

The Dunker

Grossnickle Church of the Brethren

January 2019

NEWS FOR THE NEW YEAR



BREAD AND CUP COMMUNION

During worship on Sunday, January 6, we will share in Bread and Cup communion as a church family.

CONSECRATION OF CHURCH LEADERS

Worship on Sunday, January 13 will include a special Service of Consecration for those persons who are called to lead our church in the coming year. (A list of 2019 church leaders is included in this issue of the newsletter.)

Together we will pray for guidance and wisdom, for strength to do the work of the kingdom, and for eyes of faith to see the new ministries God has for us. Also we will join in the prayer of King Solomon, "Give your servant therefore an understanding mind." (1 Kings 3:9) as we enter the year.

JANUARY MEETINGS

Tuesday, January 15, 7:00 pm – James Gang

Monday, January 21, 7:00 pm – Outreach Commission

Thursday, January 24, 7:00 pm – Church Board



2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(subject to change)

Jan 06 – Bread and Cup Communion

Jan 14 – Consecration of Church Leaders

Jan 27 – Blue New Year Service, 6:00 pm

Feb 10 – Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Mar 16 – Pig Roast & Silent Auction, 6:00 pm

Apr 18 – Spring Love Feast, 7:00 pm

Apr 19 – Good Friday Service, 7:00 pm

Apr 21 – Community Sunrise Service @ Pleasant Walk UMC

May 19 – Memorial Sunday

May 26 – Graduate Recognition Sunday

Jul 03-07 – CoB Annual Conference, Greensboro, NC

Sep 22-28 – Disaster Response Trip

Oct 06 – World Wide Communion, during worship

Oct 11-12 – Mid-Atlantic District Conference, Hagerstown, MD

Nov 03 – New Members Dinner, 12-noon

Nov 07 – Congregational Business Meeting, 7:00 pm

Nov 10 – Fall Love Feast, 6:00 pm

Nov 27 – Community Thanksgiving Eve Service
@ Garfield United Methodist Church

Dec 24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm

BLUE NEW YEAR SERVICE ... *a time of remembrance, hope and faith.*

You are invited to attend a Blue New Year Service in the Parish Hall at 6:00 pm on Sunday, January 27. James Gang, one of the Church's caregiving groups, initiated the first service in January 2009.



The month of January may bring a time of feeling "blue" after all the anticipation and celebration of the Christmas season. And, if you've lost a loved one in recent months or years, or if a loved one died around this particular time of year, then January can be a really "blue" time of year for you.

The Blue New Year Service provides a time to gather for worship and hear the words of scripture again. We will sing and pray together and light candles in memory of our

loved ones who have died in the last while. It will be a time of remembrance, hope and faith.

If you have lost a loved one in the last couple of years, you will receive a letter of invitation. However, all are welcome! If you plan to attend, please call the church office, 301-293-9516, so we may calculate the number of candles to prepare.

Refreshments and a time of fellowship will be provided after the service. Come, let us continue to grieve together with hope which is the way of faith in Jesus Christ.

CELEBRATING JANUARY BIRTHDAYS WITH FAHRNEY-KEEDY RESIDENTS



Come and celebrate January birthdays with Fahrney-Keedy residents as we help host the January Birthday Party. The celebration will be held at Fahrney-Keedy on Saturday, January 19.

Donna Grossnickle is helping plan the program and birthday party, and welcomes your participation. To assist, please call Donna at 301-293-3661. (Reminder: This is the season when many nursing homes are under quarantine because of easily transmitted viruses. It is advisable, if you do plan to help, to call Donna before you leave for the nursing home so she can give you an update.)

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Christmas cards for our Church family created a beautiful display on the hallway bulletin board. Thank you to the following families and individuals for contributing Christmas wishes to our Church family for this display.

*Robert & Mary Delauter
David & Pam Doyle
Florence Doyle
Amy & Ron
Gene & Marilyn Gaver
Charles & Vicki Grossnickle
Harry & June Himes
Ernest Leatherman*

*Kevin, Jennie, Andrew & Paige Leatherman
Marion & Sharon
Donna & Tim
Grace & Diane Moser
Donnie & Deborah Pugh
Sam, Katie, Colton & Caroline Rudman
Myralee Wiles*



DEACON UPDATES

During the November Council Meeting, one new deacon, Myralee Wiles, was called to serve our church family.

