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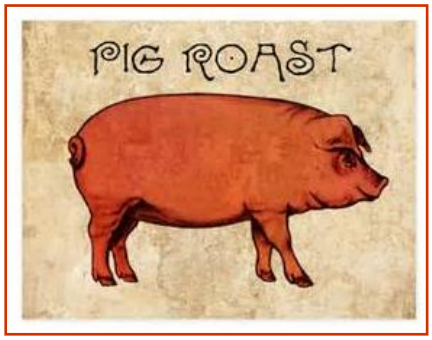
Grossnickle Church of the Brethren March 2019

ANNUAL PIG ROAST & SILENT AUCTION



Plan now to attend this annual evening of fellowship on March 16th!

PIG ROAST

Invite your family and friends for a hearty meal on a cold winter's night! Ham and hog maw and home-made ham and bean soup are on the menu for the Pig Roast on Saturday, March 16, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Place settings, hot coffee and iced tea will also be provided. Please bring hot or cold side dishes and desserts to share.

If you are a senior citizen who prefers not to drive at night and you do not have a personal contact to provide transportation, you may contact the Deacons of the Month, Patty and Jeff Hurwitz. They will be pleased to help make arrangements for you to attend.

Many thanks to donors of the pig, and to the Deacons for hosting this event! If you need more information, please speak with Scott Grossnickle, 301-471-2265.

SILENT AUCTION

A special feature of the evening, again this year, will be a Silent Auction**,** sponsored by the Junior and Senior High Youth. Proceeds from the auction will be used to help defray expenses of attending summer workcamps.

Your donations of high-quality auction items are welcome! 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. To donate an item, please contact Doris Grossnickle by Wednesday, March 6. You may contact Doris at 301-293-2814 (home), 301-471-8199 (cell), and by text message sent to her cell phone.

Auction items may be dropped off at the Parish Hall March 14 or 15 or between 9–11:00 am on March 16. **Donated baked goods**, such as home-made cakes and pies, may be brought in anytime after 9:00 am on March 16. (Please remember to label the baked item with your name and the ingredients, and wrap securely.) We would like to have ALL items dropped off no later than 11:00 am Saturday; however, donated baked goods may be brought to the Pig Roast that evening. If you have a donated item but cannot drop it off, please call one of the contact people to make arrangements for them to pick it up from you so that they have it ahead of time.

Join us for a fun-filled night of great food, fellowship and friendly "bidding competition" for the auction items. Invite your family and friends!

LENTEN STUDY GROUP

Tuesday evenings, March 12 through April 9

The annual Lenten Study Group begins Tuesday, March 12 and runs through Tuesday, April 9. We're moving to Tuesday evenings this year to see if that will catch a few more folks with an available evening.

Our study is focused on **The Sermon on the Mount**. The goal is to better understand and to explore the teaching of Jesus which is so important and foundational to our faith.

March 12 – "Blessed are You"
March 19 – "Salt and Light"
March 26 – "Prayer and Fasting"
April 2 – "Do Not Worry"
April 9 – "Judge Not"

There will be opportunities to think about this material together, to share in discussion, to break into small groups. Each evening includes devotional moments, music and image power points, and reflections by Pastor Tim.

Lenten Study Group is a time of preparing for our celebration of Jesus' final week. Prayer, study and reflection will get us ready to see the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and the Resurrection of our Lord in new ways. Do plan to come share in this time of preparing. We meet in the Parish Hall from 7:00 – 8:30 each evening of the study.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Finance Commission would like to update everyone on our final 2018 year numbers. Our annual 2018 giving came up short of the budgeted amount by approximately $4,000, an improvement over last year's shortfall of approximately $21,000. This is the total giving needed to pay all bills. Our actual expenses paid out were lower than budgeted by approximately $3,000, giving us a net budget shortfall (deficit) of about $1,000, which also is an improvement vs the prior year's shortfall of approximately $8,000. In 2018, we used approximately $15,000 from the Capital Improvements fund to replace an AC Unit and the Fire Alarm System. The church board approved using the $8,500 distribution received from the Earl Grossnickle Bequest to replenish the capital improvements fund.

