

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

June 2018

“COME TO THE GARDEN”

This series of five Wednesday evening devotions began May 9 and will continue for three additional Wednesday evenings during June. The Memorial Garden is the setting for these outdoor services on June 6, 13 and 20 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Come join in! The format is very informal – a time of singing, a season of praying together and reflecting on one of the “I Am” sayings of our Lord from the Gospel of John.

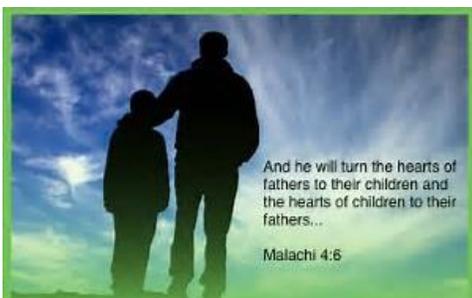
There will be refreshments immediately following the gatherings and, if some children come join in, maybe we’ll even get a kickball out afterwards and have a kickball game up above the Memorial Garden.

These evenings are a mid-week opportunity to nourish our faith and have fellowship with our Church family in a beautiful outdoor setting. The gatherings are also an opportunity to invite a friend, neighbor, or extended family member who has no Church home to come and worship for a few moments and get a taste of GCOB.

Please set aside the dates and let’s come together for beautiful evenings to the glory of God and our neighbor’s good.



BRING YOUR DAD TO SUNDAY SCHOOL



FATHER’S DAY INVITATION...

To: All fathers (dads, grand-dads and other significant father figures)

Date: Sunday, June 17, 2018

Time: 9:30 a.m.

Location: Sunday School classrooms

Fathers are invited to attend Sunday School with their children (including youth) on **Father’s Day.**

For this special day, students look forward to sharing their songs, Bible lessons and classroom discussions and activities with you. Please plan to join your children for this special occasion!

GROWING PROJECT NEWS

The Growing Project, now in its 13th year, kicked off the 2018 season on Sunday, April 15 here at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren and at other participating Churches.



“Field of Hope” Growing Project will gather at the farm Sunday, June 3 at 3:00 p.m. for an annual **“Blessing of the Seed”** service. All are welcome! This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the program and to celebrate together our ties to the people of this year’s program in **Cambodia East!** The event at the farm will be followed by an ice cream and strawberry social at Grossnickle Church of the Brethren’s Parish Hall.

Have you sponsored an acre yet?

“Field of Hope”
Foods Resource Bank Growing Project
Sponsor Form

I/We will sponsor _____ acres at the cost of \$250 per acre (1/2 acre \$125, ¼ acre \$62.50)
Persons sharing in sponsorships: _____

Total pledge \$: _____

All pledges due by September 30, 2016.
Please make checks payable to Grossnickle Church of the Brethren, designated “Field of Hope.”

Signature: _____

Participating Churches
Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Christ Reformed United Church of Christ
Edgewood Church of the Brethren
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren
Hagenow Church of the Brethren
Harmony Church of the Brethren
Holy Family Catholic Community
Manor Church of the Brethren
Myersville Church of the Brethren
Wetly Church of the Brethren

Our thanks to Donnie and Donna Grossnickle, farmers for “Field of Hope” and to Jeff and Patty Hurwitz for making land available for the project.

Plans are being made to take a group to **FRB's Annual Meeting and Summer Celebration** in Holland, MI from August 3-5. Please let a member of the committee know if you are interested.

We are always grateful for corporate sponsors and individuals who **sponsor an acre or portion of an acre** on the Growing Project farm. For more information please call the church office, 301-293-9516, or Patty Hurwitz at 301-471-7810.

Mark your calendar now for October 14 and plan to attend the Growing Project’s annual **Harvest Festival**.

To learn more about the Growing Project, speak with a GCOB committee member: Patty Hurwitz, Tim Ritchey Martin, Elvin Stottlemeyer, Paul Bussard, Suzanne Levitt, Robert Delauter, Jennie Leatherman, and Aubrey and Helen Thomasson.