Deacons of the Month for 2019 are as follows:

Jan	Pam & Tom Jouannet	Jul	Doris & Scott Grossnickle
Feb	Myralee Wiles and Pam & Tom Jouannet	Aug	Betty & Robert Lee Grossnickle
Mar	Patty & Jeff Hurwitz	Sep	Sharon & Marion Leatherman
Apr	Cathie Clemson	Oct	Pattie & Dan Hughes
May	Jennie & Kevin Leatherman	Nov	Kathy & Randy Gaver
Jun	Mary & Robert Delauter	Dec	Sheila & Dale Delauter

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



SNOW TUBING is planned for Sunday, January 20. Reserve this date on your calendar and plan to join in for this fun winter event.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN WORKCAMPS

Workcamp registration opens this month. Youth can begin signing up Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm (Central Time) at <http://www.brethren.org/workcamps/schedule/>. "Grow" is the theme for the 2019 workcamps and is based on 2 Peter 1:5-8.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER?

Do you want to get to know more people in our church, or learn to know old friends better? The Deacon Fellowship Committee is planning a fun adventure for Sunday evening, Feb. 10th. We propose to pair a few individuals and families for dinner in each other's homes. It works like this: People sign up to either be a "host" or a "guest". The hosts will indicate how many guests they can accommodate, and the guests indicate how many from their family would be attending. Then the committee "matches" guests with hosts, but this information is kept secret until the day of the event. Each guest will receive a sealed envelope on that Sunday morning, and only the driver is allowed to see where they are going. The hosts will not know who is coming. Hosts will be responsible for the main course and guests will bring a side dish or dessert.



We hope everyone will participate in this event; it can be a lot of fun, and a great way to broaden and deepen our relationships with each other. Look for a sign-up sheet in the bulletin in early January.

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.

CENTENNIAL MEAL On November 24th a group braved the torrential rains and went to Centennial UMC to serve a delicious warm meal of meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans and fruit cocktail. About 50 folks came to dine. Many hands helped make this meal special. Marion and Sharon donated the meat used to make the meatloaves. Lois and Brenda made desserts. Elvin shopped for needed items and he and Tom prepared the meatloaves on Friday, then Lois and Pam cooked the meal on Saturday. Lois, Tom and Pam transported the meal to Frederick where they met up with Marion, Sharon, Brenda and Carl to serve this most welcomed meal. Many thanks to all who helped during 2018 to make this ministry possible.

NEW WINDSOR WORKDAYS Watch future newsletters for the 2019 New Windsor Workday volunteer schedule.

SENIOR SERVICE CIRCLE Please join us for Senior Service Circle on Tuesday, January 8, from 9-11:00 am. All are welcome as we enjoy fellowship while reaching out to assist our community. February, March and April meetings are planned for the 1st Tuesday of these months. *Please note the January meeting is being held the 2nd Tuesday of the month due to New Year's Day occurring on the first Tuesday.* Mark your calendar and join us! Call Wanda Rudman, 301-508-7530, or Pam Jouannet, 301-293-3629, if questions.

"YOUNG AT HEART" MEALS ON WHEELS The next meal for this monthly outreach effort (deliveries only) will be delivered Saturday, January 12 around lunch time. Reminder cards will be mailed the end of December. *If you do not receive a reminder card and you wish to receive the December meal of turkey salad sandwiches, turkey rice soup, carrots and celery sticks, chips and dessert or if you received a reminder card and do not want the meal,* please call the church office, 301-293-9516, by Monday, January 7. To volunteer, speak with Kathy Gaver (kitchen help) at 301-416-8339 or Debbie Bussard (drivers) at 240-409-8061.



CENTENNIAL MEAL

NEW WINDSOR



WORKDAY

SENIOR



SERVICE CIRCLE

YOUNG-AT-HEART



PIG ROAST & SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, March 16, 2019

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

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. Thank you!

Watch for more information in the February and March issues of the The Dunker.