We greatly appreciate the congregation's giving response to assist us in approaching a net $-0- budget, but we must stress this is an ongoing funding need we have so please continue your support as best as you can. Our budget for 2019 represents an increase of almost 6% of 2018 giving, and since our congregation is supported entirely from contributions, this increase must come from the continued support from our current and future members.

Ryan Harshman, Finance Chair

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

On March 16th, a **"Silent Auction"** is planned along with our annual Pig Roast as a **fundraiser to help with the expenses of summer work camps** for our Junior and Senior High youth. Work camps provide opportunities for our youth to assist persons in need as they serve in various non-profit organizations, soup kitchens, and food pantries throughout the United States.

If you would like to donate items for the Silent Auction we would greatly appreciate it. You can contact Doris Grossnickle at 301-471-8199 or Suzanne Levitt at 301-401-8094.

SUMMER WORKCAMPS

We currently have 12 Junior and Senior High youth and advisors signed up to attend three different workcamps this summer.

South Bend, Indiana - June 26-30 - Jr. High - **Grace Ellis, Lily Rumpf, Madryn Hanser, Christy Kehlbeck**

Lybrook, New Mexico - June 23-29 - **Kelly Rumpf, Noah Grossnickle, Luke Grossnickle**

Portland, Oregon - July 29-August 4 - **Hank and Declan Kehlbeck, Doris Grossnickle, Catherine Mahoney, Carson Levitt**

JUNIOR HIGH SUNDAY

Please join us for worship on March 17 for Junior High Sunday and experience first-hand the message, **"Saintly Living."**

In Hebrews 13:7 the scripture says: "Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith." We'll take a look at the lives of Christians throughout history that inspire us to imitate "saintly" lives ourselves.

KIDS KLUB

A mid-week group for Grades K-5

Wednesdays 6:30-8:00 pm

UPCOMING MEETINGS

March 6, 13, 20, 27

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

GRADUATE SUNDAY

May 26, 2019

The Christian Education Commission would like to have the names of students in our church family who will be **graduating from high school or college this spring**. Names are needed as soon as possible so preparations can be made for the meaningful celebration we offer our graduates. Please provide this information to the church office now.

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 Adopt-a-road cleanup will be switching things up for our March 2nd cleanup by walking at 1pm (warmer temperatures!) rather than first thing in the morning. If you want to help us keep our section of Wolfsville clean and litter free, please consider signing up to help by emailing MK Barnet at mawyle@gmail.com or calling at 404-723-8739.

SENIOR SERVICE CIRCLE Please join us for Senior Service Circle on Tuesday, March 5 from 9-11:00 am. **We will be making cupcakes and cookies for the cold weather shelter.** All are welcome as we enjoy fellowship while reaching out to assist our community. Our next meeting is planned for Tuesday, April 2. 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, March 9 around lunch time. Reminder cards will be mailed the end of February. *If you do not receive a reminder card* and you wish to receive the March meal of **Spaghetti casserole, tossed salad, apple sauce, roll 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, March 4. To volunteer, speak with Kathy Gaver (kitchen help) at 301-416-8339 or Debbie Bussard (drivers) at 240-409-8061.

SERVICE CIRCLE

YOUNG-AT-HEART

SPRING CLOTHING DRIVE

Spring cleaning is just around the corner! Bring your gently loved clothing to the spring clothing drive, to be collected March 17. Donations will be taken to the Hagerstown Rescue Mission. Drop off donations in the truck/trailer in the church parking lot.

PLEASE take caution to only *partially* fill bags so they can be easily moved and won't rip. In the past some bags were very full and very challenging to lift.

MEAT CANNING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It is once again time for Meat Canning in Ephrata, Pa. This year we are scheduled to go on Tuesday, April 23 and Wednesday, April 24. We will leave from the parish hall parking lot at 6:45 each morning to arrive for the 9:00-2:30 shift.

If you would like to help with the 2019 Meat Canning Project, please contact Marion Leatherman at 301-293-4266.

UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS

Mar 2	Adopt-A-Road, 1pm (new time)
Mar 17	Spring Clothes Drive
Apr 28	Spring Food Pantry Drive
May 12	Blanket Sunday
Jun 1	E-Cycle Drive

MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT
DISASTER RESPONSE AUCTION

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 4, 2019
9:00 am

Carroll County Ag Center, Westminster, MD

PRAISING GOD TOGETHER… WORSHIP, MUSIC AND MORE

One in Worship

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

Plan to join us in April for Holy Week…
April 14 – Palm Sunday Worship
April 18 – Love Feast, 7 pm
April 19 – Good Friday, 7 pm
April 21 – Easter Worship

MARCH 2019 WORSHIP INFORMATION & HELPERS

DATE	SERMON / SCRIPTURE	MESSAGE BY	WORSHIP LEADER	GREETERS	ACOLYTE
3	"Pray Like This" Luke 11:1-13	Tim Ritchey Martin	Kelly Rumpf	Tina & Emilee Flook & Ida Mae Blickenstaff	Allison Rumpf
10	"Following Jesus" Luke 9:18-26	Donna Ritchey Martin	David Gaver	Fred & Wanda Rudman	Patrick Mahoney
17	"Saintly Living" Hebrew 13:7	Junior High Youth	Junior High Youth	Jay & Vicki Linton	Brianna Blickenstaff
24	"Who is my Neighbor?" Luke 10:25-37	Tim Ritchey Martin	Abby Grossnickle	Jes & Emma Taylor	Drew Leatherman
31	"Lost and Found" Luke 15:1-3,11-32	Donna Ritchey Martin	Carl Jouannet	Donnie & Deborah Pugh	Keller Routzahn
MARCH DEACONS OF THE MONTH: Patty & Jeff Hurwitz					

NURSERY HELPER SCHEDULE
March 2019

3 – Traci Hanser
10 – Brooke Smith
17 – Jennie Leatherman
24 – Kelly Rumpf
31 – Jeanine Harshman

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

FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP

Want to provide flowers for Sunday morning worship? Sign-up now. The 2019 Flower Chart is posted on the hallway bulletin board.

Several dates are still available.

Questions? Call the church office, 301-293-9516.

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

MARCH AT A GLANCE

2 – Adopt-a-Road
5 – Senior Service Circle
9 – Meals on Wheels
12 – Lenten Study Group begins
16 – Pig Roast & Silent Auction
17 – Junior High Sunday
17 – Spring Clothes Drive
27 – Kids Klub Closing

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.

Pattie Hughes first took the Parish Nurse course in 2004. She then began serving volunteer as the Parish Nurse for GCOB. Pattie joined the network of Parish Nurses in Washington County coordinated by Wendy Zimmerman. She began doing education/awareness activities – posting information – connecting folks to resources – conducting classes – providing activities. Pattie also conducted blood pressure screenings the first Sunday of each month. And she has always made herself available for conversation to help with understanding surgeries, treatment, translating Doctorese.

Pattie has now decided to "step away" from the Parish Nurse responsibility in our Church. Thank you seems hardly adequate for all these years of serving but that's where we begin. Thank you Pattie for helping us all in so many ways. We're so grateful for all these years of service. We pray God's blessing as you find new ways to serve and to share your gifts and abilities. Blessings!

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH NURSE

Pattie Hughes, RN

BODY, MIND AND SOUL LIVING

Eat - Eat and exercise in moderation.
Pray – Pray for strength and guidance.
Love – Love others and yourself.

Do all this Peacefully, Simply, Together.

This will be my last official nurse musing for the GCOB newsletter as I will be stepping down as the Parish Nurse. It has been a pleasure serving in this ministry for the past fifteen years and wish you all continued health and happiness. ~ Pattie

ROCK MINISTRY MESSAGES

Take a glimpse at recent messages from our Rock Ministry. Thank you, Rock Ministry team, for selecting and posting inspirational messages to share with our church family, our community and passers-by.

CELEBRATION CORNER

February 2019

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

February was a month for gathering at the table. We were together at tables for fellowship at a new event, "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" And we gathered for a traditional event, the annual Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser and for a Pot-Luck Dinner as we welcomed John Unger to share his story with us.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, while not large in numbers was a huge success in the quality of food and sharing that happened at the table. Here are a few comments that were shared by those who participated:

We had a lovely evening! It would be nice to do this again!

Our evening was great-good food and wonderful conversation.