OUTREACH SUMMER PROJECT

Summer is almost upon us. A time we think of sun, sand and sports. For others in the world it can be a time of storms, squalls, and struggle. To assist those in need we will be collecting **hygiene kits** to be distributed by CWS. Each kit should be placed in a one-gallon size plastic bag with zip closure and should include:

- One hand towel
- One washcloth
- One wide-tooth comb (removed from package)
- One fingernail or toenail clipper (removed from package)
- One bath-size bar of soap (in wrapper)
- One toothbrush (in package)
- 10 regular band aids



Donations can be dropped off in the narthex between June 1 and September 1. Please include a processing fee of \$2 for each kit donated to assist with the cost of sending kits overseas. Write your check to “GCOB” and on the memo line note “hygiene kits” then place your check in the offering plate. (Please do not put money in the kits.)

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN'S 2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



“**Living Parables**” is the theme for the 2018 Annual Conference of the Church of the Brethren. Attendees will gather July 4–8 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Moderator for the 2018 conference will be Samuel Sarpiya, lead pastor and church planter of Rockford Community Church (IL/WI District).

Representing Grossnickle COB as delegates will be **Dane Grossnickle** and **Diane Moser**. **Pastors Tim and Donna** will be attending also.

Conference information is available at www.brethren.org/ac.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE WEBCASTS... Interested in what is happening at Annual Conference? **Business sessions and worship services** will be streamed over the Internet. Go to www.brethren.org/ac/webcasts to watch the webcast and for additional information and instructions. Viewers are asked to consider making an online donation to help with the cost to provide these webcasts.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018 “Game On: Gear up! Get ready! Game On!”



We are trying something new! Vacation Bible School will be held in **July** this year. We hope this will boost attendance so we can share the love of Jesus with more children. This is a change in the tradition so please mark your calendars and plan to join us for this year’s adventure **July 16-20 from 6:30-8:30 PM**.

This year the children will be invited to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another.

Day 1: Jesus Cares About Me (Luke 15:1-7)

Day 2: Jesus Gives Me Hope (John 11:1-44)

Day 3: Jesus Helps Me Believe (John 20:19-31)

Day 4: Jesus Loves Me (John 13:1-35)

Day 5: Jesus Gives Me Joy (Acts 16:23-34)

All children ages three through Grade 5 are invited to enjoy Bible stories, music, crafts, and fun!

For the closing program on Friday evening, July 20, the children will sing some of the VBS songs they have learned. Parents are encouraged to stay with their children Friday evening, as classes will be dismissed from the sanctuary to load onto hay wagons for the traditional closing hayride. Children must be accompanied by an adult to participate in the hayride. After the hayride, everyone will meet back at the parish hall to view the wonderful crafts children have worked on and enjoy an ice cream social.

Beginning in June you may register your child(ren) in advance by calling the church office, 301-293-9516, or you may pick up a registration form from the entry table at church, fill it out, and drop in the big envelope that will be affixed to the VBS bulletin board. Take an extra form and invite a friend!

VBS volunteers are needed to serve as teachers and helpers. A sign-up sheet will be posted early in June on the VBS bulletin board. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the VBS director, Jennie Leatherman, 301-293-2451.

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.

ADOPT-A-ROAD Volunteers will meet at the church Saturday, June 2 at 8:30 am and finish around 10:00 am. To lend a hand with this cleanup effort along Meeting House Road and Harp Hill Road, please email MK Barnet (mawyle@gmail.com) or call her at 404-723-8739. Volunteers will be needed also for clean-up efforts on September 1 and December 1, so please mark your calendar now if you can assist on these dates.

HYGIENE KIT SUMMER PROJECT The Outreach Commission invites you to prepare hygiene kits that will be distributed by Church World Services to those in need. Kits will be collected during the months of June, July and August. Instructions and a list of items to place in the kits are included in this newsletter.

CENTENNIAL MEAL Volunteers are needed to assist with preparing and with serving a meal at Centennial UMC (Frederick) on Saturday, July 28. The next opportunity to volunteer to assist with this effort that helps feed our homeless neighbors in Frederick will be November 24. Interested or questions? Contact Pam Jounnet at 301-293-3629.

NEW WINDSOR WORKDAYS Volunteers travel to New Windsor to assist SERRV. Please consider sharing your time to help this worthwhile cause that assists those in need. To volunteer, contact Robert Delauter. The next workday will be Thursday, August 2. Remaining 2018 workdays are planned for September 6, October 4, November 1 and December 6.