KIDS KLUB

A mid-week group for Grades K-5

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

January 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

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

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER... WORSHIP, MUSIC AND MORE



Join us each Sunday...

9:30 am – Sunday School (nursery through adult)

10:30 am – Worship



JANUARY 2019 WORSHIP INFORMATION & HELPERS

DATE	SERMON / SCRIPTURE	MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
6	"Arise, Shine!" Isa 60:1-6, Mt 2:1-12	Tim Ritchey Martin	Donna Ritchey Martin	Kevin and Jennie Leatherman & family	Luke Grossnickle
13	"Soggy Righteousness" Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	Donna Ritchey Martin	Scott Grossnickle	Paul and Brooke Smith & family	Noah Grossnickle
20	"Abundant Grace" John 2:1-11	Donna Ritchey Martin	Jon Martin	Dan and Pepper Delauter	Jenna Grossnickle
27	"The Body of Christ" I Cor 12:12-31a	Tim Ritchey Martin	Christy Kehlbeck	Robert and Cathie Clemson	Jon Cornell

JANUARY DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Pam & Tom Jouannet

NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE January 2019

6 – Brooke Smith
13 – Jennie Leatherman
20 – Kelly Rumpf
27 – Jeanine Harshman



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

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP



The 2019 Flower Chart has been posted on the hallway bulletin board. To provide flowers for Sunday morning worship during the coming year, you may sign-up now.

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

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



JANUARY AT A GLANCE

6 – Bread & Cup Communion
8 – Senior Service Circle
12 – Meals on Wheels
13 – Consecration of Church Leaders
27 – Blue New Year Service



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.



In December the Christian Education Commission planned two special events for our church family – the Annual Advent Dinner on December 2 and the Children’s Christmas program on December 16. **Traci Schroyer Hanser** was the guiding force behind both events. With the help of Pinterest she expanded on the theme “Simply Christmas” by making old-time centerpieces and helping the children make their own no-bake cinnamon ornaments. She compiled lists of needed items from local elementary schools for our Reverse Advent calendar and pointed us to acts of kindness for the month of December.

Traci is one of the teachers for the 4th and 5th grade Sunday School class. She took the lead in putting together the script for the older children to read while the younger ones acted out the nativity story.

Of course, many others helped with both projects, and all those folks are grateful for Traci’s leadership and attention to detail.

Traci knows the importance of faith formation for children because she has three of her own. She and husband Bob are parents of Madryn (age 12), Jackson (age 9) and Mollie (age 8). They live near Boonsboro. Traci is currently a “stay-at-home parent” and substitute school teacher. For several years she was an athletic trainer at Chambersburg High School.



Traci’s “helping hands” have drawn us all closer to the Christ Child this Christmas season.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Pattie Hughes, RN

It’s 2019 and time for New Year’s Resolutions. Let’s make it easy this year with a few faithful endeavors:

Pray Daily

“Stay awake and pray so that you will not fall into temptation...” Matthew 26:41

Exercise Daily

"You surely know that your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives..." 1 Corinthians 6:19



Be Grateful Daily

"Sing to the Lord with grateful praise" Psalms 147:7

Happy New Year and Be Well!

CELEBRATION CORNER

December 2018 *Celebration Corner is a monthly column highlighting, with joy, events of the previous month. This month we celebrate **December** events.*

December brings such blessing to our lives. Yes it's busy. Sometimes it's hard. But the opportunities it brings to us are such beautiful ones. And we're blessed.

We began with our annual **Advent Dinner**. Service projects were one of the ways that we prepared. Blankets for nursing homes trimmed, BVS Christmas cards sent, reverse Advent calendars distributed, commitments to gather the things on those calendar lists made. The Parish Hall was a beehive after a delicious lunch.

That same weekend, the **Senior High Youth and Middle School Youth went shopping for gifts for several families in our community who need help with Christmas**. The shopping was funded by proceeds from the annual Hunger Meal. What a wonderful gift to help parents make Christmas brighter for their kids.

The next Sunday we shared in the **blessing of three infant children during worship** in what was a beautiful moment of giving thanks to God and parents committing to making a way for these growing babies to become followers of Jesus.