It was great! We really enjoyed ourselves. I think we should do it like 3 times a year. We got to know some folks we didn't know so well some more, and even though we knew others, it was nice just to hear more about them, and see our host's place something we don't have time to do in just passing at Church and Sunday school.

We had a great time! We really appreciated how the committee thoughtfully paired families. The kids had such a great time playing together and we even made plans for future play dates. :)

We had such a wonderful evening. We got to know some friends in a deeper way; the food and fellowship was truly a blessing.

Enjoy a few pictures from one of the gatherings.

The **spaghetti dinner** was well attended as always. This dinner, through contributions, raises funds for Middle School and Senior High Youth to participate in Church of the Brethren Work Camps. Three groups are traveling this summer, one group to Lybrook, New Mexico to visit and work at a Church of the Brethren Ministry there. Another group is visiting South Bend, IN to participate in a work camp through the Prince of Peace Church of the Brethren, and a third group is traveling to Portland, Oregon for work camp. At the spaghetti table, we also get to spend time learning to know one another.

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CELEBRATION CORNER (continued)

Enjoy a few pictures from the Spaghetti dinner, prepared by our youth, to raise fund that will help with expenses of attending summer workcamps.

And the final opportunity came as we gathered for lunch after worship, Sunday February 24. **John Unger** inspired us all in worship telling the story of his being trapped in a coal mine for 77 hours. It is a story of faith and hope. Lunch gave us the opportunity to go a bit deeper with Brother John through question and answer time.

Gathering at the table takes time. It is a commitment made to learn to know other Church folks more completely. We celebrate anytime this can happen.

NOTES OF THANKS

THANK YOU FROM RUTH HINKLE… *Thank you for your prayers, cards and concerns following my heart procedure. Special thanks for several phone calls received from members of James Gang. Everyone's kindness was greatly appreciated during my recovery. Thank you, everyone!*

THANK YOU FROM KATHY GAVER… *I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, emails, phone calls, cards and other acts of kindness following my surgery. God Bless you all.*

THANK YOU FROM HEIFER INTERNATIONAL… *Thank you for renewing your support of Heifer International for 2019! Our year is off to a strong start – and it's all because of you. Please know that your recent gift and your incredible ongoing support mean so much to the families we help, and all of us at Heifer.* (Pierre U. Ferrari, President and CEO)

THANK YOU FROM BETHANY THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY… *As one year ends and another begins, our hearts turn gratefully to your partnership with Bethany as we strive to prepare students to serve and minister within the changing needs of the church and our world. Support from a Church of the Brethren congregation demonstrates that our combined gifts can accomplish more than any of us could on our own.* (Gail Connerley, Executive Director of Institutional Advancement)

THANK YOU FROM FAHRNEY KEEDY… *On behalf of our family of residents, residents' families, associates, volunteers and Board of directors, thank you very much for your generous support. Your $575.00 donation will make an impact on the lives of our family of residents as they continue to live their lives in a caring, quality environment. With the help of donations from supporters such as you we will continue to see improvements and be better prepared to fulfill the needs of all those who call Fahrney Keedy "Home". We value your dedication. Thank you again for your generous support and God bless.* (Steve P. Coetzee, President/CEO)

THANK YOU FROM MID-ATLANTIC DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN… *On behalf of the staff and leadership team, thank you for your continued, generous support of our ministry. The Mid-Atlantic District consists of 61 congregations from Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia, West Virginia, and South Central Pennsylvania. The district has many committees and activities to support your church and ministers. The contribution that was received from your church to support our mission and vision for the district: Outreach $6,500.00; Meat Canning $200.00. Sincerely, Gene Hagenberger*

CHURCH FAMILY UPDATES

Our Christian Sympathy to…

the family of ***Wayne Wade Grossnickle****, upon his death January 29, 2019.*

Our Congratulations to…

Mary Kathryn and Andrew Barnet on the birth of ***Leo Gabriel Barnet****, born February 7, 2019, 9 lb 2 oz. Siblings: Sylvan and Alice.*

FAHRNEY KEEDY SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

8507 Mapleville Road, Boonsboro MD 21713 • 301-733-6284 • http://fkhv.org/
Auxiliary Key Person for GCOB: Glenna Moser, 240-344-4431

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP DRIVE… Calling ALL interested persons who would like to be or continue to be a member of the F-K Auxiliary. NOW is the time for Membership dues. Annual dues are $2 and Life Membership is $50. Our fundraising activities will be a food and bake sale in June and a yard, food and bake sale in September. At these two fundraisers we need HELPERS, BAKED ITEMS, and YARD SALE ITEMS.