SENIOR SERVICE CIRCLE Please consider joining this group, beginning in September, following our summer break. We enjoy fellowship during the monthly gatherings while helping local neighbors in need. Interested? Speak with Pattie Hughes or Wanda Rudman.

"YOUNG AT HEART" MEALS ON WHEELS Our 2018-19 Meals on Wheels session will begin on November 10, 2018. To learn more about this ministry and/or to assist with this monthly outreach effort, speak with Kathy Gaver or Debbie Bussard.



DISASTER RESPONSE TRIP PLANNED



Currently, the Brethren Disaster Ministry (BDM) trip for Grossnickle Church is scheduled for September 16 – 22, 2018. This year we will be going to Lumberton, NC to help with Hurricane Matthew recovery. We will be housed on the 3rd floor of a First Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in helping to serve this week, please contact Danny Rumpf at 301-432-4723 or [djrupf78@comcast.net](mailto:djrumpf78@comcast.net).

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 is posted on the hallway bulletin board. To provide flowers for Sunday morning worship, sign-up now. June dates are still available.

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

JUNE 2018 WORSHIP INFORMATION & HELPERS

DATE	SERMON / SCRIPTURE	MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
03	"We Begin with Jesus" John 1:10-14	Donna Ritchey Martin	Wayne Wallech	Christopher & Donna Myers	TBD
10	"We are Family" Rom 16:3-16, Mt 12:46-48	Tim Ritchey Martin	Trina Delauter	Gary & Glenna Moser	Allison Rumpf
17	"What Really Matters" Mt 5:33-37, Luke 12:22-31	Donna Ritchey Martin	Fred Rudman	David & Pam Doyle	Natalie Flook
24	"Believer's Baptism" Mark 1:9-11, Romans 6:1-4	Tim Ritchey Martin	TBA	Ronald & Carol Ann Kline	Shannon Mahoney

JUNE DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Mary and Robert Delauter

"COME TO THE GARDEN"

Join us in the Memorial Garden at 7:00 pm on these Wednesday evenings in June...

June 6 "I Am the Good Shepherd"

June 13 "I Am the Resurrection and the Life"

June 20 "I Am the True Vine"

NURSERY SCHEDULE June 2018

- 03 – Doris Grossnickle
- 10 – Christy Kehlbeck
- 17 – Pam Jouannet
- 24 – Traci Hanser



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



WORSHIP SERVICE RECORDINGS AVAILABLE ON CD & VIA EMAIL

We are now recording Sunday morning worship on CDs instead of the old cassette tapes. We can easily create a copy of the service for anyone who requests it.

So if you simply call or e-mail Secretary Kathie with your request we can mail you a CD or send you the worship service via e-mail. Why not take advantage of this opportunity?

‘HELPING HANDS’

This segment focuses on the many groups and individuals in the life of the Church who contribute a great deal to our life together. This space is an opportunity to learn more about these “helpers” and what they do.



Graduation Sunday is a special tradition in our church. We honor the hard work and accomplishments of those graduating from high school and college. And we send them forth with God's blessing.



AMY FLOOK is the person behind all the arrangements for 2018 Graduation Sunday, May 27. She sent out letters to those about to graduate and their parents. It is her job to collect photos and information which she then passes on to others who prepare the presentations. She prepares gifts for the grads and helps plan the worship service. She is responsible for a whole checklist of behind-the-scenes tasks that make Graduation Sunday so meaningful.

Amy has enlisted help from Doris Grossnickle (preparing display boards), Carl Jouannet (powerpoint presentation), Kelly and Danny Rumpf (presenting the high school graduates).

Amy serves on the Christian Education Commission and helps teach the 1st and 2nd grade Sunday School class. She is also a Hagerstown Community College grad as of last December.

We are grateful to Amy for her attention to detail and willingness to serve so well.

"DO IT GRANDLY" GRANDPARENTS CONFERENCE

The Bible says, "Children are a blessing and a gift from the Lord." Psalm 127:3 (CEV). We also know that grandparents are God's special gifts to grandchildren.