That afternoon we went **caroling** to folks who we thought would be encouraged by the music of the season. What a blessing to sing together in a home and extend our love and care through music.

The **children told the great story of this season** the next Sunday. So honest, so willing, so encouraging to all of us. Great Good News in scripture and song and pantomime.

And a **women's group blessed us with beautiful music** the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Christmas Eve was a time of song and light and scripture. The circle we form at the close of the Christmas Eve service, passing the light of Christ from one to the other is a moment of blessing that touches all of us.

So many people made all of this possible. Folks who decorated the sanctuary so beautifully, folks who bought poinsettias, folks who prepared music, folks who directed the children for their program, folks who prepared service projects for the Advent Dinner and made the Parish Hall look as beautiful as it looks all year. So many others. Being Church together is a joy. Being bound together in Christ is a joy. Being together in our love for God and our love for neighbors is a joy! December celebrates it all!

CELEBRATION CORNER PHOTO GALLERY



Advent Dinner Potluck Buffet



Advent Dinner Activities



Poinsettias

Additional Celebration Corner Photos...



Youth wrapping gifts



The 3 infants who were consecrated, pictured with their families



Christmas Carolers making joyful noise



Children's Program

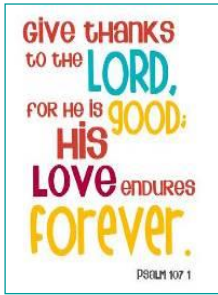


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NOTES OF THANKS



THANK YOU FROM DORIS GROSSNICKLE... Thanks to all who participated in the November Hunger Meal. The youth and Junior high received enough money to buy two complete Thanksgiving meals. One of the families I was able to deliver to and they were so very grateful. We also went Christmas shopping on Saturday December 1 and bought gifts for 7 children. The youth in our church did a wonderful job of picking out clothing and toys for our "adopted" children. They wrapped the gifts the next morning. The gifts were delivered to Wolfsville and Greenbrier schools the following week. Youth and adults who helped during the hunger meal were: Noah Grossnickle, Jeremy Harshman, Lily Rumpf, Brianna

Blickenstaff, Jon Cornell, Jenna Grossnickle, Keri Horine, Carson Levitt, Luke Grossnickle, Lane Routzhan, Patrick and Catherine Mahoney, Ethan Grossnickle, Grace Dutrow, Madryn Hanser, Kelly and Danny Rumpf, Scott and Doris Grossnickle, Tom Jouannet. Youth and Junior High who went Christmas shopping were: Jon Cornell, Noah Grossnickle, Carson Levitt, Luke Grossnickle, Jeremy Harshman, Lily Rumpf, Sara (friend of Lily's), Patrick and Catherine Mahoney, Declan Kehlbeck, Madryn Hanser, Ashlynn Routzhan, Danny Rumpf, Scott and Doris Grossnickle, Hank and Christy Kehlbeck.

THANK YOU to all those who joined our caroling party December 9. (A special thanks to Donna Grossnickle for providing supper afterward.) Carolers, making joyful noises, were MK, Andrew, Sylvan & Alice Barnet, Jennie, Kevin, Andrew & Paige Leatherman, Cathie Clemson, Donna, Lexi & Dane Grossnickle, Sheila & Dale Delauter, Sharon & Marion Leatherman, Vicki & Charles Grossnickle, Patty & Jeff Hurwitz, Donna & Tim Ritchey Martin.

THANK YOU FROM MAE WILSON... I wish to thank everyone for the get well wishes, phone calls, Pastor Tim's visit, and acts of kindness shown to me as I recovered at home. God bless everyone.

THANK YOU! A letter of thanks was received from **CWS** for financial support. Also, letters of thanks have been received from the Church of the Brethren over the past few month for financial support of **Brethren Disaster Ministries**, the **Global Food Initiative**, **Mission & Ministry** and **Nigeria Crisis Response**.

THANK YOU FROM HEIFER INTERNATIONAL... A small farmer has received the best gift from you – hope. Your generosity lets us give a family the livestock and training they need to put food on the table...improve quality of life...get medical care, send their children to school, improve their farms, even start small businesses. So, thank you. Your generosity reveals your deep compassion, and your commitment to a better world. Sincerely, Pierre U. Ferrari, President & CEO

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES



Our Christian Sympathy to...