So Sundays, March 24, 31 and April 7, please see Donnie Pugh or Glenna Moser to pay your dues.

We LOVE new members ($2) and want to keep our current annual members ($2) and Life members ($50).

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATED WITH FAHRNEY-KEEDY RESIDENTS

On Saturday, January 26th, a group from Grossnickle celebrated January Birthdays for the residents at Fahrney Keedy. Birthday planners and hosts were Christy and Declan Kehlbeck, Catherine and Patrick Mahoney, Olivia Zeigler, Brianna Blickenstaff, and Donna and Luke Grossnickle. We gathered at the parish hall prior to the party and prepared mini floral arrangements for all of the guests! The party started at 2:00 pm and we wrapped it up by 4:00. There were approximately 25 residents in attendance, and several guests of the residents. Six of the residents in attendance had January Birthdays. We shared poems, scriptures, discussion about our upcoming youth service on Saint Patrick's Day, sang "When the Saints Go Marching In" and "Happy Birthday," led by Moe Grossnickel's son, Joe. We prayed together and visited while enjoying homemade Birthday cake, punch, snacks, and candies! Our youth played a brief quiz game of trivia with the residents which got everyone involved and was a happy ending to another joyous January Birthday Celebration with our delightful friends at Fahrney Keedy!!

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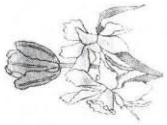
2019 Easter Flower Order Form



Let's fill the church with beautiful flowers on Easter Day, April 21. 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. A bulletin insert on April 21 will list persons honored and remembered.

Make checks payable to "Grossnickle Church of the Brethren." Indicate "for Easter flowers."

Please submit order forms to Vicki Linton or Jeanine Harshman **by the end of church on Sunday, March 17**. Orders may also be submitted until March 21 by phone or email to: Vicki at 301-797-1094 or velquilter@gmail.com or to Jeanine at 301-293-1820 or jwharshman@winsupplyinc.com.

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

Hyachinths: $ 9.50 each ___ blue ___ pink ___ white
Tulips: $ 9.50 each ___ red ___ pink ___ yellow
___ purple ___ orange ___ white
Mums: $10.50 each ___ lavender ___ yellow
Lilies: $10.25 each ___ white

In HONOR of _____

Given by _____

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In MEMORY of _____

Given by _____

Name of person ordering: _____

Phone number/s of person ordering: _____

MARCH 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sundays 9:30 am – Sunday School 10:30 am – Worship					**1**	**2** 1p Adopt-a-Road
3 *My 2¢ Offering* BP screenings (after worship) 6:30p-8p Youth membership class (PH)	**4**	**5** 9a-11a Sr. Service Circle (PH)	**6** 6:30p-8p Kids Klub (PH)	**7**	**8**	**9** 7a-1p Meals On Wheels prep (PH)
10 6:30p-8p Youth membership class (PH)	**11**	**12** 7p-8:30p Lenten Study (PH)	**13** 6:30p-8p Kids Klub (PH)	**14** Parish Hall reserved (all day)	**15** Parish Hall reserved (all day)	**16** 6p Pig Roast & Silent Auction (PH)
17 Jr. High Youth Service Spring Clothes Drive 6:30p-8p Youth membership class (PH)	**18** 7p Outreach Commission meeting	**19** 7p-8:30p Lenten Study (PH)	**20** 6:30p-8p Kids Klub (PH)	**21**	**22**	**23**
24 1p-5p Parish Hall reserved 6:30p-8p Youth membership class (PH)	**25**	**26** 7p-8:30p Lenten Study (PH)	**27** 6:30p-8p Kids Klub (PH)	**28** 7a New Windsor Workday (SERRV)	**29**	**30** 12n-6p Parish Hall reserved
31 6:30p-8p Youth membership class (PH)						

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

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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 **April 2019 issue of *The Dunker*** no later than Sunday, March 17th. Thank you!

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Myersville, MD 21773-0575

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

March 2019