All grandparents are invited to a "Do It Grandly" conference on July 14 (10 a.m. - 3 p.m.) at Holy Family Catholic Community, Middletown. Presentations and discussions will help grandparents learn how to pass on their faith to their grandchildren. You will go away with new ideas and new hope for the role you can play in your grandchildren's lives.



On June 10, Jeff Smith will make a presentation about this conference at church. To register for the conference, go to www.grandly.org/maryland. The cost is \$40/person, \$75/couple, lunch included.

CELEBRATION CORNER

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

May 2018

May Celebration Corner is for celebrating good things done for others and for the creation. All are part of our faith commitment.

A group of about 14 gathered for Spring **woodcutting**. This is an effort to keep enough fire wood on hand to deliver to folks when they need some help with their supply for heating. This woodcutting involved splitting and stacking the supply so that help can be offered when the call comes. Thanks to all who worked a full morning to “build up” the supply. GCOB is known in our community for this effort. We express kindness, generosity, compassion when we share firewood in the name of Christ.

On the same day, a trailer full of **e-cycle** was collected between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. Folks kept coming with old laptop computers, Direct TV components, printers, keyboards, and lots and lots of cables. When the day was over, the trailer was full. All these items were delivered to E-End a company that takes all the materials and recycles them. Thanks to E-End for co-sponsoring this drive with GBOB at no cost. And the best part is all these materials were kept out of the landfill. “The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof.” Psalm 24:1. Thanks to all who contributed items to the drive. See photos on next page.



Folks came to worship on May 13 carrying blankets and/or an offering. 71 blankets were given to be distributed to local agencies. In the past they have been shared with Frederick County Hospice, the Cancer Center, and Western MD hospital. The blankets bring warmth, hope and love to those who receive them. What a blessing and what a wonderful way to honor “Mom!” We also gave an offering of \$1,041 to go to Church World Service to help “moms” around the world. For many a CWS blanket becomes a roof or a wall and so carries with it warmth, hope and love. Thanks to all who gave in support of this 40-year **Blanket Sunday** tradition at GCOB. See photo at left showing the beautiful display of blankets.

We also celebrate the dedicated work of all who shared in the annual **Meat Canning** effort. This is a 2-district effort located in Ephrata, PA. Each year crews from Churches of the 2 districts go to Ephrata to cut chicken and put it in cans which are then sealed and labeled. Many cans go to developing countries. Some stay here in the U.S. to assist food pantries. Marion Leatherman is the dedicated leader of this effort from our Church and Brenda Thomasson offers dedicated service on the Meat Canning Committee. Thanks to both of you for making this effort possible. (See the “Thank You” note section for a more detailed reporting of the effort.)

“Love your neighbor as you love yourself,” Jesus commanded. And so, we seek to do that through long time efforts and more recent ways to serve. We celebrate the work of so many hands, and the love of so many hearts as we offer ourselves to the glory of God and our neighbors’ good.

CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY



CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTOS

E-cycle Drive (above): A trailer full of old electronics was collected and hauled to E-End for recycling.

Woodcutting Day (right): Woodcutting crew having lunch.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Rev. David Howell is retiring as pastor of the Wolfsville-Myersville Lutheran Parish (St. Mark's, St. Paul's, St. John's) on June 30. He has served these churches and our community for 34 years. He and his wife Pearle are moving to Grantsville, Maryland. Well-wishes may be sent to them at P.O. Box 13, Myersville, MD 21773.



MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Pattie Hughes, RN

Summer is a time of relaxation, pools, beaches and simply unwinding in the sunshine. While enjoying these pleasures of summer remember to apply a sunscreen with at least a 30 SPF; try to avoid direct sunshine between 10-3; wear sunglasses and a hat. While these habits can greatly decrease the chance of developing skin cancer, you should also perform a skin check to detect any abnormalities.

- A** - Asymmetry- One side of a mole does not look like the other
- B** - Borders - The edges of a mole are irregular or jagged
- C** - Color - The mole is not the same color or it is dark black
- D** - Diameter - The mole is bigger than a pencil eraser
- E** - Evolving - The mole is changing or bleeding



If you notice any of the above changes contact your doctor ASAP. Stay sun safe!