Irene Smith and Richard & Darlene Frushour upon the death of their brother, **Clarence Frushour**, November 19, 2018.

Robert & Cathie Clemson upon the death of Robert's step-mother, **Patricia Clemson**, December 13, 2018.



Our Congratulations to...

Sarah & Chris Robey on the birth of **Lincoln Jeffrey Robey**, November 20, 2018; 7 lbs. 5 oz., 21 inches. Maternal grandparents are Jeff & Patty Hurwitz.

CHURCH LEADERS FOR 2019

As called by Congregational Meeting November 2018
(*denotes chair)

DEACONS

Robert Lee & Betty Grossnickle (2019)
Tom & Pam Jouannet (2019)
*Scott & Doris Grossnickle (2019)
Dan & Pattie Hughes (2019)
Cathie Clemson (2020)
Dale & Sheila Delauter (2020)
Robert & Mary Delauter (2020)
Kevin & Jennie Leatherman (2020)
Myralee Wiles (2021)
Jeff & Patty Hurwitz (2021)
Marion & Sharon Leatherman (2021)
Randy & Kathy Gaver (2021)

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Kevin Leatherman (2019)
Sam Rudman (2019)
Marion Leatherman (2020)
Walter Bussard (2020)
*Dale Delauter (2021)
Robert Lee Grossnickle (2021)

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMISSION

Jeanine Harshman (2019)
Charles Grossnickle (2019)
Kelly Rumpf (2020)
*Donna Grossnickle (2021)
Vicki Linton (2021)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMISSION

Amy Flook (2019)
Wayne Wallech (2019)
Carol Schroyer (2020)
Traci Hanser (2020)
Brooke Smith (2021)

TRUSTEE COMMISSION

Dan Hughes (2019)
Keith Delauter (2019)
Glenn Lantz (2020)
Marion Leatherman (2021)
Donnie Pugh (2021)

MINISTRY COMMISSION

Randy Gaver (2019)
*Patty Hurwitz (2020)
Fred Rudman (2020)
Elvin Stottlemeyer (2021)
Susan Noffsinger (2021)

FINANCE COMMISSION

Dan Delauter (2019)
Paul Smith (2019)
*Ryan Harshman (2020)
Kevin Delauter (2020)
Trina Delauter (2021)

OUTREACH COMMISSION

Robert Delauter (2019)
Wanda Rudman (2019)
Mary Kathryn Barnet (2020)
Christy Kehlbeck (2020)
Diane Moser (2021)

MODERATOR

Tracy Wiser (2019)

BOARD CHAIR / ASSOCIATE MODERATOR

Scott Grossnickle (2019)

CHURCH CLERK

Kathy Gaver (2019)

CHURCH TREASURER

Charles Delauter (2020)

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Jeff Hurwitz (2019)

CEMETERY TREASURER

Marion Leatherman

ANNUAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Dane Grossnickle
Elvin Stottlemeyer

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DELEGATES

Four to be appointed for conference in
Hagerstown, MD, October 11-12, 2019

JANUARY 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sundays 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship		1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 	2 6:30-8p Kids Klub	3	4 9a Bread baking (PH) 5p-9p PH reserved (B. Smith)	5 4p-10p PH reserved (B. White)
6 My Two-Cents Offering Bread & Cup Communion BP screenings (after worship)	7	8 9a-11a Sr. Service Circle (PH)	9 6:30-8p Kids Klub	10	11	12 7a-1p Meals On Wheels prep (PH)
13 Consecration of 2019 Church Leaders	14	15 7p James Gang meeting	16 6:30-8p Kids Klub	17	18	19
20 Youth snow tubing	21 7p Outreach Commission meeting	22 7p Growing Project meeting	23 6:30-8p Kids Klub	24 7p Church Board meeting	25	26
27 6p Blue New Year (PH)	28	29	30 6:30-8p Kids Klub	31		

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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

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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 **February 2019 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Tuesday, January 15th.
Thank you!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

January 2019