this winter will be free of snow and ice. But, if it ever seems wise to cancel Sunday School and/or Sunday morning worship, there will be a message on the church answering machine (301) 293-9516 and the information will be posted on the website (gcob.org). We trust that people will use good judgment about traveling on winter roads and walking across a parking lot that may still be snow-covered. We want our church to be open and available for worship whenever safely possible. -- Church Board



CELEBRATION CORNER

*Celebration Corner is a monthly column highlighting, with joy, events of the past month. This month we celebrate **January** events.*

January 2018

Let me tell you a story. It's an Advent/January story.

One of our Advent activities with the children began at the Advent Dinner. The Christian Education commission provided attractive white paper handled bags. Children helped decorate them and then each one took home a bag and a "Reverse Advent" calendar. Each day during Advent, instead of receiving something, they gathered something to put in the bag. One day it was a food item. Another day it was a winter clothing item, and another day it was a simple school supply item.

On Christmas Eve morning they brought their full "Reverse Advent" bags to worship and placed them at the base of the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. They symbolized powerfully one of the meanings of Christmas – giving. As we sang the meaningful music of Christmas, there were the "Reverse Advent" bags. As we proclaimed the Good News of Jesus birth, there were the "Reverse Advent" bags – silent witness to our love for the Christ child, our concrete love for neighbor.

Then one January afternoon, five wonderful willing servants, Shepherd Flook, Natalie Flook, Amy Flook, Kathy Gaver and Pastor Donna sorted all the gifts in the "Reverse Advent Bags." And all the school supplies went to teacher Katie Rudman who will deliver them to her school to help teachers with kids who don't have those supplies. And all the clothing items went to the South Mountain Health in Boonsboro where Nurse Practitioner Traci Elizalde will share them with clients who don't have things like hats and gloves and scarves. And all the food items went to the Salem United Methodist Food Pantry Ministry where those items will go to homes that don't have enough to eat.

The children of our Church, and their families, led the way in reaching out in Jesus' name to celebrate his birthday by loving our neighbors.

That's a story full of faith. That's a story full of Christmas. That's a story to celebrate!
Thanks to all who participated so generously. And praise God!



FROM OUR PARISH NURSE



EXPIRED MEDICATION REMINDER...

The New Year has begun and time to take stock...literally! It's time to take a look in your medicine cabinet and check those expiration dates.

Be sure to get rid of expired prescribed medications as well as over the counter bottles you may have lying around. Be sure to check ointments and drops as well, these are often overlooked until they are needed in an urgent situation.

Hold on to those expired medications and in February I will share information on a drop off location for our congregation to dispose of these unwanted medications.

Pattie Hughes, RN



PS - Be sure to replace those needed medications that expired!

COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASS ON HEART DISEASE

In conjunction with FMH Bridges Program, a community education class will be offered on heart disease. The class will focus on high blood pressure prevention and lifestyle changes to decrease your risk of heart disease and stroke.

This class will be offered at Salem United Methodist Church on Monday, February 26th from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Light refreshments will be provided. Please call Dawn Nelson, 301-293-9988, or Pattie Hughes, 301-676-8284, with any questions.



CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES

Our Congratulations to...



Brooke & Paul Smith on the birth of **Cheyenne Kathleen Smith**, born Wednesday, January 3, 2018. Brothers are Landon & Owen. Maternal Grandparents are Tina & David Delauter. Maternal Great-Grandparents are Ruby & Denny Webb and Mary & Robert Delauter.

Our Christian Sympathy to...



The family of **Betty Wiles** upon her death, Thursday, January 4, 2018.

NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU for your Christmas card! It's so fun receiving lots of holiday cards! I wanted to share my BVS project with you – National Youth Conference 2018. Blessings to your congregation this advent season! Peace & Blessings! Kelsey Murray

THANK YOU... On behalf of my father, Russell Wiles, my brother & sister-in-law, Richard and Sandy Wiles, and Jay & I, we would like to sincerely thank Pastors Tim and Donna for their loving and caring support especially during the days spent in the hospital and the days that followed Mom's passing. Their guidance and caring spirit got us through those difficult days. We would also like to express our gratitude to Pam Jouannet and her team in preparing the awesome luncheon afterwards and all the members of the congregation who donated their delicious contributions to the meal. It was overwhelming to see how much time, energy and love that went into all the preparations for this fellowship meal and it gave us an appreciation for what happens "behind the scenes". Last, but not least, a special thank you to Myralea Wiles for soothing us with her beautiful music. God has blessed you with a wonderful talent and we are blessed to have you share it with us. We know there is more involved with all the preparations and our thanks go out to each and every one of you! Our church family is a blessing to our family and we are so proud and honored to be a part of it! In Christian Love, Vicki Linton and family

THANK YOU so much for the generous donation. We are so grateful for all of the support we have received from the congregation. We are truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful Church family. We cannot thank you enough for your support during this difficult time. Your donations, thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. – The Rudman Family (Sam, Katie, Colton and Caroline)

THANK YOU... A heartfelt "Thank You" to all those who started, planned, organized, and executed "Meals on Wheels." Also including those who have purchased items, donated time, prepared the delicious meals, and to those who distributed the meals delivered with sincere love, care, and compassion to the recipients of the meal. Again receive these words, "THANK YOU," you are so appreciated and receive our Blessings, Love, and "Kudos" to all who make this a living and loving reality for so many. *"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine you did to me."* (New International Bible, Matthew 25:40) –Elmer Adkins and Family

THANK YOU to our church family for sharing Christmas blessings with us. We are grateful for cards and remembrances, and for the gift of money from the church. Thanks to all who gave of your time and talent to make the celebration of Jesus' birth so special this year. With love and appreciation, Tim and Donna

THANK YOU, friends, for the various ways you offered Christmas blessings to me and Mike during the 2017 Christmas season, as well as throughout the year. It is truly a blessing to be an extension of the Grossnickle Church family. Gratefully, Secretary Kathie

THANK YOU... A note of thanks was received from the Church of the Brethren's **Global Food Initiative** in appreciation for continued support of this ministry through a recent donation.