NOTES OF THANKS

THANK YOU FROM MARION LEATHERMAN, MEAT CANNING COORDINATOR... We had a very successful meat canning this year. On the 2 days we went to help, 7,200 cans of meat were processed. This year one third of the meat will be sent to Honduras, one third will go to Cuba and the remaining third will be divided between the Mid-Atlantic and Southern Pennsylvania districts. The people who helped on Tuesday, April 17 were Sheila Delauter, Randy Gaver, Keith Staley, Dave and Pam Doyle, Marion and Sharon Leatherman, and Carl Thomasson. Those who went on Wednesday, April 18 were Charles Wiles, Randy Gaver, Dave Doyle, Robert Lee Grossnickle, Garry Grossnickle and Marion Leatherman. Thanks to Carl Thomasson for volunteering April 16th and to Carl and Brenda Thomasson for supplying the lunch to the volunteers on that day. Brenda Thomasson is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Meat Canning Project Board; she was the cannery floor coordinator for April 16th and on April 17th. On April 24th the Cannery was short on volunteers and you heard the call, to volunteer. Many thanks to David Doyle and to Carl and Brenda Thomasson for volunteering. I would like to thank Danny and Kelly Rumpf and Charles and Martha Wiles for the use of their vehicles to travel to Ephrata, PA. Thanks again to everyone who gave of their time for this much needed service. Background information for 2018: For the 41st year, the Mid-Atlantic and SO PA Districts co-sponsored a Meat Canning project which previously has enjoyed a generous response and enthusiastic support. The 2018 Meat Canning goal was to can approximately 50,000 pounds of chicken in 8 days of processing.



THANK YOU FROM PAUL & GRACE REEDER... Thanks for prayers, visits, cards, phone calls, food and love showed at the death of Jason Reeder. Thanks to our pastors for prayers and support.

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR TIM... Thanks to Glenn Lantz for supporting the e-cycle drive with your trailer and for driving all the material collected to E-End in Frederick on Geoffrey Way. Also thanks to Robert Delauter for helping with unloading. Suzanne and Carson Levitt helped the final shift of the day and with cleanup afterwards. Thanks to Pastor Donna for helping throughout the day.



THANK YOU FROM SECRETARY KATHIE... A big and heartfelt thanks for the beautiful fresh flower arrangement that greeted me when I arrived on Administrative Professionals Day. I'm grateful to God for blessing me with the opportunity to serve the Grossnickle Church family. For those who didn't see the arrangement, a picture taken by Pastor Donna is shown to the left.

THANK YOU FROM JEFF BOSHART, GLOBAL FOOD INITIATIVE MANAGER... This past year the GFI gave nearly \$200,000 in grants. Our primary partners are also churches around the world who are serving their neighbors in extremely difficult conditions. In the past year the GFI helped these churches raise crops and livestock and improve nutrition in countries such as Ecuador, Burundi, Rwanda, China, Democratic Republic of Congo, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Haiti, Mexico, Spain, Nigeria and India. Here in the U.S., the GFI continues to partner with churches in New Carlisle and Potsdam, Ohio, New Orleans, La., Lybrook, N.M., Circle, Alaska, Champaign and Rockford, Ill., Dundalk and Salisbury, Md. Thank you once again for your sacrificial gifts and offerings. Blessings in Christ.

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES

Our Christian Sympathy to...



the family of **Rodney L. Kidd** upon his death Wednesday, May 2, 2018

and

Barbara Blickenstaff upon the death of her husband, **Richard L. Blickenstaff**, Friday, May 11, 2018

and

the family of **Stephen Leatherman** upon his death Sunday, May 20, 2018.

JUNE 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Sundays</u> 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship					1	2 8:30a Adopt-A-Road Cleanup
3 <i>"My 2¢ Offering"</i> BP screenings, after worship 3p Blessings of the Seed	4	5	6 7p "Come to the Garden" (Memorial Garden)	7	8	9
10 2p-8p PH reserved (M. Kline)	11	12	13 7p "Come to the Garden" (Memorial Garden)	14	15	16
17 FATHER'S DAY <i>Bring your dad to Sunday School!</i>	18	19 7p James Gang meeting	20 7p "Come to the Garden" (Memorial Garden)	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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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
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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 **July/August 2018 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Sunday, June 17th. Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

June 2018