SHEPHERD'S SPRING NEWS

P.O. Box 369 • 16869 Taylors Landing Road • Sharpsburg, Maryland 21782-0369 • 301- 223-8193 • www.shepherdsspring.org
 Camp Representative for GCOB: Doris Grossnickle



February Prayers of Support – Shepherd’s Spring is again asking for monthly prayer support. The off months are the best time to get renovations finished. So during February please pray that appropriate funding is available to fulfill the retreat center upgrades that are needed along with other maintenance needs around property.

DINING AND COOKING EVENTS

Check the website for the latest info or call for more details and to sign-up. RSVPs needed.

A Taste of Winter - February 11, 3:00 – 5:00 pm – This dining event showcases the Shepherd’s Spring kitchen staff with a multi-course meal featuring Roaster Chicken, Braised Beef, amazing accompaniments and Crème Brulee.

Adult Cooking Class – A Winter Dinner Party – February 14 – Whip up a complete upscale seasonal meal with one-on-one instructions from the Shepherd’s Spring resident chef. All materials provided and no prior cooking experience necessary. Take home and share or dine together in Shepherd’s Spring’s comfortable dining room. Call to schedule.

Afternoon Tea – March 23, 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Savor traditional English favorites, as well as some locally popular treats. Bring friends and beat the winter blues in Shepherd’s Spring’s beautiful environment.



CELEBRATION CORNER (cont'd)
 ...another glimpse of 'Reverse Advent' bags

COMING IN MARCH

The March issue of “The Dunker” will include more about the annual **Pig Roast & Silent Auction**. Plus, information for events of **Holy Week** – March 25 through April 1.



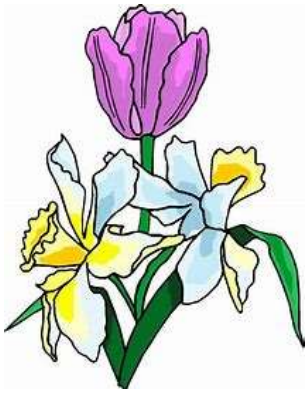
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7a New Windsor Workday (SERRV)	2	3
4 Souper Bowl Sunday BP Screenings (after worship)	5	6 9-11:00a Sr. Service Circle (PH)	7 6:30-8p Kids Klub (PH)	8 7p Deacons meeting	9	10 7a-1p Meals on Wheels prep (PH reserved)
11	12	13	14 6:30-8p Kids Klub (PH)	15 7p Lenten Study (PH)	16	17
18 Spaghetti Lunch & Talent Show (PH) (after worship)	19	20	21 6:30-8p Kids Klub (PH)	22 7p Lenten Study (PH)	23	24
25	26	27	28 6:30-8p Kids Klub (PH)	<u>Sundays</u> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship		

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301-293-9516 ▪ <http://www.gcob.org>



2018 Easter Flower Order Form

Let's fill the church with beautiful flowers for Easter Day, April 1st. A variety of flowers are available from Rosemary's Florist. Please indicate the flowers and colors you want. Be sure to fill in the "In honor of" or "In memory of" and the "Given by" lines. Please also include the phone number(s) where you can be reached if there is a question about your order.

Submit orders to Vicki Linton (301-797-1094 or veltwinkies@verizon.net) OR Jeanine Harshman (301-293-1820 or jwharshman@noland.com) **no later than Sunday, February 25th**. This is the absolute deadline! Make checks payable to "Grossnickle Church of the Brethren." Indicate "for Easter flowers." A bulletin insert on April 16 will list persons honored and remembered.

Yes, I would like to order: (please indicate number of each color)

Lilies:	\$ 10.25 each	___ white (shortage this year)		
Tulips:	\$ 9.50 each	___ red	___ pink	___ yellow
Hyacinths:	\$ 9.50 each	___ blue	___ pink	
Mums:	\$ 10.50 each	___ lavender	___ yellow	

In HONOR of: _____

Given by: _____

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In MEMORY of: _____

Given by: _____

Name of person ordering: _____

Phone number/s of person ordering: _____

Thank you for your order!

Tim and Donna Ritchey Martin, Pastors
SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL – 9:30 am
FAMILY WORSHIP HOUR – 10:30 am

PASTOR'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
8:00 to 11:30 am

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Wed-Thu 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
Phone – 301-293-9516
Church Secretary – Kathie Tucker

Website – <http://www.gcob.org>

Email: office@gcob.org
donnaritmart@gcob.org
timritmart@gcob.org
kathie.tucker@gcob.org

GIVING THROUGH TITHES & OFFERINGS

*"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."
(2 Corinthians 9:7)*

Offerings to GCOB can be presented in the following ways:

Offering plate – Cash and checks may be placed in the offering plate during worship and Sunday school.

Online – Visit www.gcob.org and click on DONATE.

Mail – Send checks to Grossnickle COB, P.O. Box 575, Myersville, MD 21773. Indicate "offering" on check.

Make checks payable to "Grossnickle COB." Thank you!

Please submit news items for the **March 2018 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Wednesday, February 14th. Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

February 2018